

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

APRIL 19, 2026

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The last Chosen Movie night is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6th** at **6pm** at Stageline Theater. All are welcome to join!

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 4/19/26	3rd Sunday of Easter The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 4/20/26	
Tues. 4/21/26	
Wed. 4/22/26	Daily Mass: 11am RE: 4pm
Thurs. 4/23/26	
Fri. 4/24/26	
Sat. 4/25/26	
Sun. 4/26/26	4th Sunday of Easter The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Reading 1: Acts 2:14, 22-23

Resp. Psalm: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

2/1/26—\$910.00

2/8/26—\$1802.00

2/15/26—\$450.00

2/22/26—445.00

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!

Basics of Catholicism Part 131—Challenges with Annulments

Are my children going to be bastards?

This objection is the number one most common criticism of annulments. If the marriage never existed, does that mean that my children were born out of wedlock? Let's be honest about a few things. First, people only use the term "bastard" as an insult. We are no longer in the Middle Ages when birthright and inheritance were major issues. Also, many children today are born from parents who are not married and many couples plan to never get married. I understand that many parents are concerned about the effects of divorce on their children, but this issue is not as major as most people feel. Second, any children born from a marriage that was declared invalid are still children of that couple. The couple believed that they were going to have a family in a normal setting of married life. An annulment doesn't change the parents of the children nor make them less simply because the full expectation of the vows were not met. This objection, although meant from a place of care and concern for the children of that couple, is not as important as many people think. The children are still important, they still have loving parents, their status in society has not changed, and we need to focus more on the effects of divorce than the challenge of illegitimacy.

Does an annulment mean that we never loved each other?

Some people are concerned about the life spent with their former partner. Divorce of any kind is difficult and has many emotions and challenges attached to it. Part of our challenge is to help people through the difficulties of divorce and realize that the church is supposed to bring healing. Yes, the couple still loved each other to varying degrees while in the invalid marriage. Yes, their life spent together had meaning and value. A decree of an invalid marriage doesn't change either of these two facts. The declaration of an invalid marriage is more of a legal statement about the status of the marriage than a decree about the nature of the relationship shared between the couple.

Annulments are just for Catholic marriages.

Not entirely true. The US government, as well as many others, has an annulment process which are in conjunction or separate from divorces. Many people feel that unless their marriage is in the Catholic Church, they don't need an annulment to proceed with a Catholic marriage. The Catholic Church recognizes any marriage that has reason for validity. Two people married before a Christian minister or a justice of the peace can be considered a valid marriage. Therefore, all marriages need to be evaluated and assumed to be valid until proven otherwise.

Fr. Cody