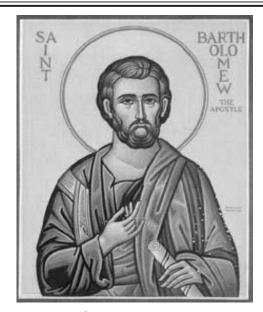
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 Viceral
Hospitality Coordinator Linda Sazon

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Maturing Adult Group Carol Whittaker
Prayer Group Bernadette So ext 510

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Sacramental Preparation Carol Whittaker ext 206 Shut-In Coordinator Desiree Viceral ext 512

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Other Telephone Extension Numbers

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501	Regular Mass Schedule
502	Special messages

503 Church Hours, address and email address



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

In our Baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows His Baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after His Baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in

Galilee begins after His temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in His saving death on the cross.

ONLINE GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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)

FLIP GIVE

Remember our Team: <u>ST. BARTS CHURCH</u> when you shop online. Invite code: **GVCRDX**

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls [Matthew 11:28-29] ... "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" [Mark 6:31]

As the Lenten Season begins I would like to invite you and your family to pray either in the church or the parish grounds. We can accommodate 10 people for private prayer in the church. Observe physical distancing and mask is mandatory.

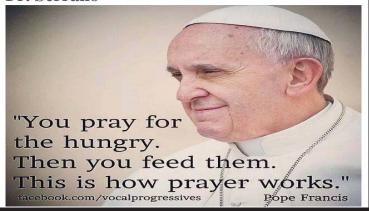
We also have installed the "Stations of the Cross" along the fence on the parking lot where you can pray, meditate and reflect on the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to the members of Knights of Columbus for their gift of the icons of the Stations of the Cross to our parish community.

out of the cold

I would like to thank those who answered our call for help to support the less fortunate. We have collected \$1310.00.

Fr. Serrano



+ Mass INTENTIONS

 Saturday
 FEBRUARY 20, 2021

 9:00 am
 VICTORIA LIZARDO (†)

 5:00 pm
 MARIA MENEZES (†)

 Sunday
 FEBRUARY 21, 2021

 9:30 am
 STANLEY NUNES (†)

11:15 am & 1:00 pm

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW
PARISH COMMUNITY

Monday FEBRUARY 22, 2021
WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY
Wednesday FEBRUARY 24, 2021
8:30 am MARIA MIZZI (†)
Thursday FEBRUARY 25, 2021

BURNING THIS WEEK:

8:30 am

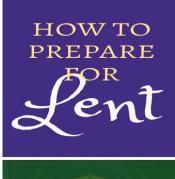
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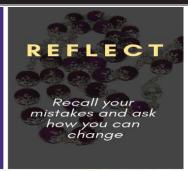
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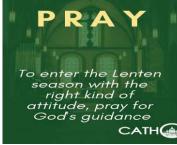
GEOFFREY PRABHU (†)

- SPEEDY RECOVERY OF ROWENA MAYOR
- RODRIGO FALCON (†)
- RECOVERY OF CESAR FERNANDEZ
- RECOVERY OF EMERITA LA CHICA

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

rust is...

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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