

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 30, 2020

Monday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Catherine Baker (L)
Tuesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Alexander, Stephanie, and Erik (L)
Wednesday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Victims of Abuse
Thursday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Caroline Knestout +
Friday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
Saturday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Kimberly Baker (L)
	5.00 p.m.(SM)	Santiago Vesperoni +
Sunday	7.00 a.m.(E)	Mass for the People
	8.30 a.m.(MB)	COVID Sick
	10.00 a.m.(K)	Katie Bullock +
	12 Noon (K)	Charles Langpaul +
	6.00 p.m.(SM)	Juan Ivanoff, Sr. (L)
	8.00 p.m.(E)	Twee Nguyen & Family (L)

+ deceased (L) living

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 29, 2020

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



Stephen Ministry Care
During COVID-19

Trained and commissioned parish Stephen Ministers continue to provide one-on-one confidential, emotional and spiritual companionship for persons experiencing loss, illness, or other life difficulties during the pandemic. Germ-free: telephone, FaceTime, email, Zoom, Google Meet, etc. Call the Parish Office at 301-229-7933.

Stephen Ministry at: <http://stbartholomew.org>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The **Poor Box** for the month of **November** is for **Bread for the City**, a nonprofit agency which provides clothing, food, medical care, legal assistance, and social services to an average of 10,000 needy DC residents each month.

St. Bart's school and parish are asking for parishioners to help with non-perishable food items, *canned or boxed*, as part of our Christmas Outreach to assist the food banks at St. Martin's in Gaithersburg and Sacred Heart in DC. Drop off of your donated items will be a safe and simple "drive-through" and items needed can be found [here](#). Drive-throughs will be Saturday, December 5 and Saturday, December 12, **12.30-4.00 pm, in front of the school office**. \$20 gift cards to Giant and/or Safeway are also welcome.

Parishioner and 8th grader at Pyle, Andrew Deltoro, recently requested the parish's help in collecting items for the homeless through Bethesda Cares as part of his Confirmation project. Together, with everyone's donations, he was able to collect: 39 long johns, 31 undershirts, 65 boxers, 10 backpacks, 91 socks, 12 hats, and 7 laundry detergents, as well as boxes and bags of soaps, wipes and toiletries. In total, over 250 products were collected! Andrew thanks everyone who participated and appreciates your generosity and effort.

We continue to collect food for St. Martin's Pantry in Gaithersburg (as we do year-round) with a group of volunteers delivering food weekly. They particularly request (listed in order of need as of November 16): canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta sauce, dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, pasta, meals in a can (stew/canned pasta, chili etc.), canned beans, dry rice/beans, tuna/meat/fish canned, and mac and cheese. Peanut butter and jelly are always welcome. Ensure for adults and PediaSure for children continue to be in short supply. Baby formula, especially Similac Blue, baby food #2, and baby cereal are requested, and #1,2,4 and 6 diapers and baby wipes are out completely. We also know that large packages of oatmeal are split into smaller containers for families and child-type drinks, like chocolate or flavored milk or juice boxes (not the Capri type) are requested. *Their food reserves are down to their lowest level since March, with shortages in all food categories, and large shortages in most.* The Pantry team is still very happy to take any of the larger-size paper bags such as the approx. 16.5 inch by one foot by seven inch bags used by Trader Joe's which are especially useful (handles not necessary.) The plastic bags that are useful can be found at Costco on the non-food side of the store and are known as "Tee Shirt" bags, and are sold in a brown box, about 40 to a box, as well as (empty) plastic newspaper bags which they fill with any food items that fit. They can also use empty egg cartons. Please kindly leave your non-perishable food items in the marked basket in the vestibule. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In baskets at the back of church, you will find envelopes for Christmas Flower contributions in memory of loved ones, living or deceased. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way at Christmas, please complete an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or hand/mail in to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 13. We will print your loved ones' names in our Christmas Bulletin.

St. Bart's Christmas Tree Fundraiser - Christmas trees are available for purchase in the lot before the Big Cross, Mondays through Sundays. Please know that a portion of the proceeds goes to help St. Bartholomew Parish with its annual snow and ice removal. General opening hours will be weekdays 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 a.m.- 8.00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Social distancing and mask wearing will be practiced, and please know that weekdays are less busy.

Lectio Divina

Immerse yourself in the scriptures for Advent! Lectio Divina ("sacred reading") is the practice of reading slowly and prayerfully through a scripture passage and listening to the ways God speaks to you through it. It can be done individually or with a group.

A St. Bart's Lectio group will be meeting via Zoom on Mondays in Advent: Nov. 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, and Dec 21, 7:30 PM. Each week we will pray with one or more of the readings for the following Sunday. Join us for one session or for all.

