

# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

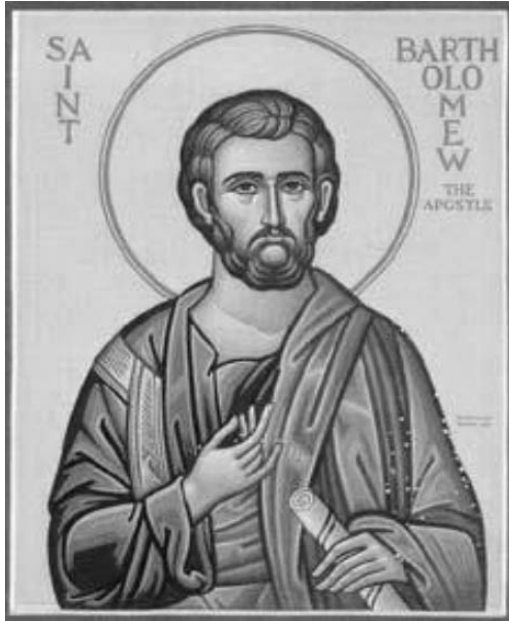
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**Pastor:** Rev. Father Fernan Serrano

**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

## 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  
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

### 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

Sasikumar Thiyagarajan

Flora Vaz

Louisa Uduehi

Shiranka Warnakulasuriya

Prabudda Perera

Daphne Smith

Michael Gomez

Sonia Da Costa-Spence

Desiree Viceral

c/o Prince of Peace Parish

call 647-234-0265

Cecille Santiago

**FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20**

The eyes of God see all He has made.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10**

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37**

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Prayerful and grace filled greetings to all members of our parish family and to their family in particular.

Family Day is more than just a long weekend—it's a beautiful reminder of the gift of family, in all its forms. Whether it's our parents and siblings, our extended relatives, or the friends who have become like family, this day gives us an opportunity to celebrate the love and connection that shape our lives.

As Catholics, we recognize that family is a reflection of God's love. We have to meditate the persons of the Holy Family— Jesus, Mary, and Joseph that serves as a model of faith, devotion, and support. But family isn't always defined by blood. Many of us find deep bonds in our chosen families, the people who walk beside us in life's journey. No matter what our families look like, Family Day invites us to cherish and nurture these relationships.

The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. Celebrating Family Day: The Gift of Togetherness [CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 2207]

Family Day is a reminder that we are never alone. God places people in our lives—whether by birth or by choice—to support, encourage, and love us. This year, let's take time to honour and celebrate the people who make up our family, thanking God for the gift of relationships that bring joy, strength, and faith into our lives.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

*Heavenly Father,*

Please bless our families with Your love and protect us from harm. Give us grace to forgive, strength to overcome the difficulties we face, and keep us together when the world tries to pull us apart. In Jesus Name, Amen.



**FEELING SICK?**  
**PLEASE STAY HOME**





### 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**



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



#### Saturday

9:00 AM

#### FEBRUARY 14, 2026

-OSCAR CRUZ (†)  
-CLAIR JOSEPH PETERS  
-HEALING FOR LEOPOLDO PEREZ  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF  
MARICEL RAMIREZ YAP

5:00 PM

#### Sunday

9:30 AM

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2026

IN THANKSGIVING OF  
BERNARD & IRIS LYNCH  
FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONER

11:15 AM

#### Monday

WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

#### Tuesday

8:30 AM

#### FEBRUARY 17, 2026

CLARA NUNES (†)

#### Wednesday

8:30 AM & 7 PM

#### FEBRUARY 18, 2026 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

=AVAILABLE=

#### Thursday

8:30

FEBRUARY 19, 2026  
INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF  
LUZ ALMENDARES & BONNIE QUIMING

#### Friday

8:30 am

#### FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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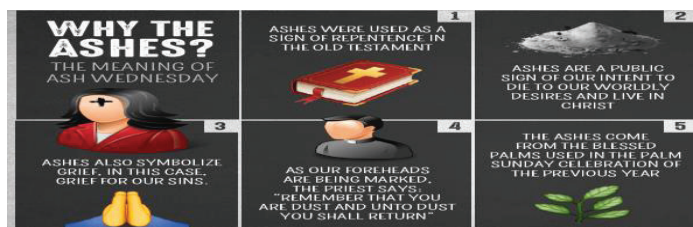
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SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH MINISTRIES



#### FEBRUARY 18, 2026

**8:30am, 9:30am** (St. Bartholomew School Mass) & **7pm**



#### PROPER DISPOSAL OF OLD BLESSED PALMS

Whatever you do, don't throw them away!

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, **blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can**, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need.

#### Burn or bury

Most sacramentals, like palm branches for example, **can be burned or buried** in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way.

**Please don't bring it to the church. We don't have a place to burn them. We already have enough ashes for everyone.**



## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

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