

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

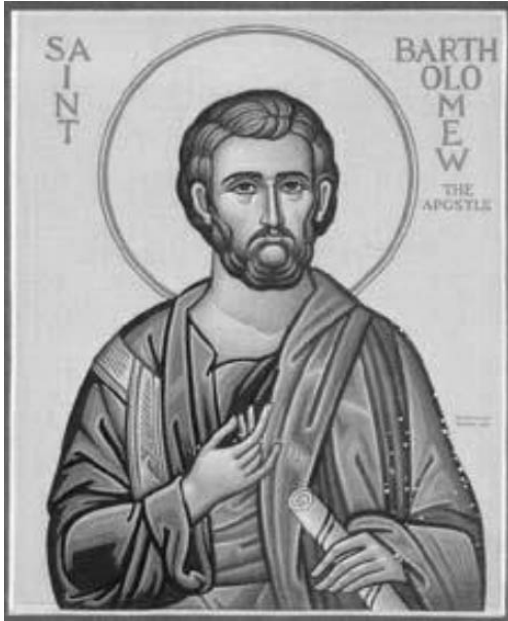
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Parish Secretary: Marichu Alo

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 SCHOOLS

St. Bartholomew 416-393-5334
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St. Elizabeth Seton 416-393-5386

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

Catholic Women's League

Children's Liturgy

Choir

5:00pm

9:30am

11:15am

Eucharistic Minister

Hospitality Ministers

5:00pm

9:30am

11:15am

Knights of Columbus

Lectors

5:00pm

9:30am

11:15am

Finance Council

Parish Charity Work

Parish Food Bank

RCIA Coordinator

Shut-in Coordinator

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteer Screening Committee

Rebecca Cadawas

Annette MacDonald

Stephanie Silverio

Amy Vaz

William Lynch

Michael Cole/Sheilah D'Souza

Desiree Viceral

Cecille Santiago

Tessie Malonzo

Janrol Vinci Fajardo

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Flora Vaz

Louisa Uduehi

Shiranka Warnakulasuriya

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Daphne Smith

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call 647-234-0265

Cecille Santiago

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10**

A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

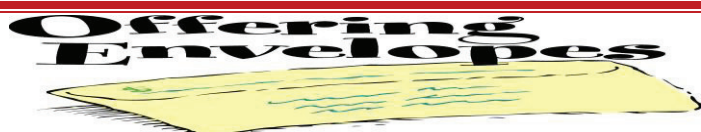
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.



The 2026 donation envelopes are now available for pick-up at the North Lobby.

Please do not use the new envelopes yet, as many of the numbers have been reassigned. Kindly begin using them starting January 2026.

**Saturday**

9:00 AM

DECEMBER 6, 2025

-ALDO ORSETTO (†)
-MERCEDITA OH (†)
-RITA OH (†)
-ANNE ALVARADO (†)
-BRIDGET FERNANDES (†)

-DECEASED CANAGASURIAM & BASTIAMPILLAI FAMILY (†)
5:00 PM GABRIEL NORONHA (†)

Sunday

9:30 AM

DECEMBER 7, 2025

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
CONCEPCION QUIJANO (†)

11:15 AM

Monday

8:30 AM

DECEMBER 8, 2025

INTENTIONS OF FR. FERNAN SERRANO

Tuesday

8:30am

DECEMBER 9, 2025

OFELIA LIM (†)

Wednesday

8:30am

DECEMBER 10, 2025

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & BLESSINGS FOR
ALBERT ALO

Thursday

8:30am

DECEMBER 11, 2025

JOANNA FERREIRA (†)

Friday

8:30am

DECEMBER 12, 2025

-HARRY & MARGARET KONG (†)

-ESTELA LAI IGNACIO (†)

-CHARLES YOUNG (†)

-PETER YANG (†)

-HOWARD TSANG (†)

-BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR
LOUISA UDUEHI

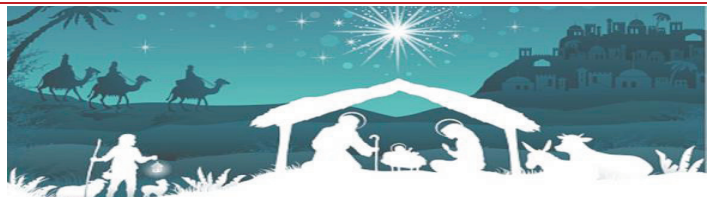
BURNING THIS WEEK (SANCTUARY LAMP):
IN THANKSGIVING AND FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF
DONNA MAPANAO

**December 14, 2025 – Building Fund****December 25, 2025 - Christmas**

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!

