

Saint Bartholomew Parish Community

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Office Hours: Monday –Thursday 9am-8pm; Friday



We Celebrate Liturgy

Saturday

5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy

9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m.

First Friday Eucharist Adoration

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (In the Chapel)

Holy Days

(Vigil) 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., or by appointment

*Saint Bartholomew Parish
is a welcoming and inclusive
Catholic Community of faith.*

*As disciples of Jesus Christ
we commit ourselves to sharing our Christian
faith as well as our time, talents and resources
for the welfare of all God's people.*

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SPIRITUAL

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

‘At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When has the faith of someone from another race or culture enriched your own faith?

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

See - **Romans 11:29**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

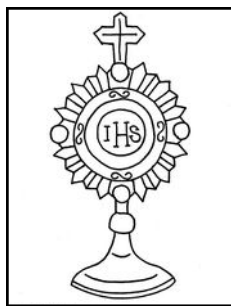
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2ND READING: Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION All are invited to

contemplate, to adore and to pray to Jesus Christ before the Blessed Sacrament every **first Friday of the month**, Hours of exposition are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is fully present to us in the consecrated host. Please sign-up on-line. Recently, sign-ups for Adoration at St. Bart's have dwindled, and Our Lord Jesus has been left waiting alone in the Chapel. As the Lord said to Peter the night before his Crucifixion: **"Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt 26:40)**



A CLEVER WOMAN OF FAITH The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request. We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY. *Zack Baesler, Elizabeth Constantino, Sean McGinnis, Alaina Mariano, Frank Verducci III, Reece Zunino*

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS. *Susie Bishop, Denise Briand, Peggy Crisci, Mary Frances Dwan, Bob Pfeffer, Christina Gpicazo, Lillian Heselton, Gene Hoy, Nathaniel Lighty, Anne Lintner, Benny Long, Helen Maurana, Rick Meyers, Joan Morabito, Juan Carlos Munoz, John O'Brien, Santino Olives, Jay Pausner, Robert Pfeffer, Joan & Bill Pizoli, Joel Rivera, Brenda Sell, Anne Soeitek, Roy Taboada, Jack Anthony Sunseri, Bob Zuehlke, , Mary Ann Jones, Don Farbstain and Richard Andrews*

IN OUR PARISH

ADMINISTRATION

ParishPay PARISH ONLINE GIVING *Making it Easier to Give* PROGRAM.

Have you thought about signing up for electronic monthly giving? Please go to Parishpay.com or contact Mary Rock in the Parish Office at 347-0701, ext. 225 or mary@barts.org for more information or if you need assistance

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE. The Ministry Schedule is now found on our website at www.barts.org/liturgical-ministry under Documents. For any questions please contact Ingrid Pera at ingrid@barts.org or 650.347.0701 ext. 214.

ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL. Thank you to those who have already pledged to support the **AAA for 2017**. To date we have received **\$92,522** in pledges which is **65.68%** of our total goal of **\$140,863**. If you have questions please contact Mary Rock at 347-0701, ext. 225.

JOB OPENING - FAITH FORMATION ASSISTANT

Provides administrative support for all aspects of the Faith Formation and Confirmation programs. Manages files, data and records, from grade 1 to Confirmation age. Assists Rachael Smit with Sacramental preparations and celebrations including parish events related to faith formation program. This is a 16 hour per week position, Non-exempt. Please contact Rachael Smit at Rachael@barts.org with any questions.

LET US KNOW....

Please come by the parish office at 600 Columbia Drive, or call us at 347-0701, when you or someone in your family is ill, injured or homebound, and in need of some help from the parish.

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY TECH SUPPORT VOLUNTEER The St. Bartholomew Music Ministry is seeking volunteers to operate the parish's video media system during our liturgical celebrations. We are especially in need of volunteers at our Saturday 5:00PM Mass. Training will be provided to initially operate the PowerPoint program during Mass, with later opportunities for the overall operation of the system. Please contact Michael Wright for further information michael@barts.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY SERIES: *Fridays June 30th – August 18th, 10:00 – 11:30am, Spiritual Center.* "The Missing Commandment: Love Yourself" by Jerry and Denise Basel. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information or questions, call (650) 759-9993 or email: ingrid@barts.org

RCIA Are you Catholic but need to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith? Our next Inquiry Series begins in **late September**. Please contact Ingrid Pera at Ingrid@barts.org for more information

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are having an information session regarding our Youth Ministry on **Tuesday, Sept. 26th** in the Parish Center Room B from **8:30-10:00 PM**. All teens currently in the Confirmation program or older are invited. We will be serving pizza and soft drinks and hope you can attend. If you are interested please email Janis Moore atjaniskmoore@gmail.com.

SOCIAL

BRIDGE - Bills Bridge for fun starts on **Wednesday, Sept 6th** at 9:30am in the Media Center . Please contact Joan Shaughnessy at 650.573.9244 with any questions.

