

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

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Mission Statement of St. Bartholomew

To be a living Catholic Christian community that follows the way of Jesus as mapped out in the Gospel, focusing on internal and external growth, and emphasizing everyone's responsibility to God, Church, and our community.

Weekend Masses:

Daily Masses:

Holy Day Masses:

Confessions:

Baptism and Marriage Preparations:

RCIA (convert classes):

Director of Religious Education:

Youth Director:

Meetings

CCD Classes (during school year):

Church Secretary:

Ladies Meetings:

Prayer Line:

Bereavement Committee:

Hospitality Committee: (Refreshments Sept. – May)

Parish Hall Rental Information

Parish Council:

Members: Richard Krauss '11, Chairman; Ashleigh Bailey '12; Barbara Carter '10; Paulette Corban '11; Yvonne Gruber '10; Dennis Kaiser '12; Jim Spencer '12; David Worsley '10; and Laurie Young '12.

Ex-officio: Financial Chairman, Ladies Society President, Church Secretary, and Fr. Howard.

Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Mon. ~ Sat. 6:45 a.m.

7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with exceptions)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; anytime upon request

Please call Fr. Howard for arrangements

Please call Deacon Kenny Kaiser 987-1503

Gabriella (Van) Danley 987-5020

Sarah Kaiser 989-7209 (H) 850-501-3025 (Cell)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 (6-8 Gr) 7:15 – 8:15 (9-12 Gr)

Sundays between Masses

Margaret Peterson 987-5251 (H) 752-5250 (Cell)

2nd Sunday between Masses (no summer meetings)

Alma Doege, President 986-5201

Joyce Horak 986-5248 for prayers

Margaret Klein 986-5256 to help/ask for a meal

Alma Doege 986-5201

Call Paulette (or Dennis) Corban 986-5865

Second Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2009

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

FAMILY IN CRISIS

Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, December 20, 2009

95 Stewardship Envelopes: \$2,289.50

Loose: \$214.50

Attendance 293

TOTAL: \$2,504.00

"Miracles" Collection: \$135.50 Total to Date: \$4,004.50

*** NOTICE ***

There will be a special Second Collection every week until February to support the upcoming "Miracles of the Eucharist" and Fr. Pacwa EVENT. If a Diocesan Second Collection is scheduled, then the second collection will be for that; and the third collection will be for the "Miracles" exhibit. ONLY \$1.00 per family per week is being asked! Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2009

Sundays between Masses

EVERY SUNDAY until February

Mondays

Wednesdays

Sunday, December 27

(No classes on December 27) CCD Classes resume next week

Special Collection to support the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Every Family is being asked to contribute \$1.00 per week.

RCIA at 7:00 PM

Youth Group Gatherings 6:00 – 7:00 & 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – Repeat of Christmas Cantata

THANK YOU to the Midnight Mass Choir for their beautiful Cantata and other songs for Mass.

The Christmas Cantata will be repeated at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 27.

THANK YOU to the children and the Youth Group for doing the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. What a super job!

THANK YOU to all who have faithfully supported the parish this last year with your Time, Talent and Treasure. All is deeply appreciated!

Many thanks to all who sent cards, gifts, and messages. They were all truly appreciated!

From your Pastor, Fr. Howard

January will be the time for us to select three new PARISH COUNCIL members. If you would like to serve, please let Richard Krauss or any member of the Council know that you are willing to be put on the ballot.

The Council reviews policies for finances, employment and general upkeep, etc. of the parish grounds.

Good advice is always needed to run a business! Put your two cents worth in!

January 1, 2010 is the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and is a holy day of obligation.

Masses are as follows: Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Friday Masses (New Years), January 1 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for ALL Ministries! Thank you!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

12/31 6:00 p.m. VOLUNTEERS
01/01 8:00 a.m. FOR ALL MINISTRIES
01/01 10:30 a.m. PLEASE!

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</u>
12/26 6:00 p.m.	R. Young C. Young S. Young	Betty Wood	Tom Feely Nick Frank	Norman Doege B - 26th Tyson Bloch B - 27th Marie Kaiser B - 27th
Extraordinary Ministers: 12/27 8:00 a.m.	C. Kaechele J. Kaechele N. Weeks	S. Frank, A. Doege & .S. Helms Paulette Corban	Charles Gruber Bob Brown	John Frank, Sr. B - 29th Janice Lunn B - 29th Carole Legere B - 30th
Extraordinary Ministers: 12/27 10:30 a.m.	C. Schaff M. Kaiser	K. Sanchez, N. Kaiser & Bill Byerley A. Schaff	Sam Carter Eric Carter	Amos & Kathy Sanchez A - 29th Michelle & Edward Harrison A - 31st
Extraordinary Ministers:		M. Peterson, M. Klingelberger & Natalie Saucier		

