

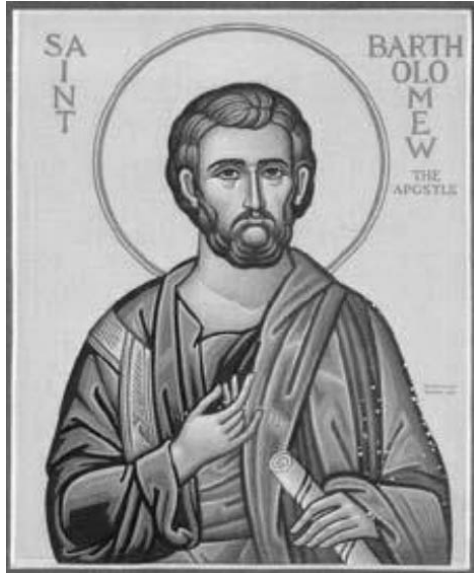
# Saint Bartholomew Parish

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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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St. Elizabeth Seton 416-393-5386

## 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

The following are ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY voicemail boxes and will only provide you with information and will not accept messages.

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

**First Reading: LEVITICUS 13:1-2,44-46**

The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

**Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31–11:1**

Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as He imitates Christ.

**Gospel: MARK 1:40-45**

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports His cure to everyone.

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:**

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is

evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend Himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, He did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made Himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by His popularity. Despite His instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought Him out in search of His healing.



**Finally! The statue of the Holy Family arrived at our parish. I am looking forward to the coming of spring so that our parish can put it outside on top of the old altar stone near the entrance of our parish.**

**I will let you know in the coming days about this project as our parish of St. Bartholomew is preparing for the 50 years of its foundation.**

Ash  
Wednesday 

Imposition of Ashes will be on Feb. 17, 18 & 19, 2021 from 9am till 6pm at the South Lobby (Narthex). Registration required. Go to Eventbrite. Please come 10 mins before the time. Deadline for booking is on Feb 16, 2021 @ 3:30pm.

**LENTEN NOTES:**

In accordance with the prescriptions of c. 1253, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops hereby decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day

Reminds all Catholics of their obligation to do penance; this obligation comes from the divine law itself. However, to be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence from meat.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN CANADA.**

Fridays are penitential days. **HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF OBSERVING THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT ON FRIDAYS, CATHOLICS MAY SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL ACTS OF CHARITY OR PIETY ON THIS DAY.** The decree of the Episcopal Conference does not specify which particular acts of piety or charity are to be performed on Fridays; this is left to each Catholic to determine.



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](http://stbartholomewssc.archtoronto.org))

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**Sunday**                    **FEBRUARY 14, 2021**  
9:30 am                    **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF BERNARD LYNCH**  
11:15 am                    **MARGARET WALTER (†)**  
1:00 pm                    **FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH COMMUNITY**

**BURNING THIS WEEK:**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:**

**GOOD HEALTH & SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF VINCENT CHEN**

**TABERNACLE CANDLES:**

- CARLOS ALABASTRO VENERACION (†)
- LYDIA SALCEDA (†)
- SUCCESSFUL PROCEDURE OF CESAR FERNANDEZ
- FOR THE PATIENTS & DECEASED PATIENTS FROM COVID.

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



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

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