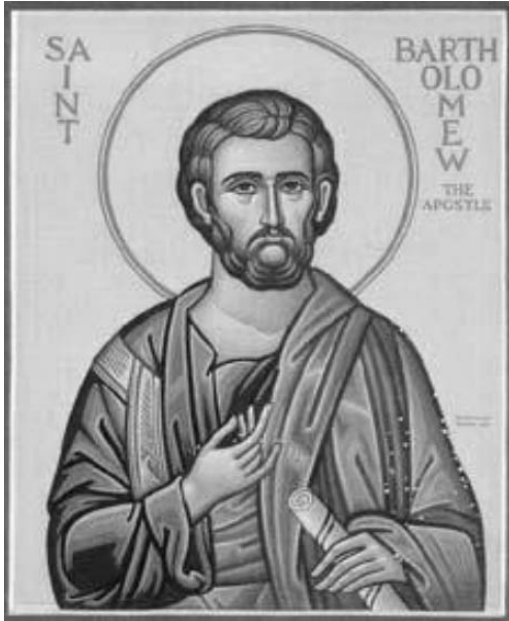


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Parish Secretary: Marichu Alo ext 201
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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am-12:30pm &
1:30pm - 4:00pm
Closed for: Lunch (12:30pm-1:30pm)
Weekends & Mondays
Last appointment 3:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSION

15 minutes before and after each Mass or
by appointment on weekdays.

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

Call or email parish office for appointment.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bartholomew 416-393-5334
St. Ignatius of Loyola 416-393-5365
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

Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

These programs normally run from September-May. Information Session takes place a week after the school opens in September (schedules are subject to changes). We only give one information session in a year. Dates are provided to the parish schools in the newsletter and also posted on our website, bulletin, bulletin boards and pastor's announcements as early as June. **PARENTS must be REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and actively attend the Sacraments.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Society	Rebecca Cadawas
Catholic Women's League	Sheilah D'Souza ext508
Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Silverio
Choir	Amy Vaz
	William Lynch
	Michael Cole/Sheilah D'Souza
Eucharistic Minister	Desiree Viceral
Hospitality Ministers	Cecille Santiago
	Tessie Malonzo
	Janrol Vinci Fajardo
Knights of Columbus	Derek McDonald ext 509
Lectors	Flora Vaz
	Louisa Uduehi
	Shiranka Warnakulasuriya
Finance Council	Dennis Marcelino
Parish Charity Work	Daphne Smith
Parish Food Bank	Michael Gomez
RCIA Coordinator	Sonia Da Costa-Spence
Shut-in Coordinator	Desiree Viceral ext512
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	c/o Prince of Peace Parish
	call 647-234-0265
Volunteer Screening Committee	Cecille Santiago ext206



FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6,8-11

Paul prays for the Philippians.

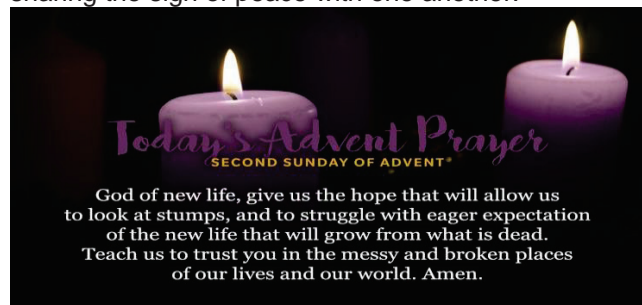
GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and Baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

FAMILY CONNECTION

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.



- Saturday DECEMBER 7, 2024**
 9:00 AM - SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE TORONTO FIRE FIGHTERS TOY DRIVE
 - GEORGE WAN (†)
 - EDILBERTO VITASA (†)
 - ANTHONY D'SOUZA (†)
 - ALOY & ANNE CANAGASURIAM (†)
 5:00PM - HARRY D'SOUZA (†)
- Sunday DECEMBER 8, 2024**
 9:30 AM ISABEL JHOCSON (†)
 11:15AM - FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- Monday DECEMBER 9, 2024**
 8:30AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH STAFFS
- Tuesday DECEMBER 10, 2024**
 8:30 AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF ALBERT ALO
- Wednesday DECEMBER 11, 2024**
 8:30 AM ANGEL SEVILLA (†)
- Thursday DECEMBER 12, 2024**
 8:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF SOUZA FAMILY (†)
- Friday DECEMBER 13, 2024**
 8:30 AM RECOVERY OF TSANG HOWARD
- BURNING THIS WEEK (SANCTUARY LAMP):**
 THANKSGIVING OF ANGELA SEEDANEE



Our parish would like to thank the "OGDEN Funeral Home" for sponsoring the 2025 Calendars.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FRANK CARDINAL LEO



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 13, 2024 (FRIDAY) @ 6:00PM

Join us for an evening of prayers, music & verse to celebrate the season. Led by the Confirmands, 11:30am Choir/Sheilah D'Souza & Andrew Kwan. Light refreshments will be served after the celebration. Sponsored by the Confirmands' parents. All are welcome.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

December 17-21, 2024 (Tuesday until Saturday) (Tuesday- Friday 9am-11:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm Saturday 3pm-4:30pm)

(At times the pastor would have to anoint and have funerals hence it is advisable to call the office to make sure that the pastor is around to hear your Confession)

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2025

DECEMBER 23, 2024 (MONDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 24, 2024 (TUESDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE

No Morning Mass
5:00pm (CHILDREN PAGEANT-CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS)
10pm EVENING MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2024 (WEDNESDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am & 11:15am - Mass

DECEMBER 26-27, 2024 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 28, 2024 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm - Mass

DECEMBER 29, 2024 (SUNDAY)

9:30AM & 11:15AM - Mass

DECEMBER 30, 2024 (MONDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 31, 2024 (TUESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE

No Morning Mass
5pm - Mass

JANUARY 1, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 & 11:15am - Mass

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 23, 2024 to January 1, 2025.



If you want your donation to be in the 2024 tax receipt, the donation or cheques must be in by **December 29, 2024**. Cheques that were issued and received after the said date will be on the 2025 tax receipt. Tax receipts will be available 1st week of February 2024 in the lobby.

IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER.



FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISH HALL Pre-Christmas Party

December 14, 2024, 6pm till midnight

Enjoy a night of dancing, singing and fellowship and win surprise prizes.

VENUE: The Estate Banquet & Event Centre
430 Nugget Ave., Toronto, ON M1S 4A4

TICKETS: \$80/head for adults and kids
2 years old and below free

Extra \$8/glass for wine or hard drinks
Tickets are now available through the office.



Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank its members and the parishioners for their continued support. The Raffle and Bake Sale was a success. Thank you we wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of people like you



PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son, we beseech you that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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