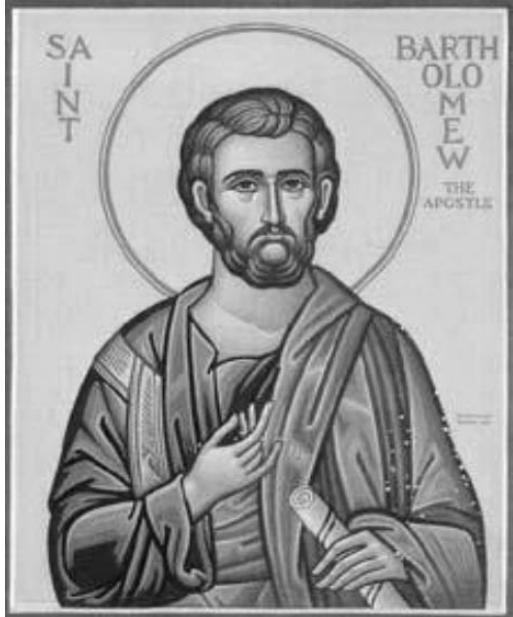


# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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**Pastor:** Rev. Father Fernan Serrano

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Gerry Cruz

**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

## CONFESION

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
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		Rebecca Cadawas
Catholic Women's League		Annette MacDonald
Children's Liturgy		Stephanie Silverio
Choir	5:00pm	Amy Vaz
	9:30am	William Lynch
	11:15am	Michael Cole/Sheilah D'Souza
Eucharistic Minister		Desiree Vicerai
Hospitality Ministers	5:00pm	Cecille Santiago
	9:30am	Tessie Malonzo
	11:15am	Janrol Vinci Fajardo
Knights of Columbus		Sasikumar Thiagarajan
Lectors	5:00pm	Flora Vaz
	9:30am	Louisa Uduehi
	11:15am	Shiranka Warnakulasuriya
Finance Council		Prabuddha Perera
Parish Charity Work		Daphne Smith
Parish Food Bank		Michael Gomez
RCIA Coordinator		Sonia Da Costa-Spence
Shut-in Coordinator		Desiree Vicerai
Society of St. Vincent de Paul		c/o Prince of Peace Parish call 647-234-0265
Volunteer Screening Committee		Cecille Santiago

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10**

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5**

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16**

Jesus teaches that His disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight. Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

**Sacramental Preparation**

*Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!*

**SESSION 9****FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 [Saturday] 3:30PM-4:30PM

**CONFIRMATION**

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 [Sunday] 12:30PM-2:00PM

*Please hold in your hearts the children and youth of our parish as they joyfully prepare to receive the Sacraments.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7, 2026</b>
9:00 AM	-MARIO BARTHOLOMEO SILVEIRA (†) -BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR LINDA HERNANDEZ
5:00 PM	-ERLINDA RAMOS (†)
<b>Sunday</b>	-ESPERANCE D'SOUZA (†)
9:30AM	<b>FEBRUARY 8, 2026</b> FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
11:15AM	ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONER
<b>Monday</b>	CELIA COLLERA (†)
9:30AM	<b>FEBRUARY 9, 2026</b> WHOLE DAY - PASTOR'S REST DAY
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 10, 2026</b>
8:30AM	=AVAILABLE=
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11, 2026</b>
8:30AM	-SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF
<b>Thursday</b>	RICK & TESSIE MALONZO
8:30	<b>FEBRUARY 12, 2026</b>
<b>Friday</b>	-ANWAR AHMAD (†)
8:30am	<b>FEBRUARY 13, 2026</b>
	=AVAILABLE=

**Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents**

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from **Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough).** Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$325 per person (\$225 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me). For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: [bit.ly/LGW-TO-Register2026](http://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Register2026).

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world. Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities - whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore I come to you with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for Your favors, I will endeavor to imitate Your virtues, that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes**

Feast Day - 11 February



### Guidelines for Claiming a Tax Receipt

1. **Request only your own tax receipt.**  
Tax receipts will be issued only to the person who made the donation.
2. **Authorization is required for someone else's receipt.**  
Due to privacy laws, we cannot release a tax receipt to anyone other than the donor. If you are requesting a tax receipt on behalf of another person, you must provide a letter of authorization from them.
3. **Sign the sign-up form.**  
Please sign the form to confirm that you have claimed and received your tax receipt.
4. **Keep your receipt in a safe place.**  
Tax receipts are important documents—please do not lose them.
5. **Replacement copies have a \$5 fee.**  
If you need a reprinted tax receipt, a **\$5** charge will apply to cover accountant fees, paper, toner, and envelope.

