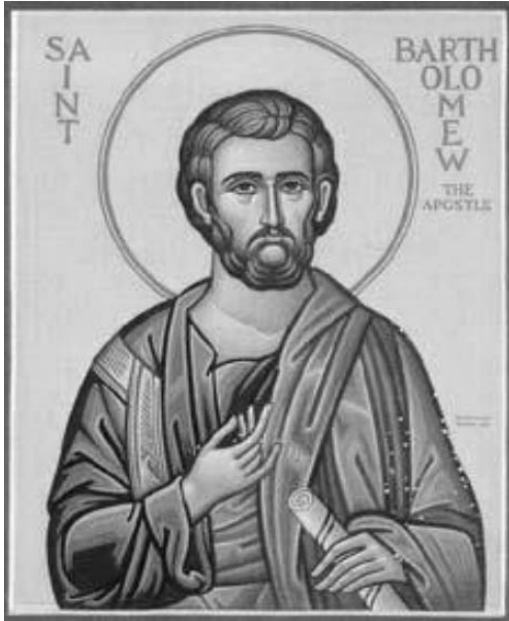


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OFFICE HOURS

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
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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

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 | Annette MacDonald 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 |



**GIVE AND GIFTS
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU**

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David does not kill Saul.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus teaches His disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase “go the extra mile” and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today’s Gospel: In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase “going the extra mile.” Read aloud today’s Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today’s Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God’s standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us.

During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the “extra mile” for the family. Conclude in prayer by praying together [St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity](#).

Mass INTENTIONS

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Saturday | FEBRUARY 22, 2025 |
| 9:00 AM | - RAFAEL MANIO (†) |
| | - DAVID LAWRENCE LUTER (†) |
| | - ALEX MASONGSONG (†) |
| 5:00PM | ESTHER LEUNG (†) |
| Sunday | FEBRUARY 23, 2025 |
| 9:30 AM | MANUEL & MATILDE TAN (†) |
| 11:15AM | FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS |
| Monday | FEBRUARY 24, 2025 |
| WHOLE DAY – PASTOR’S REST DAY | |
| Tuesday | FEBRUARY 25, 2025 |
| 8:30AM | HEALING FOR ELOISA CRUZ |
| Wednesday | FEBRUARY 26, 2025 |
| 8:30AM | STANLEY NUNES (†) |
| Thursday | FEBRUARY 27, 2025 |
| 8:30AM | HEALING FOR KATHLYN RAMONES |
| Friday | FEBRUARY 28, 2025 |
| 8:30 AM | LINDA NUNES (†) |
| | ROSALINA BENITEZ NARON (†) |

Second Collections

March 5 – Ash Wednesday
March 9 – Building Fund
March 30 – Easter Flowers

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HOLY WEEK



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday in Lent – March 7 (Adoration), 14, 21, 28, April 4 (Adoration) & 11, 2025

We begin with the Rosary/Adoration at 6:00pm



MARCH 5, 2025 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am, 9:40am (St. Bartholomew School Mass), 6pm (Prayer of the Rosary) & 7pm

APRIL 13, 2025 – PALM SUNDAY

REGULAR MASS TIMES

APRIL 15, 2025 – MASS OF CHRISM

NO MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH in lieu of this we will have the morning Mass on April 14th @ 8:30am.

APRIL 17, 2025 – HOLY THURSDAY NO 8:30am Mass

Mass is @ 7:00pm (The Lord's Supper)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

APRIL 18, 2025 – GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30am Mass

10:00am, 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

(Led by parish ministries & organizations)

1:00 pm Children's Passion Play

3:00pm-6pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Church is open for visitation from 7:00am until 6:00 pm for private prayers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 19, 2025 – EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY)

CHURCH CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY UNTIL 6pm.

NO 9:00AM & 5:00PM MASS

7:00pm (Beautiful candle light service)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 20, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Mass Schedule (Sunday: 9:30am & 11:15am)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED




Catholic Women's League

Congratulations!

The CWL is pleased to announce that Eliana Fernandes of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic School was the winner at the Mary Matthew's Public speaking Contest held on Feb. 18th. The runner-up was Elaiza Alonzo of St. Bartholomew Catholic School. Honorable mention went to Soleya Pagano of St. Bartholomew Catholic School.


Congratulations to all!

Eliana will be moving on to the Diocesan level on March 1st at St. Roch's church In Etobicoke at noon.



*I Long Not so Much
for the Gifts as for the Giver*
St Gregory of Narek (950-1003) – Doctor of the Church

I long not so much for the gifts
as for the Giver.
I yearn not so much for the glory
as the Glorified.
I burn not so much
with the desire for life
as in memory of the Giver of Life.
I sigh not so much
with the rapture of splendour
as with the heartfelt
fervour for its Maker.
I seek not so much for rest
as for the Face of our Comforter.
I pine not so much
as for the distress of the Groom,
through whose strength
I wait with certain
expectation believing
with unwavering hope
that in spite of the weight
of my transgressions
I shall be saved by
the Lord's mighty hand and
that I will not only
receive remission of sins
but that I will see the Lord Himself
in His mercy and compassion.



Prayer for Pope Francis

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the loving
service of Pope Francis and
the hope he has inspired in so
many in your great mercy.

Have mercy on him in his
illness now, we pray, and
guide the medical staff in his
care.

Grant him peace and healing.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

PROPER DISPOSAL OF OLD BLESSED PALMS

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

Burn or bury

Most sacramentals, like palm branches for example, can be burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way.

Please don't bring it to the church. We don't have a place to burn them. We already have enough ashes for everyone.

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



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