This is not a traditional bible study. There's an optional book that contains a little background and context for each reading and some questions for further thought, but the emphasis is on personal, prayerful listening: heart, not head.

Interested? Email Betsy Bizot at EBBizot@aol.com for details on the (optional) book and to be sent the Zoom link for the sessions.

The Faith and Fiction Book Group will meet by Zoom next Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 pm to discuss Olivia Hawker's novel, *The Ragged Edge of Night* (2018). It is a World War II resistance novel in the same vein as *All the Light We Cannot See* and *The Nightingale*. Zoom meeting ID: 813 6422 7800. Zoom meeting passcode: 788944. All are welcome.

You are welcome to take a Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons 2020-2021 (six-minute reflections).



Remember In Prayer

Prayers for the Sick: Fr. Ubald, Rubens and Yolanda Medina, Rosemarie Vargo, Julia Carver, Barbara Grady, Laura Harding, Kent Brinley, Ron Repka, Nicolas Gobbs, Merlin Flores, Tom Burns, Martina Rabade, Maria Theresa Valderrama, Ellen Marie Walsh Fagan, Emily Clemente, Louis Velasco, and Sue Barrett.

Prayers for the Deceased: Bill Class, (father of Deacon John), Billy Davis, (non-COVID related), and all those who have died from COVID-19 in the United States and around the world.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

As the Prayer Petition book in the church was removed because of COVID-19 restrictions, we have started a new way of gathering prayer requests from the parish for the time being. It is an online Prayer Intention forum on the parish website [here](#). Please enter your prayer request (you can choose whether to leave your name or not) and these prayer requests will be collected and sent to our Prayer Ministry members to pray and lift these concerns to God's mercy. You can also access the Prayer Intention forum by going to stbartholomew.org and clicking on the alternating button at the top left hand side *Prayer Request*.

We are very thankful for all our Prayer Ministry members who give of their time and dedication in their gift of prayer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Attend a Retreat From Wherever You Are! **Virtual Spiritual Retreats, with Spiritual Direction - Upcoming dates: December 4-6, and January 22-24.** As we move into the end of the year and uncertainty lingers, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home and for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!

The **Catholic Standard** and the Spanish-language **El Pregonero** newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and elpreg.org



PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 29 DE NOVIEMBRE 2020

El Profeta Ezequiel presenta a Cristo como el Buen Pastor y ésta será la auto-presentación de Jesús en el Nuevo Testamento. Es el Rey que busca amorosamente a sus ovejas para congregarlas en un solo redil. Es el Redentor que sale a nuestro encuentro para congregarnos en su reino. Es el Rey que libra a sus ovejas de los peligros y las alimenta. Es el Redentor que nos perdona el pecado, que nos alimenta sobrenaturalmente y nos congrega en la Iglesia, redil de salvación. Es el Rey que conoce y ama a sus ovejas. Es el Redentor que nos conoce personalmente, que se ocupa de nosotros y nos ama como el Padre conoce y ama al Hijo. El reinado de Cristo en un reinado de amor. Cristo es el Rey que vendrá en su gloria y majestad para juzgar a los súbditos en el cumplimiento de su Ley. Es la ley del amor: en el atardecer de la vida seremos juzgados en el amor. ¿Cómo hemos servido al Rey en sus súbditos nuestros hermanos: hambrientos, sedientos, forasteros, desnudos, enfermos, presos?



PAGINA WEB DE SAN BARTOLOME

<http://www.stbartholomew.org> - Ver Comunidad Hispana

MISA DIARIA Y EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTISIMO

Lunes-sábado

Exposición del Santísimo a las 7:30 y Misa 8:00 a.m.

Domingos a las 5:15 PM antes de la Santa Misa

La adoración es entrar con la profundidad de nuestro corazón en comunión con el Señor que se hace presente corporalmente en la Eucaristía. Vengamos a adorarle.

CONFESIONES

Domingos: 5:30 - 5:45 p.m. en español

El Señor los espera siempre, en especial todos los domingos.

PETICIONES PARA LA MISA DOMINICAL

Si usted desea que se nombre en las peticiones de la Santa Misa en español de los domingos a familiares o amigos suyos que estén sufriendo por la enfermedad del Covid-19 o que quizás lamentablemente hayan fallecido debido a esta, por favor póngase en contacto con Raúl Yépez para ser incluido en las peticiones luego del Credo. El correo electrónico es reyopez@verizon.net

INFORMACION PARA EL BOLETIN

La fecha límite es el día domingo anterior a la publicación del mismo. Contactar a Rafael Espinosa. juraescha@verizon.net

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Desde el pasado Domingo 21 de Junio se reanudaron las Misas dominicales en San Bartolomé en los horarios usuales. Asimismo comenzó tanto la Adoración Eucarística a las 7:30 a.m. y las Misas diarias a las 8:00 a.m. Seguidas de confesiones al estilo antiguo en los confesionarios.

