

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
February 22, 2021**

Monday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Elba Salazar (L)
Tuesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Florence B. +
Wednesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Santiago Vesperoni +
Thursday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Alexa Mencia (L)
Friday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Robert Becker +
Saturday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	
	5.00 p.m.(K)	Vincent Verfuert +
Sunday	7.00 a.m.(SM)	Mass for the People
	8.30 a.m.(E)	Catherine Catlett +
	10.00 a.m.(K)	COVID Sick
	12 Noon (JH)	
	6.00 p.m.(SM)	En Agradecimiento por Raul Yepez (L)
	8.00 p.m.(E)	

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
February 21, 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</b> 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</b> Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



**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 in this week's bulletin and [here](#).

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

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

The **Poor Box** for the month of February is for **Martha's Table**, a nonprofit located at 2114 14th St., NW. Martha's Table's Children, Youth and Family Programs provide more than 300 children and youth with nutritious meals and supervised learning and literacy activities in a safe environment.

**Bethesda House** - A new calendar for the first 6 months of 2021 is posted in the church vestibule with three volunteers requested for the third Tuesday of each month. Chicken is requested on the menu as well as fruit for dessert. Please consider signing up and assisting those current parishioners who have donated over the years. Some kind people have already signed up to do the whole day themselves, but maybe others could consider signing up as well on those days so that we can lessen the burden. When volunteering, please write your name and phone number on the calendar. More questions? Call Livia Gatti: 301-469-6552/[liviagatti@protonmail.com](mailto:liviagatti@protonmail.com) or Gina Bleck: 732-599-7620/[bleck.3hands@gmail.com](mailto:bleck.3hands@gmail.com)

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. The pantry particularly requests (listed in order of need as of February 8): dry unsweetened cereal, canned soup, canned fruit, pasta sauce, and dry soup/ramen. Diapers #1 and #6, and adult diapers/Depends also required. Paper bags and egg cartons are currently NOT needed, but plastic grocery bags and the plastic newspaper bags are requested. Please kindly leave your items in the marked basket in the vestibule.



**Remember In Prayer**

**Prayers for the Sick:**

Susan Pucie, Richard and Kathleen Castiello, Vin Kelly, Jeff Kelly, Tina Howe, George Ellis, Maureen Sweeney, Michael Campbell, Emily Hart, Rubens Medina, Rosemarie Vargo, Kent Brinley, Ron Repka, Nicolas Gobbs, Merlin Flores, Tom Burns, Martina Rabade, Louis Velasco, Marta Benitez, and Sue Barrett.

**Prayers for the Deceased:** Yolanda Medina, Catherine Catlett, Alexander DiMisa, Robert Becker, (non-Covid related), and all those who have died from COVID-19 in the United States and around the world.



The parish community of St. Bartholomew Church extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to Nancy Magill and Cathy Quinlan and family and friends upon the death of their mother and long-time parishioner Catherine Catlett on February 9, 2021. Catherine was a faithful Sunday 8.30 am Mass attendee and coffee and doughnuts stalwart. A Mass of Christian Burial for Catherine will be celebrated at St. Bartholomew Church on Friday, February 26 at 11.00 am, preceded with Visitation in the church at 10.00 am.

Please keep the soul of Catherine and her family and friends in your prayers.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Looking for a Lenten resolution? Please consider watching the beautiful and moving "FORGIVEN" series, a widely acclaimed original production of FORMED.org, "FORGIVEN" unpacks the power and healing available in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Bartholomew Church's subscription to this site enables you to make use of all that it has to offer - go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) and sign up/create a new account. Find us by entering zip code 20817 when it tells you to find your parish/organization and then follow the instructions.

You can also access the Word on Fire Lent Reflections on our [website](#) with daily reflections from Bishop Robert Barron to help you deepen your Lenten journey.

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**Stations of the Cross at St. Bartholomew Church** will be held every Friday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m.

### Lectio Divina

Spend time with the scriptures for Lent. 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 Lent, February 22 through March 29 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Each week we will pray with a reading from the following Sunday. Join us for one session or for all.

