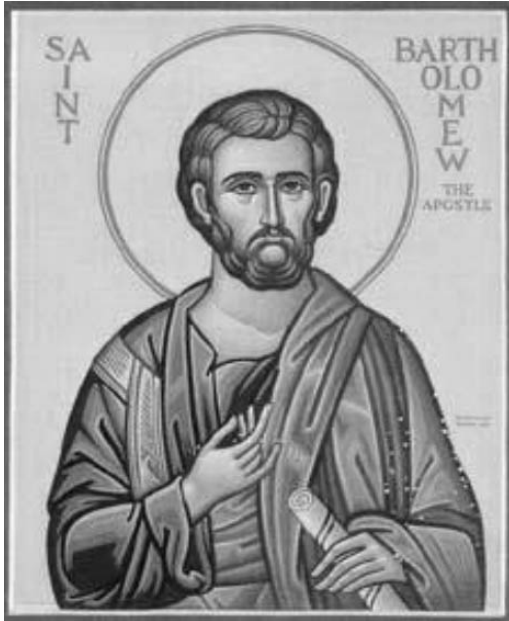


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OFFICE HOURS

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: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

A savior is promised to Israel.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

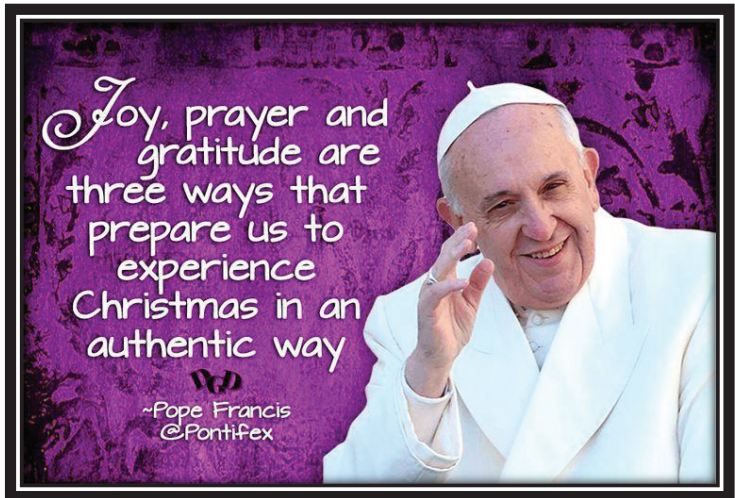
**A PRAYER FOR THE
Third Sunday of Advent**

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	DECEMBER 14, 2024
9:00 AM	JOSEFINA TAN (†)
5:00PM	GREG BELTIJAR (†)
Sunday	DECEMBER 15, 2024
9:30 AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
11:15AM	THANKSGIVING OF MARISSA TAN
Monday	DECEMBER 16, 2024
WHOLE DAY –	PASTOR'S REST DAY
Tuesday	DECEMBER 17, 2024
8:30 AM	ANGELITO OCAMPO (†)
Wednesday	DECEMBER 18, 2024
8:30 AM	BERNARDO & TEODORA FERNANDEZ (†)
Thursday	DECEMBER 19, 2024
8:30 AM	MEDEL RAMONES (†)
Friday	DECEMBER 20, 2024
8:30 AM	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR FRANCESCA NERY



**FOOD
BANK**

Please remember our needy brothers and sisters especially at this time of the year. Bring non-perishable food items for the Foodbank. Please check expiration date.



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.



2025 Offertory Envelopes

Reminders:

1. Do not use your envelopes from previous years, please destroy them.
2. **Fill in your name and address on each envelope for the first month when you start using your 2025 box of envelopes.**
3. The number on your box of envelopes is designated for your use only.
4. Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.
5. If you wish to have a 2025 donation box please fill out a registration form and drop by the office for your donation box.
6. If you prefer to donate monthly through PAG you can obtain the PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) form from the website or parish office.

PARISH CHARITY WORKS



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With your donation to our Parish Charity Works Program we were able to give \$500 to St. Francis Table & \$500 to Good Shepherd Ministries. Your kindness and generosity makes a difference in the lives of those in need especially this Christmas. God bless you and your family.

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



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