

*Joyful Sunday*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*Rejoice in the Lord always.*

*I will say it again: Rejoice! Philipians 4:4*

O Jesus, help us to be glad with the joy that you give us when we allow you to enter our life. Enter our lives anew and invite us to go out to the margins of life and proclaim the gospel with joy and courage! Help us discover true joy – the joy of making our self a gift, of reciprocating the great gift that we have first received, without merit of our own. Amen.

-Pope Francis

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT** - Christmas giving is not only a tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the ultimate gift – God’s gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ. The tradition holds that the Three Kings followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn King, beginning a tradition of gift-giving to the Christmas Season we enjoy every year. But what about the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. This Christmas Season is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings. A heartfelt thank you to all who faithfully and generously continue to support our parish throughout the year.

**Grateful for God’s Providence Capital Campaign**

*How will your gift help St. Bartholomew Church?* 40% of all funds raised up to our parish goal will be returned to St. Bartholomew to address the following projects: *Install new lights inside the Church and parking lots, replace the Church carpet, and resurface the parking lot.*

Please join your parish community by filling out and returning your pledge card today! For more information about the campaign visit: [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org).

**+ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE +**

A warm welcome is extended to our parishioners and friends of the parish. Join us for our Christmas Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**(Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>)**  
5:00 pm – Mass in English  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish  
Midnight – Mass in English

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**(Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)**  
8:00 am – Mass in English  
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish  
11:30 am – Mass in English

**NEW YEAR’S EVE**  
**(Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>)**  
5:00 pm – Mass in English  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**NEW YEAR’S DAY**  
**(Wednesday, January 1, 2020)**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
8:00 am – Mass in English  
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish  
11:30 am – Mass in English  
*(Holyday of Obligation)*

**2020 Mass Intentions:** The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year are now being accepted. **Every Mass will be a Community Mass, offered for every intention requested; in this way every family will be considered.** An offering should be given at the time of scheduling. Thank you for your cooperation.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- ◆ December 14 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ◆ December 24 – Christmas Eve
- ◆ December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
- ◆ December 30 – The Nativity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
- ◆ January 1, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- ◆ March 7, 2020 - Annual Parish Dinner Dance

**MASSES FOR DECEMBER 16 - 22, 2019**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.  
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

**Monday, December 16 - Advent**

7:30 am - Umberto Alfieri by Sr. Rose  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, December 17 - Advent**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners  
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Wednesday, December 18 - Advent**

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant  
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, December 19 - Advent**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, December 20 - Advent**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Saturday, December 21 - Advent**

8:00 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, December 21**

**5:00 pm**

Deceased of Mancini & Della Sala Families by Maria  
Anna Nunes by family  
Michael Quinn by family

**6:30 pm** - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, December 22**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 am**

St. Bartholomew Church Memorial Fund Enrollments  
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

**9:30 am** - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Fr. Mario Bordignon, C.S. - 27 year Remembrance  
Harold Chartier, III by family  
Philomena Ciccone

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, December 17**

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Wednesday, December 18**

No Older First Communion Class - SD Center  
No RCIA Class - SD Center

**Thursday, December 19**

No Confirmation Class - Rectory

**Friday, December 20**

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

**Saturday, December 21**

10:00 am - CCD Classes - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Years - Rectory  
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confessions - Church

**Sunday, December 22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Special Year End Collection

**+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +**

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.  
(Increased Giving Campaign)

**Weekend of December 7 & 8, 2019**

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,462.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$1,776.00  
Immaculate Conception

**Sanctuary Candle:**

Anna Nunes & Michael Quinn by Family

**Altar Bread & Wine:**

Anna Nunes & Michael Quinn by Family

**+ Died in Christ +**

Pasquale Vescera

**Baptized in Christ**

Benjamin James Cullen

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