

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 7, 2020**

Monday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Dick Gallagher +
Tuesday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
Wednesday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Raymond Encarnacion +
Thursday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Catherine Baker (L)
Friday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Special Intention
Saturday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
	5.00 p.m.(E)	Special Intention
Sunday	7.00 a.m.(K)	COVID Sick
	8.30 a.m.(MB)	Mike McCullough +
	10.00 a.m.(E)	Caroline Knestout +
	12 Noon (SM)	Caroline Knestout +
	6.00 p.m.(SM)	Evita Beltran +
	8.00 p.m.(E)	Mass for the People

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 6, 2020**

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
Monday	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Our Lady of Loreto Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Saint Damasus I, Pope Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, Rv 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**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. See the flyer [here](#). Stephen Ministry at: <http://stbartholomew.org>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The **Poor Box** for the month of December is for Cup of Joe. Launched by Father John Enzler, **Cup of Joe** is a healthy breakfast program for Catholic Charities' five low-barrier emergency shelters, which host more than 1,000 men and women each night.

Answering Jesus' Call To Serve "The Least" Among Us: the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides men and women, ages 50 and greater (retired or semi-retired), with substantive opportunities to share their skills, talents and life experiences with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address policy issues related to poverty. A unique feature of IVC is a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning in their service and their lives. Volunteers negotiate their schedules with the agency at which they select to serve. To learn more about IVC, contact Mike Goggin, Director of the DC/Metro MD Region: 202-277-4447 or mgoggin@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.org and click on "DC -Metro MD."

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 this Saturday, December 5 and next 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 - please make sure these are handed in to a member of the school faculty, the parish office or one of the priests.

The Second Collection next weekend, December 12/13, is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior religious, nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, have educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world which is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help furnish medications, nursing care and more.

We received a letter from Sr. Jeanne Veronique, I.s.p. (Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence) thanking you, St. Bart's parishioners, for donations totaling \$4,610 that they received a few weeks ago. They could not meet their aged and infirm Residents' daily needs without such help. They are so grateful for you all and pray that God will bless you with many graces and joy in the work you are doing in His name.

Help to bring Christmas to Bethlehem during this time of crisis - located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ, **Holy Family Hospital** is a Catholic teaching maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor, refugee, and at-risk families in the Holy Land. COVID arrived in Bethlehem in March closing down businesses resulting in a salary stoppage for 90% of the people. Things have not improved. Today, families can barely afford food, let alone medical care. **Bring Christmas to Bethlehem at their hour of great need.** Donors receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Find more information [here](#).

SECOND 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 **Tuesday, December 15**. 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.

The Faith and Fiction Book Group will meet by Zoom this 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.

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.



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, Dick Keeney, and Sue Barrett.

Prayers for the Deceased: Adela Menendez, Bill Class, (non-COVID related) and all those who have died from COVID-19 in the United States and around the world.

In this season of Advent, we are preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Bartholomew Church through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. During this time of social distancing, St. Bartholomew's Church depends on online donations to continue our ministry. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. You can sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD44> or text 'Enroll' to 301-284-3826.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
Fr. Mark



Youth Group - for students in grades 6th-12th who are interested in serving their neighbor, learning more about the Faith, and hanging out with others who want to do the same! Please contact John & Maria Archer 32kaufmann@cua.edu to receive weekly emails about upcoming events.

Youth Group Fall/Winter Schedule - to ensure everyone's safety we ask that everyone wear a mask, maintain social distancing and bring their own drinks. We also ask that everyone be dropped off and picked up at the hiking locations. Thank you for everyone's understanding!

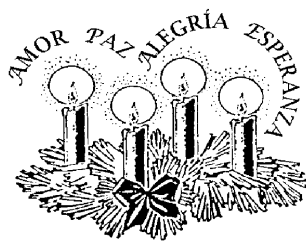
12/6: Hike, Cabin John Trail Head #2, 2:30- 4pm.