This is not a traditional bible study. The emphasis is on personal, prayerful listening: heart, not head.

A Bible is all you need, but there's an optional book that contains the readings themselves, a little background and context, and some questions for further thought. It's the same book we used in Advent. *Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study Year B*, by Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, available from Liturgical Press or from online retailers in paper or ebook.

Interested? Email Betsy Bizot at [EBBizot@aol.com](mailto:EBBizot@aol.com) with any questions or to be added to the mailing list and sent the Zoom link for the sessions.

### 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 [www.stbartholomew.org](http://www.stbartholomew.org) and clicking on the button *Prayer Requests*.

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

### SMALL GROUPS AT ST. BART'S

Please consider joining one or more of our small groups, outlined below, where your participation will allow you to enjoy the small group companionship that is offered. **The groups generally start up again in September after the summer months in normal circumstances but all are continuing to meet virtually at present. Please contact each ministry leader for updates.**

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Group** meets September - June on Tuesdays, 9-10.30 am in the library at Bartholomew House Assisted Living, and is currently meeting via Zoom. We use the Loyola Press Bible Series "A Guided Discovery for Groups". These books give structure and enable scripture discussions in a small group setting and help to increase our understanding of the Bible and how to apply it to our daily lives. New members are always welcome - contact Cecilia Motha 301-229-5990 or email [ccmotha@comcast.net](mailto:ccmotha@comcast.net)

The **St. Bart's Women's Prayer and Book Discussion Group** has been meeting for over 15 years in various respective members' homes. During two hours of fellowship, members share their faith, offer intercessory prayers, and discuss current faith-related books and topics. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. *Currently they are meeting every Thursday on Zoom at 10 am.* New members are welcome. Contact Ann Kennedy at 301-367-5988 or [alkenne@aol.com](mailto:alkenne@aol.com) for more information.

Are you a busy man? Then please consider joining St. Bartholomew's **Busy-Men-at-Works Group** which meets on Thursdays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm in the rectory dining room. If you are interested, please consider joining us for readings, discussions, prayer, coffee, doughnuts and fellowship! *Currently meeting via Zoom every Thursday at 7.30 pm.* For more information, please contact Manny Berard, [jmb10@caa.columbia.edu](mailto:jmb10@caa.columbia.edu)

The **St. Bart's Women's Saturday Morning Prayer Group** meets on the first and third Saturday of the month from 8.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m. in private homes, with light refreshments offered. Besides opening and closing prayers, we read and discuss selected books that deepen our faith and our understanding of how it fits into our lives and bringing us closer to God. The group is open to all women and new members are always welcome. *The group is currently meeting every Saturday on Zoom.* Contact: Kathleen Goldsmith, [goldsmithkit@gmail.com](mailto:goldsmithkit@gmail.com) or call 301-469-6455.

The **St. Bart's Men's Group** goal is mutual support and spiritual development based on shared insights gained from a diverse membership. We meet for about 90 minutes at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Members volunteer to host meetings on a rotating basis and each host picks the topic to be discussed. *(Currently, meetings are held via Zoom videoconferencing.)* The group has been meeting for 25 years and we always enjoy the fresh perspective brought by new members. The value of the group can be appreciated by the comments of members: -"The input from our group is invaluable to me as I listen to other members describe how they deal with individual and family concerns and the problems of aging." -"It has provided me with a trusted sounding board as I face new and difficult life issues." -"Mutual support is a true blessing. As we listen to each other with respect we learn we are not alone as we face tough problems and decisions in our personal lives." -"I look forward to our Saturday get-togethers. They truly are spiritual retreats!" -"It's a sharing/caring group. I feel better after each meeting." If you would like to attend or for more information, contact Jerry Hoskins at [jfhoskins@comcast.net](mailto:jfhoskins@comcast.net) or Don Connolly at [doncon30@comcast.net](mailto:doncon30@comcast.net)



## PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA 21 FEBRERO 2021

Tener tentaciones es humano, Jesucristo se compadece de las flaquezas pues él mismo ha sido probado en todo como todas las demás personas. El nos garantiza la esperanza de vencer las tentaciones haciéndose uno de nosotros, semejante en todo y a todos, excepto en el pecado. Esto nos da la certeza que se puede vivir en un esfuerzo permanente por vivir en la gracia. Las tentaciones que tuvo Jesús son las más graves, porque son generadoras de otras. No están escogidas al azar; responden a tres peligros fundamentales que había tenido el pueblo de Israel y que reflejan a todos y a cada ser humano. Está en nosotros llenarnos de fortaleza para vencer todas las tentaciones cotidianas. El retiro de 40 días de Jesús al desierto es un resumen que muestra una etapa de la preparación completa previa al cumplimiento de las escrituras. Fue en el desierto donde los israelitas sucumbieron ante todas las tentaciones y donde Cristo nos demuestra que con fe podremos vencer todo tipo de tentación.



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](mailto:reyopez@verizon.net)

### INFORMACION PARA EL BOLETIN

La fecha límite es a mediodía del día domingo anterior a la publicación del mismo. Contactar a Rafael Espinosa.  
[juraescha@verizon.net](mailto:juraescha@verizon.net)

## AVISO IMPORTANTE

Desde el pasado Domingo 21 de Junio 2020 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 2020 ya está con nosotros el Padre Santiago Martín 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 FEBRERO

Intención universal - Violencia contra la mujer  
Recemos por las mujeres que son víctimas de la violencia, para que sean protegidas por la sociedad y para que su sufrimiento sea considerado y escuchado.

### CUARESMA

Hemos comenzado el tiempo de Cuaresma. Iniciamos una marcha espiritual hacia la celebración de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección del Señor. Nuestras acciones hablan más que las palabras; Esta es una llamada fuerte a una auténtica y profunda conversión y a la reconciliación con Dios, con la Iglesia y nuestros hermanos. El rezo, meditación y contemplación de los misterios del Rosario, especialmente los dolorosos, nos ayudan a redescubrir el amor de Cristo.

### COMO VIVIR LA CUARESMA?

1. Arrepintiéndome de mis pecados y confesándome.
2. Luchando por cambiar mis hábitos y maneras de actuar para bien.
3. Haciendo sacrificios.
4. Haciendo oración.
5. A través de mis buenas acciones.
6. Cumpliendo con los días de ayuno y abstinencia
7. Rezando las Estaciones de la Cruz.
8. Asistiendo a Retiros de Cuaresma.

### 22 DE FEBRERO, CATEDRA DE SAN PEDRO

Según la tradición, sabemos que Pedro estableció primero su sede en Antioquia, y luego en Roma. Decimos que estableció su "sede," es decir, su asiento, su cátedra. Porque cátedra significa precisamente eso, asiento o silla. Por eso "catedral" es la iglesia en la que está la sede del Obispo. La fiesta aparece ya el 22 de febrero en el más antiguo calendario romano, el Cronógrafo del año 354; allí la "Depositio martyrum" señala: "Natale Petri de cathedra." El Señor hizo de Simón, al que dio el nombre de Pedro, y solamente de él, la piedra de su Iglesia. Le entregó las llaves del Reino (Mt 16: 18-19) y lo instituyó pastor de todo el rebaño (Jn 21: 15-17).



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Bartholomew Parish Office

6902 River Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Tel: 301-229-7933 ♦ Fax: 301-229-7998

♦ www.stbartholomew.org ♦

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 Yepez.....	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 .....	301-732-9586
Hispanic Liturgy	Hernan Oyarzabal .....	301-469-4973
Prayer Chain	Susan Schill .....	301-229-7933
Respect for Life	Contact Rectory .....	301-469-6455
Saturday Women's Prayer Group	Kathleen Goldsmith .....	301-229-7933
Sick and Homebound	Contact Rectory .....	301-587-8860
Social Concerns	Tom Carty.....	703-971-4778
St. Bart's Parish Times Editor	Peter J. Mermagen .....	301-229-7933
Stephen Ministry	Contact Rectory .....	240-460-5756
Ushers	Theresa Kowal .....	919-519-7450
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Wedding Coordinator	Mary Ann Chalfant .....	901-296-9786
Youth Minister	Maria Archer.....	