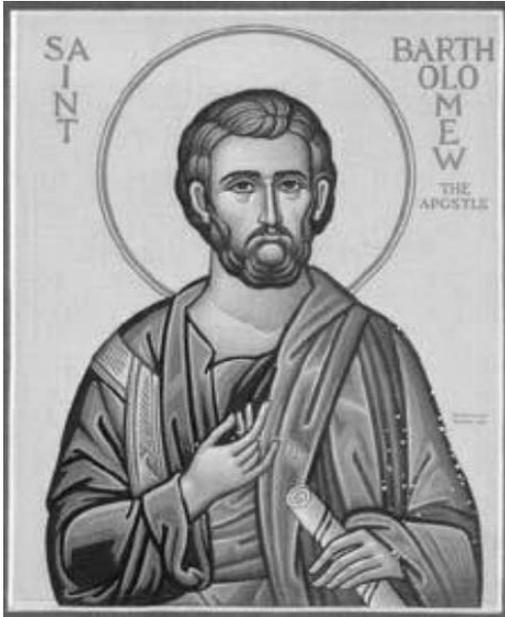


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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Gerry Cruz
Parish Secretary: Marichu Alo
Parish Custodian: Angelito Flauta

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

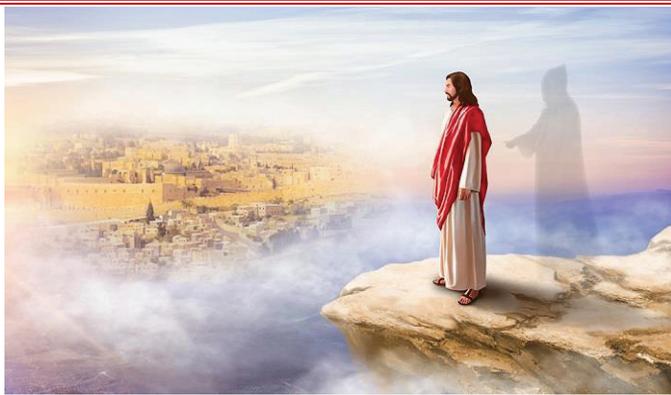
Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments.

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



FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12,17-19)

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to Him by the devil, He draws on His religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because He is the Son of God and because He was a human person who lived His Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings of peace and hope in God's closeness.

As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to ongoing conversion—turning away from sin and growing closer to God by loving Him and our neighbor. The Church points us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (Mt. 6:1–6, 16–18) as the path for our Lenten journey. This is a time of grace and renewal—"now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

I invite you to join our parish community for the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening and our Wednesday Lenten Reflections, guided this year by Cardinal Francis Leo's pastoral letter, *That Blessed Upper Room*.

Like Jesus led into the desert by the Spirit, Lent calls us to step into prayerful solitude to seek God's will and gain clarity for our lives. In this sacred time of retreat and restoration, we are invited to approach God with magnanimity and generosity of heart.

May these days of prayer and reflection deepen our spiritual lives and prepare us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. May the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ remain always in our hearts.

THREE PILLARS OF LENT

<p>PRAYER Prayer is the action that leads people to God. We take time away from the distractions of the world, to turn to God, to contemplate, to listen and talk to Him, to be one with Him.</p>	<p>FASTING Fasting is restricting consumption; depriving yourself of both good and bad things for the glory of God. This means seriously watching what you eat on a day that it is practiced.</p>	<p>ALMSGIVING Almsgiving is the action that leads us to see others, love them, listen to them, and lend them our time, help, advice, shelter, and company. It is based on charity - to love God and others.</p>
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Sacramental Preparation

Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!

SESSION 10

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 [Saturday] 3:30PM-4:30PM

CONFIRMATION

MARCH 1, 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.



March 8 – Building Fund

March 15 – Easter Flowers

March 22 – ShareLife

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 sharing your blessings



HOLY WEEK



LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MARCH 24-27, 2026 (TUESDAY UNTIL FRIDAY)

9:30am-12:00pm or 1:30pm-3:00pm

To avoid disappointment kindly text, call or email the parish office before coming to ensure the pastor is around. The pastor can be called for a funeral or anointing during these times.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday beginning FEB. 20 UNTIL MARCH 27, 2026

@6:30pm



THE BLESSED UPPER ROOM

Every Wednesday in Lent starting FEB. 25, 2026 UNTIL APRIL 1, 2026 @6pm. Details are on the parish bulletin boards and website.

March 28-29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY

REGULAR MASS TIMES

MARCH 31, 2026 – MASS OF CHRISM

NO MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH in lieu of this we will have the morning Mass on MARCH 30th @ 8:30am.

APRIL 2, 2026 – HOLY THURSDAY NO 8:30am Mass

Mass is @ 7:00pm (The Lord's Supper)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

APRIL 3, 2026 – GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30am Mass

10:00am, 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

(Led by parish ministries & organizations)

1:00 pm Children's Passion Play

3:00pm-6pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Church is open for visitation from 7:00am until 6:00 pm for private prayers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 4, 2026 – EASTER VIGIL (SATURDAY)

CHURCH CLOSED THE WHOLE DAY UNTIL 6pm.

NO 9:00AM & 5:00PM MASS

7:00pm (Beautiful candle light service)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Mass Schedule (Sunday: 9:30am & 11:15am)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:30AM

11:15AM

Monday

WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday

8:30AM

Wednesday

8:30AM

Thursday

8:30

Friday

8:30am

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

SANDRA PUTTERMAN (†)

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONER GILBERT & CONCHITA CORTEZ (†)

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

INTENTIONS OF REBECCA CADAWAS

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

ESTHER LEUNG (†)

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

STANLEY NUNES (†)

FEBRUARY 27, 2026

-IRENEO NERY (†)

-ANTHONY MEYERS (†)

-BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & HEALING FOR

KATHLYN RAMONES



LENTEN REFLECTION WITH SACRED ART

All are invited to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the *Via Matris*. Mr. Les Miller, author of *Northern Lights*, will lead the reflection. The event takes place on **Wednesday, February 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** There is no cost, but registration is required.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287

SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mary Centre has hired a Parish Outreach Facilitator who is available to support adult individuals with a developmental disability and their families as they consider their future. The Centre has been offering support services for adults with developmental disabilities for over 35 years, including providing respite care and creating personalized programs to help them with Building a Good Life.

For more information, visit <https://www.marycentre.com/> or contact Dolly Ducepec at dducepec@marycentre.com or 416-630-5533.

Mary Centre is a member agency of Catholic Charities and supported by ShareLife.

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 10 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto
The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m.** His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto, will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.



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