

## Parish Information

### Youth Ministry News Youth RCIA

No class today. For students 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade needing to be Baptized, make a Profession of Faith or make their First Eucharist. **Class resumes January 21<sup>st</sup>** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the youth room. A parent will need to be present with the youth for this class.

### Confirmation Class

No class today, **class resumes January 7<sup>th</sup>** 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the youth room. **Reminder**, Parents of the confirmation candidates are asked to come to this important informational confirmation class on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
Confirmation Retreat is Jan. 12-13.

**Reminder** - we are Confirming students in their 10th grade (Sophomore) year of High School. All students must be involved in an ongoing Catholic religious education program for at least one year prior to entering into the Confirmation program to prepare to receive the Sacrament. Example: Student is in 9th grade - regularly attends YSN (St. Bart's High School Religious Ed. Class). The following year in 10th grade - the student will enter into the Confirmation program.

### YSN

Religious Education/Youth Ministry for High School Students no class today, **class resumes January 7<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm, This will also be our Epiphany of the Lord White Elephant gift exchange party. Reminder to bring a wrapped item from your home that you no longer need/want or you may purchase an item costing no more than \$5-\$10. Also please bring a snack to share for the party.

### Discovery

Religious Education/ Youth Ministry for Junior high students classes resume **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm in the youth room.

### Help Wanted

Youth Ministry is in GREAT need of adult volunteers to help in our Junior High Religious Education program, Discovery. For more information please contact Eric Hernandez by email [eric@stbartsfw.org](mailto:eric@stbartsfw.org) or phone 817-480-5471.

**Help us start the new year with love and support for our youth.**

*Have you moved? Have you **changed your phone number**? If so call, email or come by the parish office to give us your updated information. [stbarts@stbartsfw.org](mailto:stbarts@stbartsfw.org) 817-292-7703*

*¿Ha cambiado su domicilio? O ¿ha cambiado su número de teléfono? Si la respuesta es SI, llame, envíe un correo electrónico, o pase a la oficina para actualizar sus datos. [stbarts@stbartsfw.org](mailto:stbarts@stbartsfw.org) 817-292-7703*

**Bulletin deadline:** Friday a week before Sunday  
**Por favor** envíenos sus anuncios para el boletín el por lo menos dos semanas antes de la fecha del boletín en que deba anunciarse.

**Monday, January 1st Mary Mother of God**  
**10:00 am Mass bilingual**

**Lunes, 1º de enero, María Madre de Dios**  
**10:00 am Misa bilingüe**

### **St. Bartholomew Women's Retreat at Montserrat**

February 15 -18, Come away for a weekend of rest and renewal with the Lord. Plan to make a silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Prayer talks, sacraments, and opportunity for individual spiritual direction. call Donna Heim 817-944-4361 or visit [Montserratretreat.org](http://Montserratretreat.org) to register or for more information.

### **Communion for the Homebound**

We are in great need of volunteers for Ministry to the Sick. This ministry is in charge of taking Communion to the homebound and those in healthcare facilities. We are looking for current Eucharistic Ministers or those willing to be trained. Commitment is only 1 Sunday a month, or if you have more time available you can commit to one person to visit every Sunday. Please contact Julissa at the parish office to volunteer [Julissa@stbartsfw.org](mailto:Julissa@stbartsfw.org).

### **Eucaristía para los Enfermos**

Tenemos una gran necesidad de voluntarios para el Ministerio a los Enfermos. Este ministerio está a cargo de llevar la Sagrada Eucaristía a los enfermos que no pueden salir de casa y a los que están en las casas de convalecencia. El compromiso es de un domingo al mes, o si tiene más tiempo disponible, puede comprometerse a visitar a una persona todos los domingos. Si usted es Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía, o si quiere prepararse y servir en este ministerio, por favor, póngase en contacto con Julissa o llame a la oficina parroquial.

### **Fill the Crib for Gabriel Project**

Help Moms in Crisis Pregnancies prepare for their babies. Please place checks or monetary donations in an envelope labeled "Gabriel Project." If donating by check, make out to St. Bartholomew, with Gabriel Project in the memo line.

### **Llenemos la cuna para Gabriel Project**

Ayudemos a madres embarazadas, que viven una situación difícil, a prepararse para recibir a sus bebés. Ponga su donación monetaria en un sobre designado a "Gabriel Project". Si usa un cheque, hágalo a nombre de St. Bartholomew y escriba "Gabriel Project" en el memorándum.

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

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Parish office is located in the building on the east side of the church.  
Office hours: Mon & Tues 9 am to 5 pm, Wed & Thurs 9 am to 6 pm, Fri 9 am to 3 pm, Sun 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday, December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm English  
Sunday 7:30 am Spanish  
9:15 am & 11 am English  
1 pm Spanish

Monday 10:00 am Bilingual  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Jueves 7:00 pm en español  
Friday 8:30 am

Reconciliation Saturday/ Confesiones los Sábados  
3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los enfermos  
Call the parish office. If there is an after-hours medical emergency call the office and follow the prompts.

Llame a la oficina parroquial. Si hay una emergencia médica fuera del horario de oficina, llame a la oficina y siga las instrucciones.

