

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I AM *the* Gate

John 10:1-10



FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:14A,36-41

Peter and the other apostles Baptize 3,000 people.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:20B-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for His sheep.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that He is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.



Saturday

9:00 AM

APRIL 25, 2026

-BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR ESTRELLA HERNANDEZ

-DECEASED SOUSA FAMILY (†)

-GAN BRADELLA (†)

-HEALING FOR NICK VATALARO

EDSON NORONHA (†)

5:00PM

Sunday

9:30 AM

APRIL 26, 2026

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS IRENEO NERY (†)

11:15 AM

Monday

APRIL 27, 2026

WHOLEDAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday

8:30 AM

APRIL 28, 2026

INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF ROD & RAISA SANCHEZ

Wednesday

8:30 AM

APRIL 29, 2026

INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF GUILLER & FELY LIM

Thursday

8:30 AM

APRIL 30, 2026

INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF ANGEL & LIGAYA RIVERA

Friday

8:30 AM

MAY 1, 2026

-DECEASED MEMBERS OF LAM FAMILY (†)

-EVELYN BAUTISTA (†)



May 10 – Building Fund

May 17 – Pope's Pastoral Works

May 31 – ShareLife

For ShareLife donations by cheque, please make the cheque payable to St. Bartholomew Parish – ShareLife. Alternatively, you may make it payable to St. Bartholomew Parish and indicate "ShareLife" in the memo section.

Donations can also be made by credit card through the parish website. Simply click on the "Donate Now" button, select ShareLife, and follow the prompts.

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

thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The parish will participate in the Knights of Columbus Annual Garage Sale this July and welcomes donations of **household items, plants, wall decor and gently used clothing**. Proceeds will support our future parish hall. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office **Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**. Please note that large items cannot be accepted due to limited storage.

Thank you to everyone who has already supported this effort through their donations.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Earlier this week, Marichu reminded me about our Volunteer Appreciation celebration, and I was drawn to Ephesians 4:7–13, which speaks of the many gifts God has given each of us. Every person has been blessed with at least one gift, meant to be used for building up the Body of Christ.

Volunteering is one of the most meaningful ways we share these gifts. It is an offering of time, talent, and heart—a living expression of faith. Whether your contribution is visible or behind the scenes, every act of service reflects Christ's love and strengthens our parish community.

In our parish, these gifts come alive in many ways—through music, teaching, service, administration, and prayer. Each role is essential. Without the generosity of volunteers, parish life simply would not be possible.

I warmly encourage those who may be considering getting involved to take that step. No gift is too small, and there is a place for everyone. Your time and presence can make a real difference—not only in the life of the parish, but in your own faith journey as well.

If you feel called to volunteer, please email the parish office for more information. Kindly note that volunteers must be registered parishioners for at least one year.

I am deeply grateful to all who already serve so faithfully. Your dedication, prayers, and encouragement uplift this community in countless ways.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Serrano



*You are the body of Christ!
Each one of you is a part of it.*

Parking Lot Advisory

Parishioners and visitors are respectfully advised that certain areas of the parish parking lot have uneven surfaces. All are asked to exercise due care and caution when walking within the premises.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.



Catholic Women's League

Raffle & Bake Sale

Raffle tickets will be sold on the weekends of **April 11/12 and 18/19**, before and after all the Masses.

The raffle draw and bake sale will take place on Saturday, **April 25**, and Sunday, **April 26** after all the Masses.

All proceeds go to CWL charities. Please try your luck and purchase tickets. Thank you very much for your continued support, and thanks to all who generously donated prizes.

Sacramental Preparation

Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!

REHEARSAL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 2 & 16, 2026 [Saturday] 4pm

CONFIRMATION

May 16, 2026 [Sunday] 3:30pm

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



The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to A Day With Mary on **Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City.**

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/DWM-Event>
WEBSITE: www.archtoronto.org/mary
POSTER: <https://bit.ly/DWM2026-poster>
CONTACT: events@archtoronto.org

Please & THANK YOU

For coin donations, please ensure your envelopes are securely sealed to prevent spills. The amount recorded for your tax receipt will be based on the total found inside the envelope when it is opened by the counters.

*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*