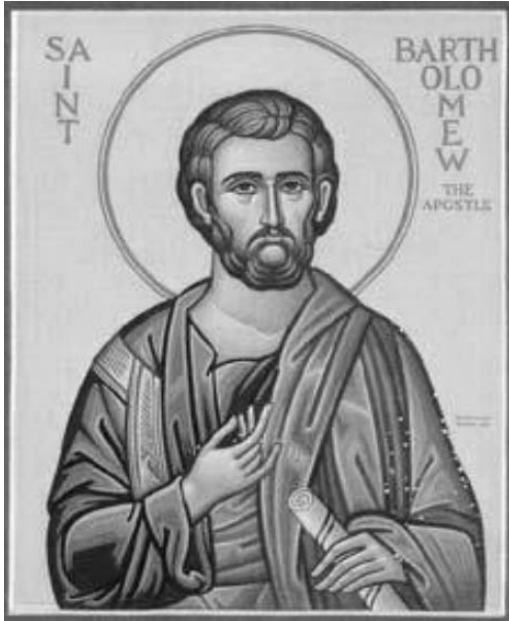


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OFFICE HOURS

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
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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

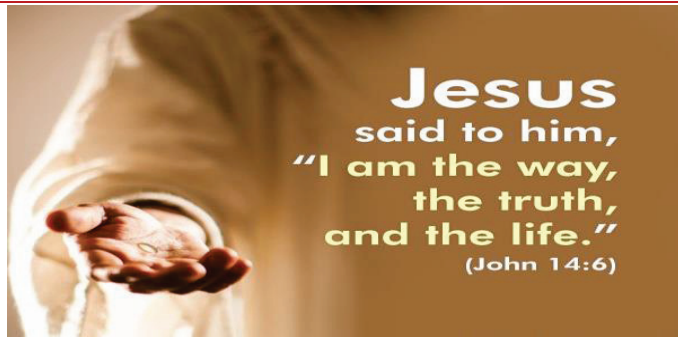
These programs normally run from September-May. Information Session takes place a week after the school opens in September (schedules are subject to changes). We only give one information session in a year. Dates are provided to the parish schools in the newsletter and also posted on our website, bulletin, 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

MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6:1-7

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus tells His disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell His disciples about His relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises His disciples that because of their faith in Him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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 MAY 2, 2026**
 9:00 AM -SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR ANGELA COSTIGAN
 -DECEASED CANAGASURIAM & RICHARD FAMILY (†)
 -ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY (†)
 -PATRICIA CHEN (†)
 5:00PM INTENTIONS & THANSGING OF JOSEPH DUARTE & FAMILY
- Sunday MAY 3, 2026**
 9:30 AM INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF TITA & MEL FALCON
 11:15 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
- Monday MAY 4, 2026**
WHOLEDAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY
- Tuesday MAY 5, 2026**
 8:30 AM TEODORO & CORNELIA LIM (†)
- Wednesday MAY 6, 2026**
 8:30 AM INTENTIONS & THANKSGIVING OF CECILLE SANTIAGO
- Thursday MAY 7, 2026**
 8:30 AM MARIO BARTHOLOMEO SILVEIRA (†)
- Friday MAY 8, 2026**
 8:30 AM -MARTY JHOCSON (†)
 -MARIANO NAVAL (†)
 -ALEJANDRO CAOITAN (†)
 -ZOILO & RUFINA CANLAS (†)
 -JUANILA REBELO (†)
 -WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF VICENTE & ANTONIA (†) TUMULAK



- 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 meaningful impact in our community.

thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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.

Sacramental Preparation

Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!

REHEARSAL

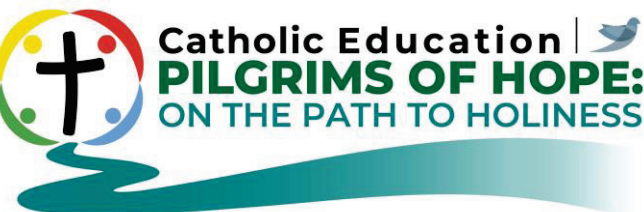
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 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.



May 3 – May 8, 2026.



PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services is hosting an upcoming Pre-Planning Seminar at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home on **Saturday, May 30 at 9am** to help families make informed, faith-based decisions about funeral and burial planning. This session is designed to provide clarity, peace of mind, and practical guidance rooted in Catholic teaching.

For more information, contact Amy Profenna at 416-733-8544. RSVP to attend at 905889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT Life-Giving Wounds will be offering a unique healing retreat for adult children of divorced or separated parents from **Friday, May 15 at 6pm to Sunday, May 17 at 3:30 pm** at **St. Augustine's Seminary**. The retreat includes prayer, informative witness talks, and time for fellowship.

To register, visit bit.ly/LGWTO-Retreat-Register2026.

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo has shared his reflection for the Month of Mary, offering us a meaningful way to prepare our hearts as we enter this special time dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His reflection is available on the website for those who wish to read it.

The month of May is almost here—a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. As Pope Paul VI beautifully expressed: “The month of May is the month during which Christians, in their churches and in their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.”

On a personal note, this month is also one of thanksgiving for me, as I celebrate my 25th year in ministerial priesthood. I truly believe that through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, God chose me—despite my unworthiness—to serve as a priest.

Let us take a moment each day to ponder the mysteries of our salvation, fulfilled through the fiat of Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. May her example lead us ever closer to her Son.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Sincerely,
Fr. Fernan Serrano



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