

**“STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR”**

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21**

Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7,11-13**

Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30**

People will come from North and South, East and West, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.



**Saturday**

9:00 AM

**AUGUST 23, 2025**

- ANTONIA TUMULAK (†)  
- DECEASED CANAGASURIAM & BASTIAMPILLAI FAMILIES (†)

5:00 PM

**Sunday**

9:30 AM

11:15 AM

ROSALIND GOMEZ (†)

**AUGUST 24, 2025**

IN THANKSGIVING OF IRIS LYNCH  
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**Monday**

**WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY**

**Tuesday**

8:30am

**Wednesday**

8:30am

**Thursday**

8:30am

**Friday**

8:30am

**AUGUST 25, 2025**

**AUGUST 26, 2025**

IRENEO NERY (†)

**AUGUST 27, 2025**

MICHELE PALMIERI (†)

**AUGUST 28, 2025**

JOSE FERNANDES (†)

**AUGUST 29, 2025**

-EDUARDO & SARA FERNANDES (†)



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Reconciliation  
First Eucharist  
and Confirmation

**2025-2026**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**



The Sacramental Preparation Information Registration for

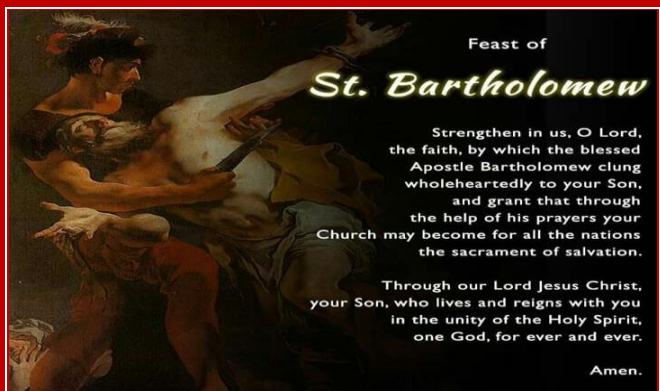
2025-2026 will be **in September 13, 2025 (Saturday).**

**First Reconciliation & Communion is @ 10am**

**Confirmation @ 1pm**

**Parents please check with the parish office if you are a registered parishioner. See website for details.**

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



Feast of

**St. Bartholomew**

Strengthen in us, O Lord,  
the faith, by which the blessed  
Apostle Bartholomew clung  
wholeheartedly to your Son,  
and grant that through  
the help of his prayers your  
Church may become for all the nations  
the sacrament of salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of **September 6-7**, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at [www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## PARISH FINANCIAL NOTES AND UPDATES

### Special Collections:

100% of the proceeds from special collections—such as ShareLife, Canadian Missions, Mission Co-op, and others—are forwarded directly to the Archdiocese of Toronto.

### Diocesan Assessment:

As the owner of all parishes, the Archdiocese of Toronto receives 15% of all regular collections, known as the Diocesan Assessment, which is paid twice a year (June and December).

From this 15%, an additional 5% is allocated to cover the cost of Catholic Register circulation. If you have been receiving the Catholic Register at no charge, please note that the parish has covered that cost on your behalf.

### Building Fund:

The Building Fund is not limited to the construction of the future parish hall. It also supports ongoing church-related expenses, such as utilities and supplies for the existing church building. Funds collected under the Building Fund are invested through the Archdiocese of Toronto.

### Parish Hall Investment:

As of June 30, 2025, our investment with the Chancery Office stands at **\$1,407,868.90**. This amount is exclusively designated for the construction of our future parish hall.

### Future Parish Hall Expenses:

All future expenses related to the parish hall will be covered by:

- The Family of Faith campaign
- Chancery investments
- Future fundraising projects

### Assessment Exemptions:

The parish may apply for exemptions from the Diocesan Assessment. Once approved, 100% of the collected funds remain in the parish and are used strictly for their intended purposes.

To date, the following collections are exempt from assessment:

- Fundraising activities
- Building Fund
- Safety Grill Appeal

This means every dollar donated to these initiatives stays within the parish to support our local needs

### Inserted to this bulletin:

### Jan-June 2025 Financial Report



**September 14, 2025 – Building Fund**

**September 28, 2025 – Needs of the Canadian Church**

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!**

## SAFETY GRILL APPEAL

Launched June 21 & 22, 2025



➡ **Goal: \$20,000**

**Balance: \$9291.65**

➡ **\$1162.60** August 16-17

➡ **\$3310.00** July 19-Aug. 10

➡ **\$6265.75** June 21 & July 13

For the safety of our church family and community, a protective grill was installed urgently on our premises. The total cost is **\$20,000**, and with God's help and your generosity, we've already received **nearly 50% in donations**. We now humbly invite those who feel led to give, to help us reach the remaining amount. **Every contribution, big or small, is deeply appreciated and makes a difference. Thank you for standing with us in faith, love and support.**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)