12/13: Formation Night, Zoom, 5:30- 6:30pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Archdiocese of Washington's **Virtual Walk with Mary Mass** celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place next Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Due to the Pandemic, this year's tribute to Our Blessed Mother will be **VIRTUAL**, not in person. This will allow all the faithful to participate in the celebration without risking their health. More information is available in the [Website](#)

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



SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 06 DE DICIEMBRE 2020

El profeta Isaías anuncia la venida del Mesías y del nuevo reino que va a establecer, de sus cualidades y efectos. Todo será nuevo. Pasará lo viejo, lo antiguo... El Mesías establecerá un nuevo reino. No será un reino humano. Será el reino del Espíritu. El "espíritu del Señor" es la fuerza divina que se posará en plenitud sobre el Mesías y que gobernará sus acciones superando la inteligencia y sabiduría de Salomón, la fuerza de David y el temor de los Patriarcas. Es la vida y la acción del Espíritu Santo, del Amor, que será derramado en nuestros corazones como don, si recibimos a Cristo y nos unimos a Él. ¿Cómo acoger a Cristo para recibir el don del Espíritu, clave de una vida renovada? Será un reino de justicia y fidelidad. La justicia que buscará la salvación condenando toda forma injusticia o de pecado contra los desamparados, los pobres, los amenazados... Será un reino de paz, de perdón, de reconciliación entre los elementos de la naturaleza y los hombres. Será un reino de fidelidad al plan de Dios.



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 adorarlo.

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 DICIEMBRE

Intención de oración por la Evangelización - Para una vida de oración.

Recemos para que nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo se alimiente de la Palabra de Dios y de una vida de oración.



Hoy encendemos la segunda vela morada. El encender las velas, semana tras semana, indica que la luz de Cristo está por venir y a El nos acercamos progresivamente. Al reunirnos una vez más en torno a esta corona debemos meditar sobre lo que significa la venida de Cristo. Durante este tiempo de Adviento, dejémonos preparar nuestro corazón para recibir la Palabra de Dios, pidámosle a Dios perdón por nuestros pecados para poder recibirlo dignamente. Recordemos que el Señor ya no quiere nacer en una cueva, el Señor quiere nacer, ahora, en cada uno de los corazones de los hombres.

LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE MARIA

El martes 8 de diciembre celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María, patrona de los Estados Unidos de América. Este día es fiesta de guardar.

DICIEMBRE 12 - LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

La fe comenzó a hacerse visible con la aparición de María en el Tepeyac. Los misioneros se dieron cuenta que avanzaba la conversión de los naturales del centro de México, y pronto fue realidad una Iglesia joven que alababa a Jesús, bajo el patrocinio de su madre. Para más información visite www.adw.org/guadalupe

GRUPO DE JUVENTUD DE SAN BARTOLOME

El grupo de Juventud de San Bartolomé se reunirá el Domingo 13 de diciembre de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. para una noche de formación via zoom. Mayores informes por favor comunicarse con María Kaufmann al email: 32kaufmann@cardinalmail.cua.edu

SECOND 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
	Hernan Oyarzabal (Hisp. Rep.)	301-732-9586
	Valeria Conde (Hisp. Rep.)	301-340-8227
	Paul Johnson (Vice Chair).....	301-320-4632
Finance Committee	Richard Elliott.....	202-686-0263
Altar Servers	Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D.	631-793-2005
Monaguillos/Hisp. Coord.	Bill Ayers.....	301-469-8023
Arimatheans	Joe Hanle, Dir	301-320-6151
Bartholomew House	Cecilia Motha.....	301-229-5990
Bible Group	Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D.	631-793-2005
Busy Men at Work Group	James Strother.....	301-706-5818
CYO	Valeria Conde (Hisp.Coord.)	301-340-8227
Children's Liturgy	Carole Wysocki (Director).....	301-717-8850
Choir	Maria El-Khoury.....	301-897-9005
Church Guild	Jerry Hoskins	301-320-6337
Windows 10 Computer Donations	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Eucharistic Ministers	Contact Rectory	301-873-7491
Ministros Eucaristicos	Raul Yopez.....	301-229-6591
Gabriel Network	Selma deLeon	301-793-1899
Home and School Assn.	Jennifer Bautista	301-299-8091
Hospitality & New In the Pew	Bonnie Perkins.....	301-229-1071
Ignatian Volunteer Corps	Nancy Brouillard McKenzie	301-461-3597
Knights of Columbus	John Vivian.....	301-365-1233
Lectors/Liturgy Committee	AnneMarie Economopoulos.....	301-732-9586
Lectores	Hernan Oyarzabal	301-229-7933
Hispanic Liturgy	Hernan Oyarzabal	301-732-9586
Prayer Chain	Susan Schill	301-469-4973
Respect for Life	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Saturday Women's Prayer Group	Kathleen Goldsmith	301-469-6455
Sick and Homebound	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Social Concerns	Tom Carty.....	301-587-8860
St. Bart's Parish Times Editor	Peter J. Mermagen	703-971-4778
Stephen Ministry	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Ushers	Theresa Kowal	240-460-5756
Ujieres	Carlos Andres Guiza	919-519-7450
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Ann Chalfant	301-299-3739
Youth Minister	Maria Archer.....	901-296-9786