Y desde el pasado Domingo 19 de Julio ya está con nosotros el Padre Santiago Martin quien es quien reemplaza al Padre Tim en nuestra parroquia.

La dispensa continúa vigente, permitiéndole a aquellos que deseen asistir a la Misa virtual continuar haciéndolo.

Esto implica que cualquiera de nuestros Ministros que no se sienta seguro asistiendo a la Iglesia pueda permanecer en su casa. No se permitirá Monaguillos en la celebración.

No participaran Ministros Eucarísticos. El Padre dispensará la Comunión para quien se sienta cómodo de recibirla, sin obligación. Habrá un solo lector, quien permanecerá en el área cerca del ambo o Altar durante la celebración.

Habrà música en la Misa. Se agradece la colaboración de ujieres para ayudar en la orientación de los feligreses para garantizar el distanciamiento social.

El Ministerio Digital estará disponible si el coordinador decide participar en la Liturgia. Es obligatorio el uso de tapabocas y seguir procedimientos de distancia, que ya están marcados en el piso y en los asientos. Si desean escuchar la Santa Misa por internet o por la TV, pueden permanecer por seguridad en sus casas.

El horario de las misas para el domingo en EWTN es:

En Ingles: 8am, 12m y 7 pm

Español: 8am y 4pm.

Si tienen Fios-Verizon los canales son:

Ingles 845 y en español 1741.

La Misa del Papa desde el Vaticano se puede ver por Youtube.

El sitio web de la Arquidiócesis contiene una página con recursos de información sobre el coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.

INTENCIONES DEL PAPA PARA NOVIEMBRE

Intención de oración: La inteligencia artificial.

Recemos para que el progreso de la robótica y de la inteligencia artificial este al servicio del ser humano.



Para Adviento se coloca una corona a un lado de la Sagrario. Cada domingo de Adviento, una familia se presenta ante el altar y prende la vela o velas correspondientes. La Corona tiene tres velas moradas y una rosada. Las moradas representan el tiempo de preparación; se prenden el primer, segundo y cuarto domingo de Adviento. La vela rosada se enciende el tercer domingo de Adviento; de esta manera es como la Iglesia indica un breve descanso en el trayecto de este tiempo. En este domingo, la primera palabra con la que empieza la liturgia es "alégrense".

GRUPO DE JUVENTUD DE SAN BARTOLOME

El grupo de Juventud de San Bartolomé se reunirá el Domingo 06 de Diciembre para realizar un paseo y Hiking. Mayores informes por favor comunicarse con María Kaufmann al email: 32kaufmann@cardinalmail.cua.edu

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN RÍOS DE AGUA VIVA

El grupo de oración "Ríos de Agua Viva" le invita a compartir virtualmente un momento con el Señor, los lunes de 10:00 a.m. a 12:30 pm. En la primera media hora se rezará el Rosario. Dirigido por Sonia Ruiz, para mayores informes por favor contactarse al email : sschruiz@gmail.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Bartholomew Parish Office

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
stbartsrectory@gmail.com

Baptisms—3rd Sunday of the month, **appointment only**. Parents are obliged to take a brief class related to the Sacrament prior to the Baptism. Class is held 1st Wednesday of the month. **Registration is required**. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings—Please contact one of the priests at least 6 months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana and instruction are required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday, following 8.00 a.m. Mass, and 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. (Español), or by appointment.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - The process of becoming a Catholic Christian. Call the Parish Office for information.

Adult Choir—Weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Choir sings every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound—Please notify the Rectory Office if you know of any parishioner who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive Holy Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick so that we can arrange to take him/her the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Note to New Parishioners—We extend to you a warm welcome from our Parish Community and encourage you to become active, involved members of the parish. Please obtain a registration form from the parish office, or from the Church vestibule.

Please Note: Bulletin notices must be received no later than 12 Noon on the Monday prior to the desired weekend of publishing.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council	Roberto Soto (Acting Chair)	301-512-4302
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	Valeria Conde (Hisp. Rep.)	301-340-8227
	Paul Johnson (Vice Chair).....	301-320-4632
Finance Committee	Richard Elliott.....	202-686-0263
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Arimatheans	Joe Hanle, Dir	301-320-6151
Bartholomew House	Cecilia Motha.....	301-229-5990
Bible Group	Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D.	631-793-2005
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Children's Liturgy	Carole Wysocki (Director).....	301-717-8850
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Home and School Assn.	Bonnie Perkins.....	301-299-8091
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Ignatian Volunteer Corps	John Vivian.....	301-461-3597
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Saturday Women's Prayer Group	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
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