

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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REV. MSGR. BERNARD LEHENY, Pastor
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The Rectory Office is open

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Office Aides: Monday-Thursday 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

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MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:45 pm. **First Fridays:** Before the 8:00 am Mass.

Eves of Holy Days: Before the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment. Call the Rectory at least 10 days in advance. Administered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
 CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
 LEGION OF MARY
 MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
 PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST
 LECTOR / EUCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS
 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
 CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)
 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 GUITAR GROUP

<http://www.sblb.org>
 Liz Thometz 438-8222
 Pat McGlynn 439-1802
 Cindy Rodriguez 431-2414
 Earl Lovett 439-3198
 Dave McCaughey 438-3263
 Margherita Hoehne 438-9843
 Ron Fawl 494-3342
 Brian Archambault 208-8222
 Ken & Colette Santucci 439-6970
 Deacon Carl Gibboney 400-4099
 Chris Ahumada 434-3461
 Pat Metzger 243-8460
 Patricia Goodman 429-3171
 Julie Westervelt 243-1286
 John Koss (626) 484-8587

NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This weekend there is a bulletin insert for donating money to be used for our Christmas decorations in the Church. You may give a donation in memory of a loved one or for any other intentions, or simply in thanksgiving for blessings received. Please return the form to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket in a separate envelope, clearly marked "for Christmas Church Decorations".

ADVENT BULLETINS

Special Advent/Christmas bulletins entitled "Welcome Yule" are available in the Vestibule throughout this holy season.



Can be found at all entrances to the Church and Chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 13	5:00	Scolamieri/Cowan
Dec. 14	8:00	GuerinSepara
	9:30	Roberts
	11:00	Ramos/Rowan
	12:30	Sweeney/Parker

LECTORS—EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 13	5:00	Svilich/Smith—Team 1
Dec. 14	8:00	Montgomery/Souverielle—Team 1
	9:30	Surfus/Gorman—Team 3
	11:00	Froehlich/Goshert—Team 3
	12:30	Salsameda/Salsameda—Team 1



A Holy Day of Obligation, Monday, December 8th, with Masses at 8:00am, 12:15pm, and 7:00pm, on that day. (There will **not** be a Vigil Mass on Sunday evening).

USHERS for CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule for Ushers for all Christmas Masses. Thank you.

"WELCOME GREETERS"

We are looking for greeters for all of the Christmas Masses. If you are interested, please call Chris at the Rectory.

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

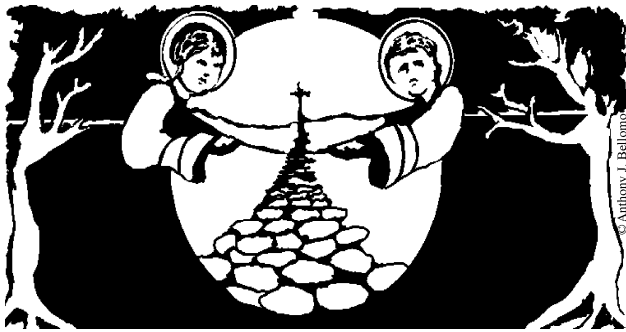


Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Xavier Dybbro, Leo Poissant, Marie Therese Arslan, Sandra Shadden, Josephine Ronan, Patricia Schuck, Alan Arslan, Mark Lott, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Peggy

Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Maureen Murray, Gloria White, Ray Esquivel, Carol McEachen, Betty Gill, Tess Fitch, Catherine Thompson, Michele Arslan, Diane Marie Walker, Jerry Ganz, Bob Kacsuta, Max Milton, David and Betty Hatch, Henrick Peterson, Oneida Casares, Carl Klein, John Burson, LaVae Ransom, and Michael Fehner.

(If you would like a name to remain in the bulletin in the 'Sick of our Parish', or if you have one you would like to add, please call the Rectory by December 23rd)

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH: Gloria Decker



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2008

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

-Isaiah 40:4

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 13/14, there is a special collection for the 2008 Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection is crucial for the financial well-being of our religious women and men, since religious institutes are not covered by Church or diocesan retirement plans. More than 38,000 Catholic Religious, women and men, who have dedicated their lives to prayer and ministry, are now past the age of 70 and are faced with costs of health care and elder care that greatly exceed their resources. And, the cost of skilled nursing care and assisted living for almost 12,000 women and men religious currently exceeds \$1 million each day. Thank you once again for your generosity. Envelopes are in the pews.

GIVING TREE

The bulletin boards in the Vestibule of the Church, as well as on the Chapel side, are filled with angels—requesting special needs and wants for the benefit of the moms and their children at New Life Beginnings here in Long Beach. All gifts need to be brought to the Church Hall by **December 21st**. Any questions, please call Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

TOYS 4 KIDS

Our Parish Community Group supports Christian Outreach in Action, a downtown Long Beach provider of food, clothing and transitional housing for the homeless and needy. Each year COA has a Christmas party for kids and their families, including a sing-along, crafts, cookies, Santa and a toy. This year they expect 1000 kids to attend. On the weekend of December 14th, please bring an unwrapped toy of any sort for a 4-12 year old to the Social Hall after any Mass. These will be distributed to a needy family.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

1st John Sibly and Heather Foley

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

We will celebrate a Parish Communal Penance Service on Wed. Dec. 17th, at 7pm, in the Church. Many priests will be available to hear confessions. Please plan to attend and be reconciled in preparation for the great Solemnity of Christmas.



Friday, Dec. 12th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will place a beautiful hand-painted picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Marion Shrine in the Church, adorned with a garland, roses and candles.

An explanation of the painting will be available at the altar rail. "Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us".

BAKE SALE—Saturday, Dec. 13, after 5pm Mass in the Social Hall, and Sunday, Dec. 14, (along with coffee and donuts) in the Social Hall, our Confirmation candidates, teachers, parents and sponsors will host a Baked Goods Sale to raise money for their housebuild in the spring in Mexico.

DANCE LESSONS, also to raise funds for the housebuild, begin January 9th, and sign-up sheets are available at all entrances to the Church and Chapel, and can be dropped off at the Rectory. Or, call the Rectory to register.

CENTERING PRAYER

Christian Meditation during Advent in the Church on Monday, Dec. 15th and Dec. 29th, at 7pm (please note date changes from last bulletin). For more information, call Pat (562)243-8460; or Melissa (562)434-1998. For 2009, Centering Prayer will be in the Church at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and on each First Friday at 7:30pm.

COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving: 1,235.00

Ordinary Income: Nov. 29/30 \$ 9,894.00