ST. BART'S MOVIE OF THE MONTH- FRIDAY, AUG. 25TH AT 6:00 P.M. *Fugitive Pieces* – A beautiful exploration of how a Jewish man who tragically lost his family in WWII is eventually healed by life through the kindnesses of other people and his own poetry. We'll meet in the Media Center - you may bring your dinner and eat while watching the movie. Join us for an excellent and fun evening!

SUPPORT

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP. Have you lost a loved one, friend or significant other? Help and support are available to you and your family. St. Bart's Grief Support Group will meet on **Thursday, August 17th** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center of the Parish Office Building. All who have lost a loved one are welcome. Please contact Liliane Cools at 343-7751 or coolsliliane@gmail.com.

IN OUR PARISH

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Save us from hotbeads that would lead us to act foolishly, and from cold feet that would keep us from acting at all.

~ Peter Marshall

We welcome you to join the St. Bart's Social Justice group in our efforts to effect justice in our community. Our next meeting will be in September: watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, please contact Ross Weir at rossweir51@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION. CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (EFF) AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION (MFF) SIGN-UPS:

Online registration for the Children's Faith Formation, Middle School and Confirmation 2017- 2018 year is available now. **YOUTH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION Confirmation I** is available to any student 8th grade (or older) who is ready to explore preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is focused on growing the student's knowledge of the faith, and is offered on **Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm.** *All 7th grade MFF students from both classes in 2016-17 will automatically be enrolled in this class.* **CONFIRMATION II** Is for all students entering 9th grade or older who have completed **Confirmation I** (or otherwise demonstrated knowledge of the faith, i.e. attended Catholic School)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS. BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!

In the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians and to each one of us, " We have been given various gifts to build up the Body of Christ". How about taking the challenge with the help of the Holy Spirit we all received at Baptism and Confirmation? Consider getting involved and share your gifts of time and talent with our parish community. One important part of being a witness to the love of Jesus Christ is to share the joy of the Gospel with our young people. Please contact Rachael@barts.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and is held about three Sundays a month in the chapel at the 9:30 a.m. Mass during the school year. It usually lasts for 15-20 minutes at the beginning of the first reading up to Profession of Faith. Cont'd.....



Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates: **AUG. 13TH, 20TH & 27TH.**

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

GREAT DATES - STARTING FRIDAY, SEPT. 29TH

Great Dates, is a parish-based monthly gathering of couples, creating a vibrant and positive community of engaged and married couples, helping us become visible witnesses to Christ's love while experiencing the joy of Marriage. Focused speakers, one-on-one time between spouses at dinner and fun that helps provide the space and time to build the intimacy we're all looking for in our marriages. Child-care is free. For more information please contact Ingrid Pera at Ingrid@barts.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **Nov. 10-12th, 2017** in San Jose. For more information visit our website at sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at **408-782-1413**.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is one of the approved marriage preparation programs available to couples being married in the Catholic Church. Engaged Encounter is an investment in the future--a weekend experience in which an atmosphere is created that enables each couple to concentrate exclusively on one another while free of the pressures and interruptions of daily life. The weekend utilizes a dynamic process based on listening, writing and dialogue. It gives couples making a commitment to Christian covenant marriage the opportunity for honest intensive communication about their future lives together. Our next weekends will be on **September 30th - 1st** and then in **January 2018**. For more information please email Catholicfees@gmail.com or call **650-619-0689**.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20TH

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Carol Fitzgerald
	9:30 a.m.	Anges Frances Foerster
	11:15 a.m.	Dorothy&Bert Wharton
	5:30 p.m.	Cristina Caro Ozamiz
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Bill Shaughnesy
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Francoise Linskey
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Judy York
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Brian Finerty
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Catherine Ann Shannon
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Pasquale Cavallaro

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ST PATRICKS SEMINARY GALA DINNER AND RAFFLE

On **Saturday, Sept 9th, 2017 at 5:00 PM** St. Patrick's Seminary and University will hold its annual fundraiser. This gala evening at St. Patricks includes reception, dinner, raffle and honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: Dolores Meehan and Eva Muntean are co-chairs of the Walk for Life West Coast. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new Lexus IS 200T (or \$25,000). A limited number of raffle tickets are available at \$50 each (you need to be present to win) To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or email the Advancement office, **650.289-3320** or **advancement@stpsu.edu**. To register please go to www.stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala.

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER - EL RETIRO

For over 90 years, The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos has offered the opportunity for people to experience the quiet, a time of prayer & the wisdom and counsel of talented retreat directors. The history of our faith is filled with examples of those who retreated in order to hear more clearly the call of God — Moses, Jesus, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius, Dorothy Day, to name but a few. ***El Retiro San Inigo*** offers a variety of retreats — silent and not, for men or women or both, retreats with themes of forgiveness, ways to pray & Ignatian spirituality. To learn more, please visit www.jrclosaltos.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family classes are offered by Finola Glassmoyer, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class are held in the Menlo Park. For more information contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or **love2pray@gmail.com**.