Ministry to the Sick  
Call the parish office for hospital or home visits.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Food Pantry  
817-361-8420  
M, W, F 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Thurs 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm,  
Sat 9:00 am to 11:00 am

### **Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017**

**Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;  
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

**Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday**  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday**  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

**Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Sacrament Information

**Sacrament of Baptism (newborns - age 6):** Come by the Formation office to sign up for the class and to obtain a list of requirements. The next class will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the church Four Evangelists Hall. All requirements must be met at least 30 days prior to date of baptism. Once everything has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation from the office.

**Sacramento del Bautismo (Recién nacidos hasta 6 años):** Pase a la Oficina de Formación del para obtener la información y formas necesarias. La próxima clase de bautismo será en el salón Cuatro Evangelistas, el martes 16 de enero a las 7 p.m. Se debe cumplir con todos los requisitos y deben ser entregados a la oficina 30 días antes de apartar la fecha del bautismo.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** For students, contact Eric Hernandez for more information. For adults, contact the Formation office for more information.

**Sacramento de la Confirmación:** Para los estudiantes comuníquese con Eric Hernández. Para adultos, comuníquese la Oficina de Formación para más información.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please call Julissa Chubbs at the office, 817-292-7703 at least 12 months before you wish to marry. Email [Julissa@stbartsfw.org](mailto:Julissa@stbartsfw.org)

**Sacramento de Matrimonio:** Favor de comunicarse con Julissa Chubbs en la oficina al 817-292-7703 12 meses antes de la fecha que desea casarse. O por correo electrónico [Julissa@stbartsfw.org](mailto:Julissa@stbartsfw.org). (Matrimonio en México son 15 meses de anticipo)

## Weekly Calendar/ Calendario Semanal

### Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Mass scheduled as every weekend
- La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José a las 7:30 am y 1 pm en español
- Office closed no other events scheduled

### Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

- 10:00 am Mass bilingual
- 10:00 am Misa bilingüe
- Office closed no other events scheduled

### Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **Ensayo del coro de español** 7:00 pm en el templo salón 19

### Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **Men's Morning Prayer** 6:00 am chapel, doors open at 5:30 am
- **Women's Bible Study** 9:30 am church Four Evangelists Hall
- **Choir Rehearsal** 7:15 pm church room 19

### Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>

- **Ensayo del coro de español** 7:00 pm en el templo salón 19

### Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm**
- **Grupo de Oración** 7:00 pm templo salón Cuatro Evangelistas

### Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>

- **Baptism** 10:00 am English
- **Bautizos** 11:00 am español

*Fr. Karl, Deacon Reyes, Sister Edid, and the Parish Staff wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year*

#### Weekly Mass Intentions

##### Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Missa Pro Populo

##### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

7:30 am

9:15 am

11:00 am

1:00 pm +William Rodriguez

##### Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am

##### Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 pm

##### Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

##### Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am

#### Staff

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## Fr. Karl Reflection

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God. (Gal. 4: 4-7)

On Monday, January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This celebration powerfully reminds us that Jesus was born of a woman—exactly like us. Jesus, the Son of God, became flesh; this is the Incarnation. The Incarnation is the central mystery of our faith—we are reminded that our lives and our relationship with God have been fully transformed. We no longer need to fear God—we can call out to God with confidence. We are no longer slaves but the sons and daughters of God by adoption.

Mary is an example for all Christians to follow—she is totally open to the will of God. From the moment of Christ's conception until the end of her life she responded "Yes" without hesitation. Mary was the first missionary—she carried the unborn Christ to her kinswoman Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist leapt for joy in her womb. Mary watched with patience and love as Christ died on the Cross; accepting without hesitation the will of the Father. Let us pray for the grace to follow her example.

### Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María, la Madre de Dios

Hermanos y hermanas: Cuando la plenitud del tiempo había llegado, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de una mujer, nacido bajo la ley, para rescatar a los que estábamos bajo la ley, a fin de hacernos hijos suyos. Puesto que ya son ustedes hijos, Dios envió a sus corazones, el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama: "¡Abba, Padre!". Así que ya no eres ciervo, sino hijo, y siendo hijo, eres también heredero, por voluntad de Dios. (Gálatas 4: 4-7)

El lunes celebramos la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios. Esta celebración nos recuerda poderosamente que Jesús nació de una mujer, exactamente como nosotros. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, se hizo carne; Esta es la Encarnación. La Encarnación es el misterio central de nuestra fe; se nos recuerda que nuestra vida y nuestra relación con Dios han sido totalmente transformadas. Ya no necesitamos temer a Dios, podemos clamar a Dios con confianza. Ya no somos esclavos sino hijos e hijas de Dios por adopción.

María es un ejemplo a seguir por todos los cristianos: está totalmente abierta a la voluntad de Dios. Desde el momento de la concepción de Cristo hasta el final de su vida ella respondió "sí" sin vacilación. María fue la primera misionera, llevó al Cristo no nacido a su pariente Isabel y San Juan Bautista saltó de alegría en su vientre. María observó con paciencia y amor como Cristo murió en la Cruz; Aceptando sin dudar la voluntad del Padre. Oremos por la gracia de seguir su ejemplo.