

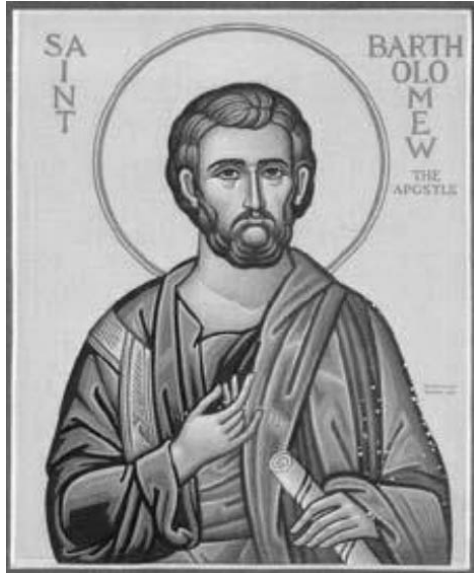
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OFFICE HOURS:

Closed on Mondays
Tuesday – Friday 9am-5pm
Office closed for lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm
Weekends: Saturday: 4:30pm-6:30pm,
Sunday: 10:15am-2:30pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, 11:15am, 1:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:30am
Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday 4pm-4:45pm or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK/SHUT-IN

Call parish office for appointment

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bartholomew 416-393-5334
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PARISH REGISTRATION

If you attend the Mass here, register at the church office and use the Sunday envelopes. Registration forms are available in the parish office and website. Please let the office know if you are moving out of the parish.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish priest one year in advance. Please do not book the time and place of the wedding and reception before your appointment with the priest.

BAPTISM

(Last Sunday of the month @2:30pm)

Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments. The information package is available at the parish office.

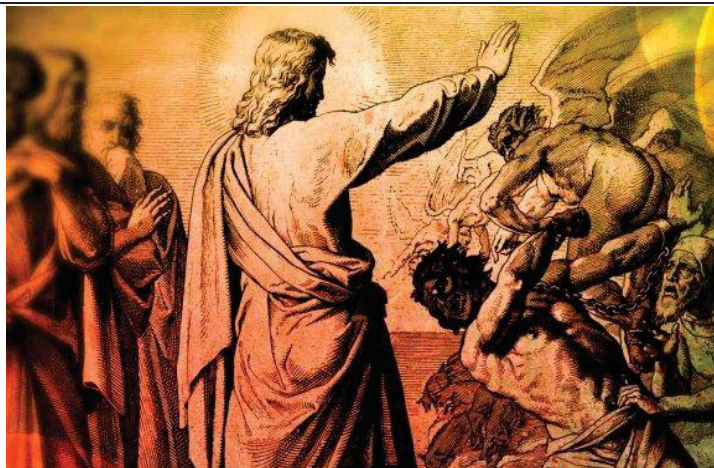
PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Society:	Theresa Greasley
Catholic Women's League:	Anne Wylie ext 508
Children's Liturgy 11:15am	Carol Whittaker
Children's Liturgy 5:00pm	Margaret Thomas
Saturday Choir 5:00pm	Amy Vaz
Sunday Choir 9:30am	William Lynch
Sunday Choir 11:15am	Michael Cole/Sheilah D'Souza
Sunday Choir 1:00pm	Ashley Suva
Eucharistic Ministers Coordinator	Desiree Vical
Hospitality Coordinator	Linda Sazon
Knights of Columbus	Dennis Marcelino ext 509
Legion of Mary	Melanie Sotelo
Maturing Adult Group	Carol Whittaker
Prayer Group	Bernadette So ext 510
RCIA Coordinators	Sonia Da Costa-Spence/John Leitmann ext 511
Sacramental Preparation	Carol Whittaker ext 206
Shut-In Coordinator	Desiree Vical ext 512
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Toronto Central 416-364-5577

Other Telephone Extension Numbers

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501	Regular Mass Schedule
502	Special messages
503	Church Hours, address and email address



First Reading: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel: MARK 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and His fame spreads throughout Galilee.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow Him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of Him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than His disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man.

Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of His power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but He heals with unique authority and connects His healing activities with the words of His preaching.

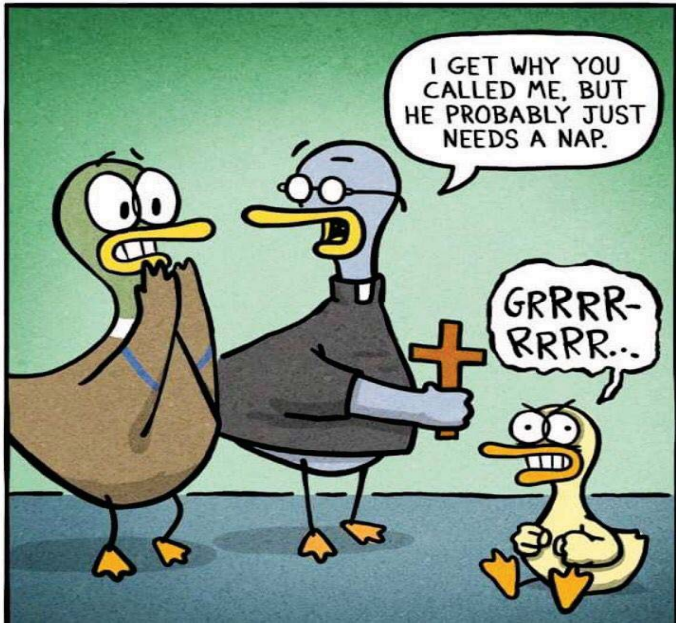
We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of His authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to His teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through His words, which are manifested with power in His deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which He healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Universal Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on Thursday, February 11. While this year's celebration will be more limited, we still encourage you to use this as an opportunity to recognize the sick and those who care for them (in healthcare institutions, in families and in parish communities) via livestream and online bulletins. We especially remember and pray for all those who have suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament for the Sick (anointing & prayer) please contact our parish through email on or before February 7, 2021

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.



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- 2021 Donation envelope.
- 2020 Tax Receipt starting 1ST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2021.

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Saturday **JANUARY 30, 2021**
 9:00 am FRANKLIN SERRANO (†)
 5:00 pm NEIL BRILLANTES (†)
Sunday **JANUARY 31, 2021**
 9:30 am FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST.
 BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY
 11:15 am MARGARET WALTER (†)
Monday **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**
 WHOLE DAY PASTOR'S REST DAY
Thursday **FEBRUARY 4, 2021**
 8:30 am DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF
 RIMBAO & FERMIN FAMILY (†)
Friday **FEBRUARY 5, 2021**
 8:30 am LORETA D'SOUZA (†)
 10:00 am LETICIA DE VILLON (†)

BURNING THIS WEEK:

SANCTUARY LAMPS:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF JENNY UY

TABERNACLE CANDLES:

- VRETCH ANDREW CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Fr. Serrano celebrates the Holy Mass daily in private. If you wish to offer a Mass Intention just email us. Donation will be appreciated.

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More and more of our people are giving online these days. For many, this has been a helpful way to schedule automatic giving and be more consistent. I encourage you to set up regular online scheduled giving through the office. Forms are also available in the website (stbartholomewssc.archtoronto.org)

If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. -FZS

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knowing someone is there to catch your fall. It's knowing someone will be there when you need a shoulder to cry on. It's knowing a promise made is a promise kept. Trust is something we earn everyday.



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