DAUGHTERS OF CARMEL: COME AND SEE

Are you looking for an open contemplative way of life? Come and see. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to come and see the life of the nuns of the Daughters of Carmel on **Friday, Sept. 8th 2017** from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM at St. Patrick's Seminary. Their way of life is rooted in Carmelite spirituality. The event is free, but space is limited. To register for the event call **650/329-8518** or email daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The *Opus Dei Women's Group* has a monthly morning of recollection at **Nativity Church in Menlo Park**, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 09:30 AM. For more information please contact: Carrie at 408/674-2861 or Bridget at 650/224-8025. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

SEPERATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS GROUP: ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please join them to share comfort, lessons, wisdom and strength with others in our St. Dominic's Community. For more information or questions, contact Diana Wild by calling at (415) 929-0999 or via email: dianamwild@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico **09-14 DEC 2017 to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on 12 DEC 2017**. \$2049.00 per person including airfare from San Francisco. Breakfast, lunch and dinner detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 800/773-2660.

YOUNG ADULT - HOLY HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on Tuesdays from 8:00-9:00 PM, followed by drinks at 09:00 PM at a nearby pub or café. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS (STANFORD)

Stanford Medical Center/Stanford Health Care is looking for volunteers to assist in their Catholic Eucharistic Ministry in the Spiritual Care Department. Volunteer Training will be held on **Mondays, 11, 18, 25 Sept. 2017, 06:30-09:00 PM** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3233 Cowper Avenue, Palo Alto. All three classes are mandatory. Please consider being a volunteer to serve the hospital bound who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested please call Raksha Patel 650/723-5101 or email spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org

Faith Formation Classes & Sacramental Preparation

By providing a welcoming climate and an array of activities, **St. Bartholomew Faith Formation** invites and empowers people of all ages to more fully understand and live Catholic values and faith. Through ongoing development, parishioners strengthen their personal relationship with Christ, become active members of the community, and share in Christ's mission to be light to the world.

The National Directory for Catechesis emphasizes the importance of: **Knowledge of the Faith, Community, Liturgy, Mission, Morality, and Prayer.** These six dimensions are integrated into our Faith Formation programs. We use a spiral curriculum (learning the same material at deeper levels as children get older) incorporating a multiple intelligences approach and multimedia to equip our students to better understand and live their Catholic faith. Given a stronger relationship with Christ and an increasing knowledge of church teachings, they will develop a more active prayer life, participate in the community and apply Gospel values to love and serve others.

Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

For children in 1st through 5th grade, faith formation classes are offered Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:15 p.m. Our program runs from the end of September through mid-May, with holiday breaks that coincide with local school schedules.



Children gather with the Catechetical Leaders to discuss the weekly Gospel story before breaking into smaller, grade-level classes to discuss the day's topic (The Lord's Prayer, Advent, Eucharist, etc.) at their own age-level. Class time may include prayer, arts and crafts, skits, books and video, and visits to the church.

Middle School Faith Formation (MFF)

For our 6th and 7th grade students, classes are offered on Tuesday afternoon from 4-5:15 p.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. Again, the program runs from the end of September to mid-May, coinciding with local school breaks.



Kids this age are beginning to make complex choices on their own for the first time. We help students to recognize their unique gifts and talents, while

emphasizing each individual's importance to God and God's love for them.

While continuing to learn about their faith, these children also have the opportunity to participate in service projects benefiting the parish and greater community while developing strong social connections with their peers in their mixed-grade level classes.

Sacramental Preparation

First Communion and Reconciliation typically happen in the 2nd grade, however any baptized child over the age of seven is eligible. Participation and preparation in faith formation classes for two years is required before receiving the Sacraments. During the second year of classes, there are additional family activities that help the whole family prepare for and



understand these Sacraments.

Confirmation I is available to any student 8th grade and older who is ready to explore preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is focused on growing the student's knowledge of the faith, and will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. from the end of September to mid-May, coinciding with local school breaks.

9th grade and older students who have completed Confirmation I (or otherwise demonstrated knowledge of the faith, i.e. attended Catholic School) may enroll in **Confirmation II**. Over the course of one year, students attend seven two-hour classes, two half-day retreats and an off-site retreat (typically scheduled on Sundays) prior to the Rite of Confirmation.

For older children (ages 7-14) who need preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and/or Eucharist and Reconciliation, we offer special **RCIA Adapted for Children** classes as part of our faith formation program.

Fall Registration

Now is the time to let us know about your incoming 1st Graders! Please note, there is a two year preparation requirement for First Eucharist, regardless of age.

If you would like to register a new or returning student at any grade level or for the Confirmation program, or if you would like to change your currently assigned day, please contact the Faith Formation office at **347-0701, ext. 214 or**