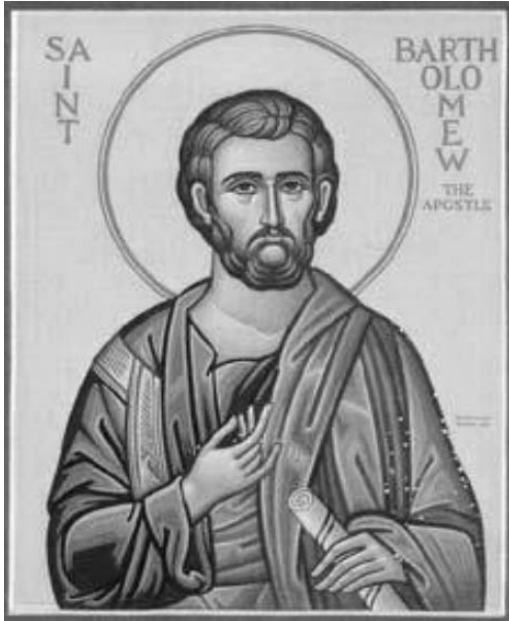


# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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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

<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

MAY 10, 2026

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 8:5-8,14-17**

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

**SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9**

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12**

Jesus promises His disciples that He will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of His disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

*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

**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.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>MAY 9, 2026</b>
9:00 AM	-GERONCIO CADAWAS (†) -AURORA FIGUEROA (†) -ALFONSO & NELLY SINGZON (†) -ROMANA LOPEZ (†)
5:00PM	-ALBERT & MARIA JURMAN (†)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>MAY 10, 2026</b>
9:30 AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS 25 <sup>TH</sup> SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY OF FR. SERRANO
11:15 AM	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MAY 11, 2026</b>
	<b>WHOLEDAY – PASTOR’S REST DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MAY 12, 2026</b>
8:30 AM	THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF AVELINA & PABLO SERRANO (†)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>MAY 13, 2026</b>
8:30 AM	ELOISA CRUZ (†)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MAY 14, 2026</b>
8:30 AM	ANTONIO BERCASIO (†)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MAY 15, 2026</b>
8:30 AM	-HENRY D’SOUZA (†) -THANKSGIVING OF NELSON FERNANDES



**May 10** – Building Fund

**May 17** – Pope’s Pastoral Works

**May 31** – 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 YOUR SUPPORT



Support our future parish hall by dropping off donations of plants, decor, and clothing at the parish office Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, for the Knights of Columbus Annual Garage Sale, though please note that large items cannot be accepted due to limited storage.

MAY 10, 2026

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Sacramental Preparation

*Encountering Christ Through the Sacraments!*

### REHEARSAL

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

May 16, 2026 [Saturday] 4:15pm

**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.

### From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we give thanks for the mothers and mother figures who have shaped our lives with love, faith, and sacrifice. In a special way, we also remember the Blessed Mother, whose "yes" to God continues to inspire us to respond faithfully to our own calling.

This call to say "yes" is at the heart of priesthood. Many times, I am asked, "Why did you become a priest?"

For me, priesthood is both a gift and a mystery. It is a gift freely given by God, and a mystery because only He truly understands why He calls us, even with our weaknesses.

The life of a priest is not easy. It is a sharing in the paschal mystery—embracing both the joys and the sufferings of Christ. There are challenges, criticisms, and trials, but also deep moments of grace, hope, and fulfillment in serving God's people.

Despite this, priesthood remains my greatest joy. It is humbling to know that Christ uses my hands and voice to bring His presence and mercy to others, especially through the celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments. In these moments, we are reminded that God is close to His people.

As I mark twenty-five years of priesthood, I am filled with gratitude. Every person and community I have encountered has shaped my journey. Through it all, the Lord has been faithful.

On this Mother's Day, as we honor our mothers and the Blessed Mother, may we also be inspired to say "yes" to God in our own lives, trusting in His grace and guidance.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Fernan Serrano



**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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/LGWTO-Retreat-Register2026).



## Knights of Columbus®

### Welcoming Summer BBQ

Help us kick off the summer season! Join the parish community for a time of fellowship and food after all Masses on May 30th & 31st.

**Tickets: \$5** (Includes Hamburger or Sausage)

**Drinks: Pop and Water** available for \$1

**On Sale:** Tickets will be sold in the Narthex starting next weekend.

We look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you, Father, for your support.



**Loving God,**  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

**Amen.**

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