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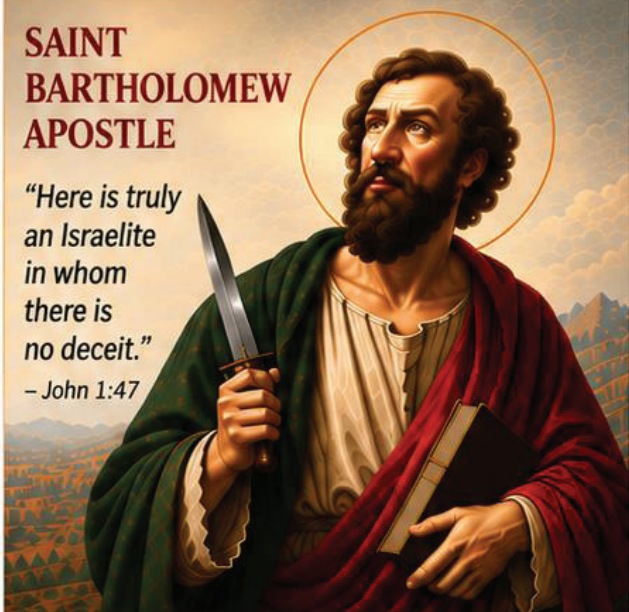
*Glorifying God
by Loving Him,
Serving Him
and Reaching Out
to All.*



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE

*"Here is truly
an Israelite
in whom
there is
no deceit."*

— John 1:47



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.



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



PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Father Fernan Serrano
Permanent Deacon: Deacon Gerry Cruz
Parish Secretary: Marichu Alo
Parish Custodian: Angelito Flauta



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. **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
5:00pm — Amy Vaz
9:30am — William Lynch
11:15am — Michael Cole /
Sheilah D'Souza



Eucharistic Minister — Desiree Viceral



Hospitality Ministers
5:00pm — Cecille Santiago
9:30am — Tessie Malonzo
11:15am — Janrol Vinci Fajardo



Knights of Columbus — Sasikumar Thiyagarajan



Lectors
5:00pm — Flora Vaz
9:30am — Louisa Uduehi
11:15am — Shiranka Wamakulasuriya



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



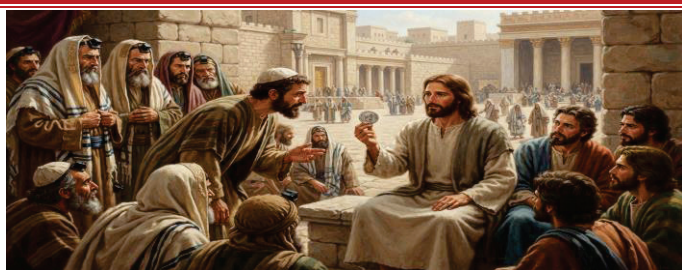
Volunteer Screening Committee — Cecille Santiago

WELCOME HOME. YOU ARE ALWAYS A BELOVED PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

MRA2026

OCT 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: **ISAIAH 45:1,4-6**

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

SECOND READING: **1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5B**

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 22:15-21**

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

Payment of taxes is unlikely to be a disputed issue in your family. Yet families can still learn something from this Gospel reading. Jesus' answer to the Herodians and Pharisees redirects their question to focus on the issue of greatest importance: loving and honoring God. Taking this perspective can help us make good judgments about the competing issues of importance in our lives.

As your family gathers, make a list of the activities that your family spends time doing together, such as household tasks, jobs, academics, and recreational activities. Talk about the importance of each of these activities. Ask what would happen if there were an imbalance in our attention to these activities and we spent too much time on one activity at the expense of another.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Read Matthew 22:15-21. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.



Saturday OCT 17, 2026

9:00 AM

-RAMON LAGMAN (†)

-GIUSEPPA DI MARIA (†)

-THE DEVAKAR FAMILY (†)

-FRANKLIN PEDRO AGNIS SERRANO (†)

5:00PM

JOSEPHINE PALMA (†)

Sunday

OCT 18, 2026

9:30 AM

FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

11:15AM

DAVID MARTINEZ (†)

Monday

OCT 19, 2026

WHOLEDAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday

OCT 20, 2026

8:30 AM

HILARION BERCASIO SR. (†)

Wednesday

OCT 21, 2026

8:30 AM

IRENEO NERY (†)

Thursday

OCT 22, 2026

8:30 AM

ESTELA LAI IGNACIO (†)

Friday

OCT 23, 2026

8:30 AM

-MARY MENEZES (†)



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Welcome to Your Journey of Faith!

