



**FIRST READING:**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 15:1-2,22-29  
 The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

**SECOND READING:**

REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23  
 The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

**GOSPEL:** JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus promises His disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares His disciples for His Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises His Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of His peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, vacations, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Then read aloud this Sunday's Gospel: John 14:23-29. Talk about how Jesus prepared His disciples for His Death and Resurrection and how He wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe.

Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

**Mass INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MAY 24, 2025</b>
9:00 AM	- FR. FRED FOLEY (†) -DERRICK D'SOUZA (†)
5:00 PM	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR MIEL ALO
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MAY 25, 2025</b>
9:30 AM	THANKSGIVING OF MILLICENT & KEVIN D'SOUZA
11:15 AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MAY 26, 2025</b>
<b>WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MAY 27, 2025</b>
8:30am	IRENEO NERY (†)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MAY 28, 2025</b>
8:30am	ROSALINA VILLANUEVA (†)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MAY 29, 2025</b>
8:30am	HEALING FOR ELOISA CRUZ
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MAY 30, 2025</b>
8:30am	ROSA ALMENDARES (†)



**June 8, 2025 – ShareLife**  
**June 15, 2025 – Building Fund**  
**June 22, 2025 – Mary Grove**

*We kindly ask that you ensure your donation reaches the parish within one month of the collection date. Your generosity is vital, as 100% of the special collection contributions will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto within that timeframe. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.*

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*  
**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!**

**SL ShareLife**

Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**First Communion**

**Celebration of the Sacrament** – May 31, 2025  
@5pm. Children gather @ 4:30pm. **Bring your banner.**



May 25, 2025 @ 1pm.

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| 1. ALONZO, ELAIZA        | 6. FERNANDO, XENO DUTON |
| 2. ANGELO AUSTIN, ASHWIN | 7. FRANCISCO, JAMES     |
| 3. CASEY, JENNY          | 8. OGDOL, CEAZAR        |
| 4. CASIL, LIAM           | 9. PADMADURAI, SHAILIN  |
| 5. FERNANDES, SEAN       | 10. QUIBA, LYDIONNE     |



Expecting a baby, or have been blessed with the birth of a child? Would you like your child to be Baptized at St. Bartholomew Parish? You must be a registered parishioner for at least 3 to 6 months, and attending Mass regularly before the Baptism date. So, check with the office to see if you are registered.

Although Baptisms are not refused at St. Bartholomew Parish, all forms and details must be completed before the sacrament is given. Sacraments should not be entered into due to family pressure, or because they are seen as merely social and cultural conventions. The pastor of the parish must be sure that proper understanding and disposition towards the sacrament is evident before proceeding. **We are not looking for perfection from parents, but a reasonable assurance that their commitment is meaningful to themselves and to the faith-life of their family.**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

May is a very joyful month for us as we welcome the new Pope, who will guide us on our journey as Disciples of Christ and pilgrims of hope.

This month, the children and young adults of our parish will complete their sacramental preparation. The children will celebrate their First Holy Communion, while the young adults will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I ask for your prayers and support for them, invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Mother of the Church and Help of Christians. I hope they will continue to participate actively in the celebration of the Sacraments and in the life of the parish, becoming true Disciples of Christ who proclaim Him through their faith, hope, and acts of charity.

I have already prepared the Sacramental Preparation Program and events for September 2025 to May 2026 for those who wish for their children to celebrate and receive the Sacraments here at Saint Bartholomew Parish. The sacramental preparation program aligns with the school year calendar. You can find the program calendar posted on our parish website and bulletin board.

We provide the dates for the parish sacramental program and sessions well in advance to help families with scheduling and planning activities for their children from September 2025 to May 2026.



**JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE  
SEPTEMBER 15 TO 26 2025**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisbon</li> <li>Fatima</li> <li>Porto</li> <li>Santiago De Compostela</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limpas</li> <li>Loyolla</li> <li>Lourdes</li> <li>Rome</li> <li>Assisi</li> </ul>	<p><b>C\$ 5,995</b> Per person / Twin</p> <p><b>12 DAYS</b></p>	<p><b>TRAVEL DATES SEP 15 - 26</b></p> <p><b>CALL TO REGISTER</b></p>
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**Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?**

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a **PRIEST REFERENCE FORM**. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is **highly recommended** you contact the pastor **before GRADUATING**. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and

you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

**Read the form and find out what is required of you in order for the pastor to fill out the form favourably.** Based on the questions of the reference form it is advisable that you start volunteering your time and talent to the parish.

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