### Tax Receipt Pick-Up Information

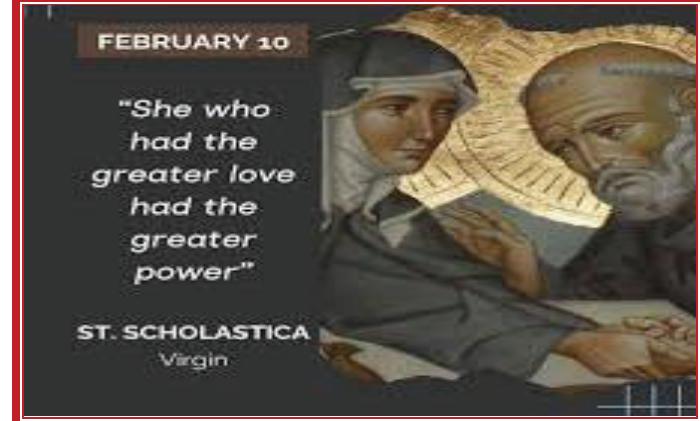
#### After Mass

- Tax receipts will be available in the church lobby after each Mass throughout the entire month of February.
- Please approach one of the Hospitality Ministers to receive your receipt.

#### Office Pick-Up

Receipts may also be picked up at the parish office:

- **Tuesday to Friday**
- **9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**



### How to PREVENT infection from NIPAH VIRUS?

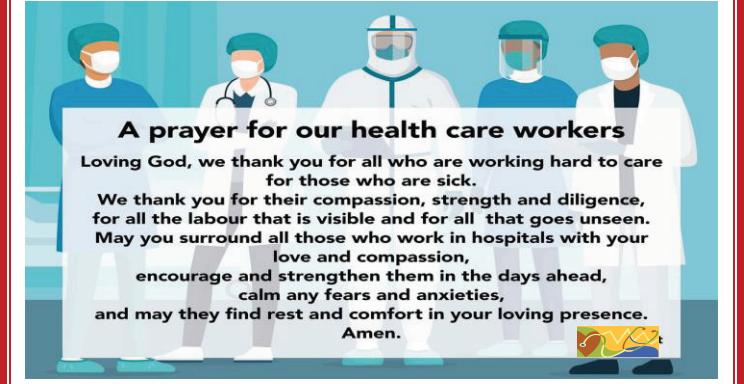
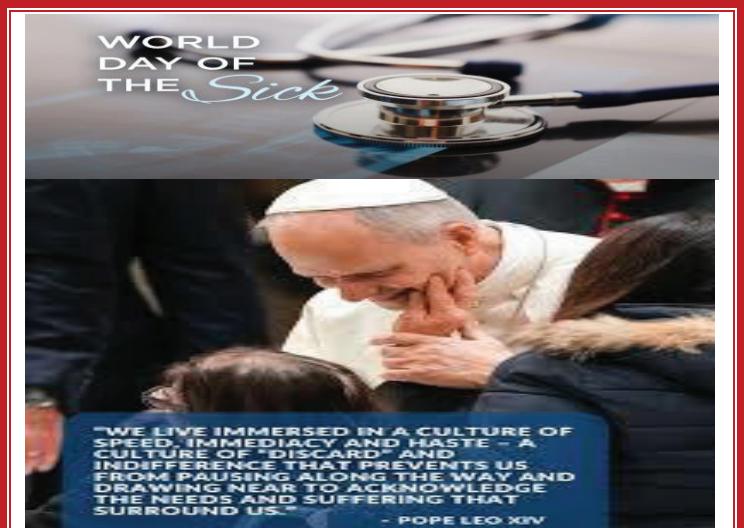
**DO'S**

- Wash fruits before consumption
- Drink chlorinated and boiled water
- Protect animal feed against bats & other animals
- Wear protective clothing whenever handling or cleaning animals & sheds
- Protect soap, juice collection sites and wells from bats
- Always wash hands with soap and water
- Follow the advice of local authorities
- Ensure personal protection while contacting infected individuals

**DON'TS**

- Avoid eating contaminated & half eaten fruits fallen from trees
- Avoid consumption of raw date palm juice and toddy like liquids kept in open pots
- Avoid contact with NIV infected person
- Avoid exposure to sick or dead animals
- Avoid exposure to bats and avoid visiting areas such as abandoned wells, houses, caves and mines

# FEELING SICK? PLEASE STAY HOME



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



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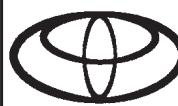
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