



# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

**Pastor:** Rev. Father Fernan Serrano    **Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Gerry Cruz  
**Parish Secretary:** Marichu Alo ext 201    **Parish Custodian:** Angelito Flauta

### 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 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.



**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6**

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A,5-6**

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

The Magi seek out Jesus and do Him homage.

**REFLECTIONS**

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

*Our Desire to see the Lord...*



**Saturday**                    **JANUARY 4, 2025**  
 9:00 AM                    - LETICIA MIRANDA SOTELO (†)  
                                   - SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF  
                                   CEDRIC ROSARIO & FAMILY  
                                   - SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF  
                                   TORONTO POLICE 43<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION  
                                   FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
 5:00PM                    ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Sunday**                    **JANUARY 5, 2025**  
 9:30 AM                    FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
                                   ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

11:15AM                    MARINA HO (†)

**Monday**                    **JANUARY 6, 2025**  
 WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

**Tuesday**                    **JANUARY 7, 2025**  
 8:30AM                    =AVAILABLE=

**Wednesday**              **JANUARY 8, 2025**  
 8:30AM                    THANKSGIVING MASS OF  
                                   DONNA ALMENDARES

**Thursday**                  **JANUARY 9, 2025**  
 8:30AM                    BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR  
                                   KRYSTLE RAMONES

**Friday**                    **JANUARY 10, 2025**  
 8:30 AM                    HENRY CUE (†)



**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.
5. Unclaimed 2025 donation envelopes by February will be reassigned.





**Online Giving**

Donation by **credit card** can be done in our **website**. Just click on **"donate now"** and follow the prompts.

You can also opt for **pre-authorized giving (PAG)**. Forms are available in the website and parish office.

WE'RE DOING MORE WITH YOUR SUPPORT  
*Thank you*  
 FOR YOUR DONATION

**Prayer for the EPIPHANY**

*God our Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our light. Help us to recognise the darkness that invades our lives and defeat it with the power of your light and hope.*

*May your light shine through us so that others may see and glorify you in us. In flame us with your unfading light. Help us always to shine as light wherever we are. May your light shine and overcome the darkness of our hearts.*

*We make our prayers through Christ our Lord,*  
**Amen**



Parish 2024 tax receipts for weekly donations, PAG, second collections and donations to ShareLife made through the parish will be issued 1st week of February 2025.

Receipts for Donate Now made through Credit card will be issued and mailed by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Thank you very much for your continued support.

**... IF THERE ARE POOR PEOPLE WHERE WE LIVE, WHO SEEK PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE, LET US DRAW CLOSE TO THEM: IT WILL BE A FAVOURABLE MOMENT TO ENCOUNTER THE GOD WE SEEK."**

*Pope Francis*

**From the Pastor's Desk**

*As we enter the Jubilee Year may the spirit and heart of Christ be upon us all as we continue in our pilgrim way. Let us keep in mind that if we want to run farther, let us run together. St. Paul reminds us that everyone who competes must train with strict discipline for perishable crown, our stewardship and discipleship we do a crown that is imperishable (1Cor.9:25). Let us then do our pilgrim way together with renewed faith, hope and love.*

*Fr. Serrano*

**THE 5 FINGER PRAYER**  
 BY POPE FRANCIS

- INDEX FINGER**  
**FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US**  
 For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.
- MIDDLE FINGER**  
**FOR OUR GOVERNORS**  
 As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.
- RING FINGER**  
**FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST**  
 It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick and those plagued by problems.
- THE THUMB**  
**FOR THE ONES WE LOVE**  
 Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.
- THE PINKY**  
**PRAY FOR YOURSELF**  
 The smallest finger-should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.

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



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