Despite our best efforts, minor oversights may occur – nobody is perfect. We ask for your understanding and invite everyone to stay focused on what truly matters: our faith, our community, and our shared mission. – FZS



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DECEMBER 12, 2025 (Friday) @6:30pm
Lessons & Carols

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

December 16-20, 2025 (Tuesday until Saturday)
(Tuesday- Friday 9am-11:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm Saturday
3pm-4:30pm)

(At times, the pastor may be called to administer anointing or preside at funerals. For this reason, we kindly advise you to call, email or text the parish office beforehand to ensure that the pastor is available to hear your Confession.)

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2026

DECEMBER 22-23, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)

8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 24, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE

No Morning Mass

4:00pm CHILDREN PAGEANT

5:00pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

10pm EVENING MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2025 (THURSDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am & 11:15am - Mass

DECEMBER 26, 2025 (FRIDAY)

8:30am - Mass

DECEMBER 27, 2025 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm - Mass

DECEMBER 28, 2025 (SUNDAY)

9:30AM & 11:15AM - Mass

DECEMBER 29-30, 2025 (MONDAY & TUESDAY)

8:30am – Mass

(Please note office is closed on Monday)

DECEMBER 31, 2025 (WEDNESDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE

No Morning Mass

5pm - Mass

JANUARY 1, 2026 (THURSDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 & 11:15am - Mass

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

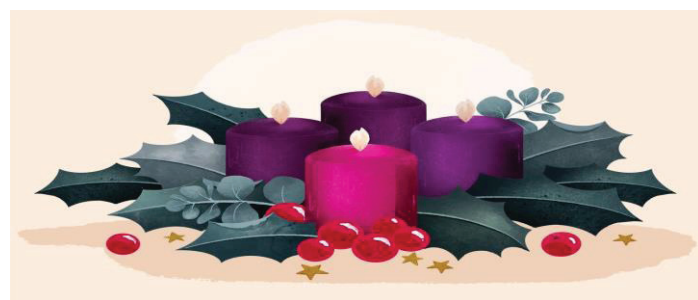
Closed on: Dec 24, 2025 to January 2, 2026



If you would like your donation to be included in the **2025 tax receipt**, please ensure that all donations in cash or cheques are **received by December 28, 2025**. Any cheques issued and received **after this date** will be reflected on the **2026 tax receipt**.

Tax receipts will be available in the lobby during the **first week of February 2026**.

If you have a **change of address or telephone number**, kindly inform us **before the end of December**.



Advent Challenge of the Week

Choose one simple act to prepare your heart for Christ:

1. Offer one unexpected act of kindness.
2. Pray for someone you find difficult to forgive.
3. Bring peace to your home by speaking gently and patiently.
4. Write a short note or message of encouragement to someone who needs it.

Family Advent Moment

Gather as a family, light the second candle, and share:

"What does **peace** mean to you this week?"

Pray one Hail Mary together for peace in our world.

Saint of the Week: Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

We honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas. Her message brought hope, joy, and love to a hurting people. May she intercede for our parish and guide us closer to her Son.

Reflection

As we journey through the Second Week of Advent, Isaiah's message reminds us that God comes with tenderness, strength, and hope. Advent invites us to smooth out the rough places in our hearts—our worries, our distractions, and our burdens—so that Christ may enter more deeply into our lives. God meets us where we are and leads us toward renewal and peace.

Reflection Question

What "rough place" in my life needs God's comfort, healing, or guidance this week?



Our parish would like to thank the "OGDEN Funeral Home" as well as "Ms. Cheryl Tumalak" for sponsoring the 2026 Calendars.



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