

#### FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4B-9

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

#### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

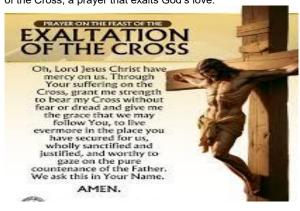
Jesus Christ, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

#### **GOSPEL:** JOHN 3:13-17

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

## **FAMILY CONNECTION:**

As a family, sit down together and brainstorm a list of family highlights, moments in the lives of family members that are to be celebrated, such as achievements, accomplishments, and awards. Spend some time reminiscing about these various events or moments. Remind your children of how proud you are of them. Point out that often achievements and accomplishments are signified by the presentation of trophies, medals, ribbons, or certificates. Show some examples of such awards in your family's possession. Say, We have one other symbol in our home that celebrates a victory that we all can share in. Show a cross or crucifix that you keep on display in your home. Say: This is a symbol of God's victory over death. Jesus died on the cross, but because of His Resurrection, the cross has become for us, not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of victory. Explain that the following Gospel is from the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Have a family member read aloud John 3:13-17. Talk about what the word exaltation means—to raise high, to lift up, to sing praise to. Remind your family that whenever they see the cross displayed in your home, it is a reminder to exalt, to praise, God for loving us so much that He gave us His only Son, Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross, a prayer that exalts God's love.





Saturday SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

9:00 AM - ANTONIA TUMULAK (†)

- ERNESTO BUENAVENTURA JR. (†) 5:00 PM INTENTIONS OF D'SOUZA FAMILY

Sunday SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:30 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR

NATHYN D'SOUZA

11:15 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2025** 

WHOLE DAY - PASTOR'S REST DAY

Monday

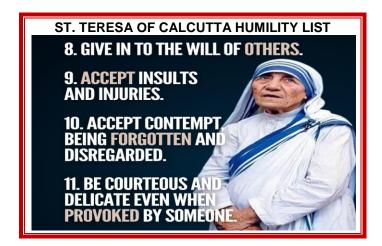
**Tuesday** SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 8:30am INTENTIONS OF REINE-ASHLEY

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:30am INTENTIONS OF MAUREEN STANLEY

Thursday SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 8:30am WILFREDA BERCASIO (†) Friday SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

8:30am 55<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IRENEO (†) & FRANCESCA NERY





SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation First Eucharist and Confirmation

"Faith is caught more than it is taught.

When we make time for Church, we help

our children make room for God."

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

# THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

### INVITATION TO LECTOR WORKSHOP

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special **Lector Workshop** on:

Wednesday, September 27, 2025

① 10:00 a.m.

St. Bartholomew Parish

This session will provide an opportunity for prayer, formation, and fellowship as we reflect on the important ministry of proclaiming the Word of God during the celebration of the Mass.

Please note that all current parish lectors are expected to attend. This workshop is also open to those who are discerning or planning to become a lector.

A **lunch will be served** following the gathering. Kindly inform the parish office in advance of any **dietary restrictions** so that we may accommodate your needs.

Your voice can make a difference—come and see if God is calling you to this important ministry of the Word.

#### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

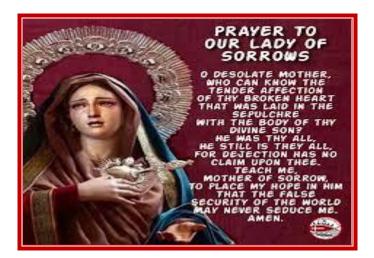
#### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan the QR code



- 2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebSept27
- 3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



# Second C. Collections

# <u>September 28, 2025 –</u> <u>Needs of the Canadian Church</u>

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.

# SAFETY GRILL APPEAL

Launched June 21 & 22, 2025



There are times when we may not be able to help directly—and that is perfectly understandable. Each of us has different circumstances, responsibilities, and limits. But even if we are not in a position to give our time, talent, or resources, we can still support the good works of others by allowing them the freedom to serve.

What can be most harmful is not our inability to help, but discouraging those who are willing. When we criticize, complain, or try to dissuade others from doing good, we risk hindering the very work of God. Sometimes the most charitable thing we can do, if we cannot contribute ourselves, is simply to remain silent and let others respond to the call.

As St. Paul reminds us: "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

In the spirit of Christian charity, let us encourage one another and build up the Body of Christ by supporting those who serve, even if we cannot join them at this time.

