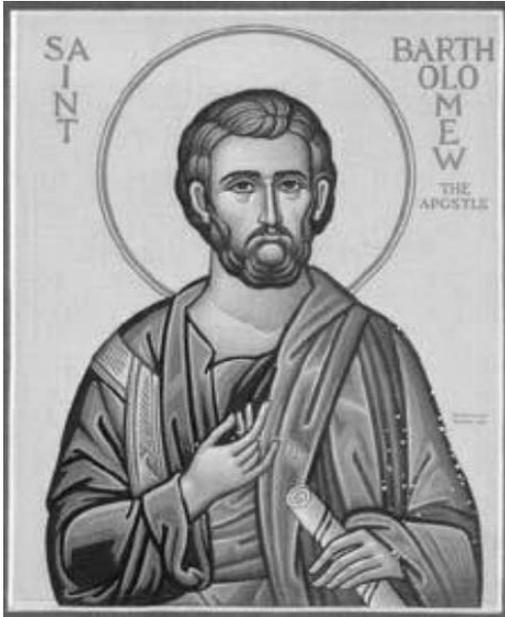


# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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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

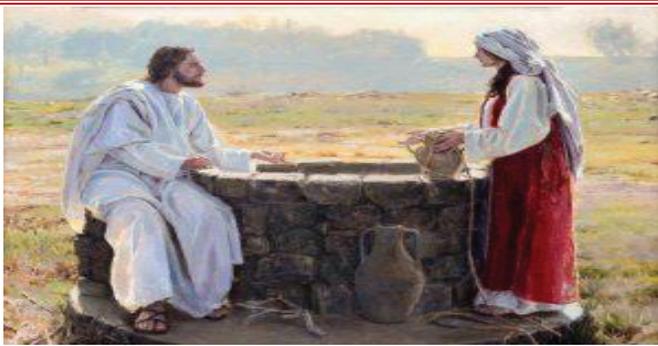
Parents must be **REGISTERED PARISHIONERS** and regularly attend the Sacraments.

### 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

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



**FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7**

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2,5-8**

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42**

Jesus reveals Himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42)

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**Sacramental Preparation**

*Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!*

**REHEARSALS**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**(MIME & STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**

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

**CONFIRMATION**

**(STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**

MARCH 8, 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.*



**Mass INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MARCH 7, 2026</b>
9:00AM	- MARIO BARTHOLOMEO SILVEIRA (†) - ROLANDO MERCADO (†)
	- DECEASED CANAGASURIAM & BASTIAMPILLAI FAMILIES (†)
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>GABRIEL NORONHA (†)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MARCH 8, 2026</b>
9:30AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS HILDA SEEDANEE (†)
<b>11:15AM</b>	<b>MARCH 9, 2026</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MARCH 10, 2026</b>
8:30AM	ALAIN NG MAN CHUEN (†)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MARCH 11, 2026</b>
8:30AM	INTENTIONS OF ANGELA SEEDANEE
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MARCH 12, 2026</b>
8:30	AMY SEQUEIRA (†)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MARCH 13, 2026</b>
8:30am	=AVAILABLE=



*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*

*Second Collections*

**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*



**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.



**Every Friday beginning FEB. 20 UNTIL MARCH 27, 2026 @6:30pm**

**March 6, 2026 @5pm –Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**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 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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**



**LENTEN SEASON  
WHAT IS FASTING AND ABSTINENCE?**

**FASTING**

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

**DAYS OF FAST?**  
ASH WEDNESDAY GOOD FRIDAY

**WHO ARE REQUIRED?**  
Catholics from age <18 to 59>

The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

**ABSTINENCE**

A form of penance refraining from eating meat from mammals and fowls. Fish and shellfish are allowed.

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?**  
ASH WEDNESDAY ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT GOOD FRIDAY

**WHO ARE REQUIRED?**  
MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE older than 14 years old

**TIPS FOR A FRUITFUL LENT**


**Lenten Prayer**

Lord Jesus, in this season of Lent, purify my heart. Teach me to repent sincerely, to love deeply, and to follow You more faithfully each day. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Amen.



A year ago this week, St. Bartholomew Parish hosted a Child Sponsorship Weekend to give parishioners an opportunity to sponsor some of Chalice's children in need. As a result, 8 children were sponsored. This last year has been one like no other for these children and you have given them a future with hope, due to your generosity and hospitality. We look forward to the next Sponsorship Weekend at your parish!

Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.



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