MASS INTENTIONS: December 26, 2009 – January 3, 2010

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>INTENTIONS</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, December 26	+ Gene Morris	His Parents
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, December 26	+ Ron Hager	Betty Hager
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, December 27	+ Mike Kaiser	Helen & Family
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, December 27	+ Charlotte Jones	Jimmy Jones
6:45 a.m. – Monday, December 28	+ Willie Keldorfer	Ladies of St. Bart's
6:45 a.m. – Tuesday, December 29	+ P. Ignatius, O.S.B.	
6:45 a.m. – Wed., December 30	+ Mike Fischlein	Family
6:45 a.m. – Thursday, December 31	+ Denise Fulkersin	Family
6:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
8:00 a.m. – Friday, January 1	Peace in the World	
10:30 a.m. – Friday, January 1	Pro Populo	
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, January 2	++ Deceased of St. Bernard Abbey	
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 2	+ Ron Hager	Betty Hager
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, January 3	+ Dita Shellem	Friends
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, January 3	Pro Populo	

IN YOUR CHARITY—Please remember these people in your prayers: Claudia Adam; Alice Burkhardt; Collin Fulkersin; Alby Gruber; Jeanette Hinson; Roger Kaiser; Evelyn Kichler; Joyce Langston; Mary O'Neal; Jack Sheehy; Teresa Sheehy; Anita Warriner; and also Enid Bingert; Ima Ree Carter; Audrey and Walter Cummings; Steve Dancsec; Elaine Dasczuc; Guiliana Fell; Ruby Frank; Sharon Frank; Ann Forbes; David Forbes; Pam Gardner; Olive Keller; Karen Krauss; Jay Metz; Edward Miller; David & Mary Morgan; William Morris; Mary O'Donnell; Rosemary Parker; Libby O'Pry; Craig Pollack; Carolyn Rohe; Joe Salzmann; Phillip Schaumburg; Joan Simpkins; Frank Shellem; Vera Stevens; Glenda Stone; Velma Viscuso; and Bootsie Williams.

Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Cecelia Bornholt, Ruben Cruz, Joyce Dusablon, Ron Dusablon, John Feely, Rosemary Fiocca, Betty Flirt, Denise Fulkersin, Richard Gaupp, Jack Grussel, Ron Hager, Mary Helms, Bill Henry; Mary Higgins; Carolyn Ignots, John Ignots, Charlotte Jones, Lois Jones, Mike Kaiser, Delia Kane; Willie Keldorfer, Anna Laube, Karen Linton; Gene Morris, Dabney O'Pry, Donna Parker, Mark Riley, and Cecelia Walacavage.

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1/2 6:00 p.m.	K. Kurtts E. Kurtts J. Kurtts	Betty Wood	J. Burkhardt D. Burkhardt	Zack Chandler B - 2nd Enrique Marquez B - 2nd Alison Ray B - 2nd
Extraordinary Ministers: 1/3 8:00 a.m.	T. Bailey A. Muth C. Muth	B. Wood, S. Frank & D. Kurtts Paulette Corban	Amos Sanchez Dick Fischlein	Sherry Frank B - 5th
Extraordinary Ministers: 1/3 10:30 a.m.	T. Worsley J. Worsley N. Spencer	M. Kaiser, K. Sanchez & B. Brown O. Marquez	David Worsley Richard Krauss	Joe & Pauline Salzmann A - 3rd Nick & Sherry Frank A - 6th
Extraordinary Ministers:		O. Marquez, G. Kaiser, & A. Schaff		

JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE will be out next week. Thank you for your patience!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday: Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; The Blessed Virgin Mary
World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

In Grateful Appreciation

To all who have given of their Time, Talent and Treasure this past year: The Altar Servers, Choir and Directors, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, and Extraordinary Ministers; our Parish Council, Directors of Religious Education & CCD Teachers, Cemetery Caretaker, Youth Director, and Custodian, the Parish is truly grateful! We also thank those who have aided Father Howard with transportation, food and general care. May God bless you all!

SPEAK WELL

Speak well of people and you will never need to whisper. —Anonymous

SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170) December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

For more information on the VATICAN EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT AND FR. MITCH PACWA, log on to this website: www.stbarthselberta-realpresence.com

SUNDAY CONNECTION: Log on to www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection for information about background on the Sunday Readings to better understand the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings and to help you to connect the scripture to your daily life.

"Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep. For today is holy to the Lord, your God. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."
Nehemiah 8:9-11

CONSECRATION OF OUR FAMILY: We consecrate to thee, O Jesus of love, the trials and joys and all the happiness of our family life, and we beseech Thee to pour out thy blessings on all its members, absent & present, Living and dead—and when one after the other, we have fallen asleep in thy blessed bosom, O Jesus, may all of us in Paradise find again our family united with thy Sacred Heart. Amen