



FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1B,6-7,10-13A

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

(SHORTER FORM: JOHN 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals Himself to him as the Son of Man.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

When infants are Baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are Baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



March 22 – ShareLife

April 3 – Good Friday

April 5 - Easter

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



Saturday MARCH 14, 2026
 9:00AM - IDEO PAGLIUSO (†)
 - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR NORA HART
 - DECEASED CANAGASURIAM & CHELLIAH FAMILIES (†)
 -BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR EMMY LEGASPI
 ESPERANCE D'SOUZA (†)
5:00 PM MARCH 15, 2026
Sunday FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF
 9:30AM ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
 MANUEL & DOMINADORA TAN (†)
11:15AM MARCH 16, 2026
Monday WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY
Tuesday MARCH 17, 2026
 8:30AM ROGER SEGUIN (†)
Wednesday MARCH 18, 2026
 8:30AM CAROLINE MEI LING CHEN (†)
Thursday MARCH 19, 2026
 8:30 BERNARDO & TEODORA HERNANDEZ (†)
Friday MARCH 20, 2026
 8:30am -JOSE QUIJANO (†)
 -HEALING FOR RHYS FALCON
BURNING THIS WEEK (SANCTUARY CANDLE):
 REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF CAROLINE MEI LING CHEN (†)

Sacramental Preparation

Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!



Catholic Women's League

Congratulations!

The CWL is pleased to announce the results of the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest held on March 3.

First Place: ASHWIN ANGELOAUSTIN

from St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School

Runner-Up: CHRIS DYLAN ALPHONES

from St. Bartholomew Catholic School

Honourable Mention: ORLANDO CEDENO

from St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School

Congratulations to all the students who participated and shared their talents.

Ashwin will advance to the Diocesan level of the competition on

March 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Woodbridge. We wish him the best of luck!

Next CWL General Meeting:

March 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the church meeting room.



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



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



Practical Things to Do During Lent:

1. Sorrow for sin and doing an Act of Contrition as a sign of repentance.
2. Making peace with anyone we may have crossed or offended or who may have offended us.
3. Fasting in some small or big way, like fasting from food and drink, fasting from speaking ill of others, or fasting from time spent on social media, etc.
4. Trying to live the call to holiness of life day by day.
5. Doing some act of charity to others in small or big ways (spiritual or corporal work of mercy).
6. Being of service to humanity or to the Church.
7. Contributing to the task of evangelization.
8. The daily habit of reading the Bible or spiritual books.

How To Give Alms This Lent

- ✓ VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
- ✓ CLEAN OUT YOUR PANTRY AND GIVE ITEMS TO A FOOD BANK
- ✓ MAKE A MEAL FOR A NEIGHBOR OR FAMILY IN NEED
- ✓ SACRIFICE A TREAT (COFFEE, DESSERT) AND GIVE THAT MONEY TO THE POOR
- ✓ MAKE BAGS OF TOILETRY ITEMS TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS
- ✓ GIVE AWAY AN OUTFIT OR ITEM YOU STILL REALLY LIKE! (AND OTHERS YOU NO LONGER USE)



The parish will be participating in the Knights of Columbus Annual Garage Sale in July, and we are asking for your support through donations.

If you have household items, plants, or gently used clothing that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. **Your donations will directly support our parish**, as all proceeds from the sale will go towards our soon-to-be parish hall.

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours.

Please note that we are **unable to accept large items such as furniture or appliances**, as we do not have storage space for them.

Drop-off times:
 Tuesday to Friday
 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish community.

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