Children, we're excited to walk with you as you grow in God's love and discover the joy of following Jesus.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 – 3:30–4:30 PM

- Parents, please drop off your child(ren) by **3:15 pm** and return for pick-up at **4:15 pm** so your family can attend the **5:00 pm Mass**.
- During the session, you are welcome to wait in the Narthex (South Lobby/Main Entrance), but please do not remain inside the church. For the 5:00 pm Mass, families are encouraged to join the parish community inside the church.
- Send a **nut-free snack** and **water** for your child(ren).

CONFIRMATION SESSION – SUNDAY, NOV 8, 2026 12:30–2:00 PM

- Confirmandi should attend the **11:15 am Mass** beforehand.
- Be sure your child(ren) have a **hearty breakfast** and bring a **nut-free snack and water**.

Communication

We primarily communicate by email—please check your inbox regularly. For general parish communication, email at barts@archdiocese.org.

Sacramental Questions

All inquiries regarding the sacraments should be solely directed to Fr. Fernan Serrano, Pastor.

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday:
9:30 am–12:00 pm and
1:30 pm–3:30 pm.

Growing in Faith + Walking in Love + Living in Christ

OCT 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebration of Life Candle

As we approach November—a traditional time of remembrance—we invite you to honour the memory of your beloved family members and friends who have passed away, whether recently or years ago. Lighting a candle is a beautiful way to keep their memory alive in prayer.

For a donation of \$10 per candle, your dedicated tribute will be continuously lit before the altar throughout your chosen week, serving as a constant, glowing symbol of our prayers and enduring affection.

Choose your preferred weekly batch:

(Please note: Each weekly batch is limited to 150 candles and 150 corresponding forms for church and fire safety.)

- ☐ Batch 1: October 31 – November 6
- ☐ Batch 2: November 7 – November 13
- ☐ Batch 3: November 14 – November 20
- ☐ Batch 4: November 21 – November 27

BOOKING BEGINS 1ST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER.

Forms are available with the hospitality ministers.

Our parish community will continue to pray for the faithful departed and for the families of our parish throughout the month of November.

CWL (Catholic Women's League) General Meeting

The CWL will have their October general meeting

**On Saturday, October 24th
at 9:45 am (after Mass)**

The beauty of the CWL is that there is a place here for ALL women of the Parish, 16 years of age and over.

so please join us in the Church Meeting Room.

Memorial Mass

Friday,
November 13, 2026
at 6:00 p.m.

Guidelines

- † This Mass is requested by IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY.
- † It is intended for loved ones who passed away between November 2025 and the present.
- † The funeral service must have been held at St. Bartholomew Parish or presided over by Father Serrano.
- † **ONE CANDLE WILL BE PROVIDED PER FAMILY.** (Additional candles may be requested with a donation of \$10 each.)
- † Please submit the following information **ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026:**
 - o Name of the deceased
 - o Date of death
 - o Your relationship to the deceased
- † Sign-up form is available on the clipboard approach the Hospitality Ministries after Mass or email the parish office. (please use the subject line: Memorial Mass).

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

NOVEMBER 2026

NOVEMBER 2 - 5
Monday to Thursday

Schedule:
6:30 PM: ROSARY
followed by MASS

NOVEMBER 6
Friday

5:00 PM: ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
6:00 PM: ROSARY & STATIONS
OF THE CROSS followed by MASS

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

October 26, 2026

All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote

MEET THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Candidates or volunteers are permitted by Cardinal Leo, S.J. to permit-by Cardinal Leo to distribute literature outside parishes after Masses on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25.

TO ENSURE YOUR VOTE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE, AT THE POLLING BOOTH:

1. VERIFY that you are registered as a separate school supporter.
2. IF INCORRECT, ASK FOR AN APPLICATION TO AMEND VOTERS' LIST.
3. This form can be completed and submitted at the polling station.

Thank you for your interest and involvement
in this fall's municipal election!

SECOND COLLECTION

NOV 8

**BUILDING
FUND**

NOV 15

**SHEPHERDS'
TRUST**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SPECIAL COLLECTION DONATIONS REACH THE PARISH WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE COLLECTION DATE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS VITAL, AS 100% OF THE DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO ITS INTENDED CAUSE

Thank you for your support

CANADIANS UNITE for RELIGIOUS FREEDOM on RED WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 18

Solidarity with Persecuted Christians

TORONTO EVENT:

MASS | 5:30 p.m.
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Nguyen
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

How You Can Participate:

- Hold a Prayer Service
- Light a Building Red
- Wear Red to Show Support

Learn More & Get Involved: acn-canada.org/red-wednesday
Contact: Evelyne Lemos | el@acn-canada.org



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



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

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