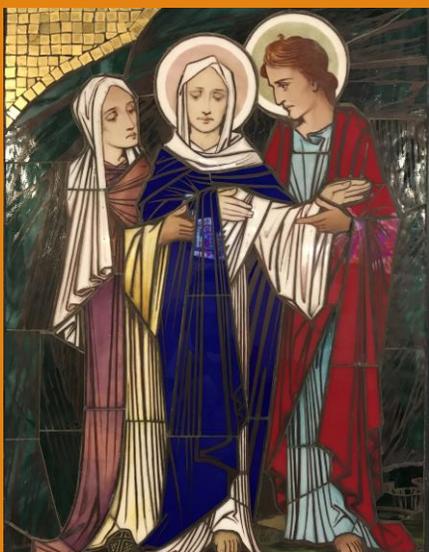


The Bereavement

Ministry seeks to offer the parish community free support for those who are suffering from recent loss or sustained grief. Through grief support group meetings, sensitive funeral planning, *Surviving the Holidays* workshop, and a one-day retreat called *Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents* **we are here for you.**



Parish Mission Statement

St. Bartholomew is a diverse Catholic Community welcoming to all. Called to serve, we are united by faith, bonded by prayer, and committed to living the Gospel message.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5pm (Vigil)

Sundays: 8, 9:30 & 11am, 12:30pm

Monday – Friday: 8am

Pastor

Father Michael Reardon

Michael.Reardon@la-archdiocese.org



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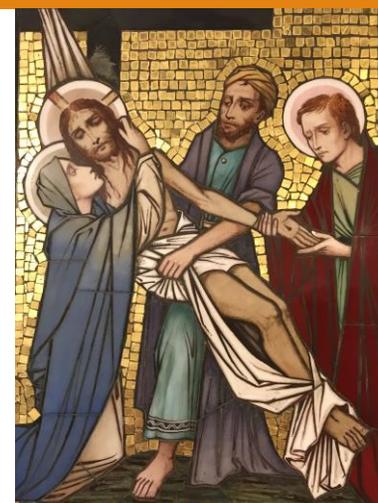
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Bereavement Support



***“Our hope for you is firm,
for we know
that as you share
in the sufferings,
you also share
in the encouragement.”***

2 Corinthians 1:7



How Bereavement Ministers seek to accompany you through the grief process:

Compassionate parishioners trained in the Ministry of Consolation “gently accompany mourners” through funeral liturgy planning, support group meetings, seasonal events, retreats, and ongoing communication.

Types of Support

Bereavement Support Groups

Support groups provide the space and time to work through the natural process of grieving in a faith-based environment. Bereavement Ministers accompany people coping with the loss of a loved one and invite prayer, personal reflection, and small group discussion. The group takes a 10-week journey, meeting at the same time each week and using *The New Day Journal* as a resource.

Please contact the Parish Office for dates of daytime and evening support group meetings.

All Souls Remembrance

All are invited to bring a framed picture of deceased loved ones to display in the church on the altar steps during November.

Surviving the Holidays

Surviving the Holidays, a program of Grief Share®, helps participants cope with emotions, deal with traditions, survive social events, and find hope for the future. The evening video, small group discussion and take-away guide help participants heal and prepare them to face the coming holiday season. The Bereavement Ministry is the host of this annual event held in November.

Please call the Parish Office for the date and time.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents:

Losing a child under any circumstance is tragic. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. *Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents* is a ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. All are welcome.

One-Day Spiritual Retreat
Date to be announced
9:30 am – 7:30 pm
St. Bartholomew Hall

For more information,
go to www.emfgp.org

Funeral Planning

In the Catholic funeral liturgy, the believing community intercedes for the deceased and consoles the living. Bereavement Ministers offer guidance and coordination for the Funeral Mass. Please contact the Funeral Planning Coordinator, Amparo Baldemor, at the Parish Office.

For more information

Contact the coordinator
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