

ST. BARTHOLOMEW
AUGUST 3, 2025
18TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The final youth event for the summer is on Wednesday, August 6th starting at 11am at Holy Cross. We will be going on a short hike, celebrate Mass together, and eat a meal while exploring the Transfiguration and the Feeding of the 5000. To register for this event, go to holycrossmt.org/religious-education.
- No Mass on Wednesday, August 6th.
- Calling all parents! I am holding a meeting for all parents who want their children to participate in RE this next year on Sunday, August 17th after Mass. I want to hear from you on how we can make RE a positive experience and hear the challenges you face.
- The St. Bartholomew Day BBQ is quickly approaching! Our BBQ is on Saturday, August 23rd starting at 5pm. I am encouraging all parishioners to come and bring a side. Additionally, please take some save the date cards and pass them out to people you know.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



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

John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 8/3/25	Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00 am
Mon. 8/4/25	
Tues. 8/5/25	
Wed. 8/6/25	NO DAILY MASS; Last Youth Event: 11am @ Holy Cross
Thurs. 8/7/25	
Fri. 8/8/25	
Sat. 8/9/25	
Sun. 8/10/25	Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

Basics of Catholicism Part 94—The Sacrament of Holy Orders

The decrees of the Council of Trent reshaped and redefined the priesthood in a way unprecedented to its time. This new shape of the priesthood had many consequences. On a positive side, priests were better trained, had a greater sense of their identity, and many of the abuses in the church slowly vanished.

The priest acted as the sacramental minister to his flock. Some priests, like diocesan priests, cared for their flock through the celebration of the Mass, teaching during sermons, and caring for the sick. The administrative function of priests is a rather modern condition. The sacramental role of the priest coupled with the clarifications on the structure and celebration of the Mass caused a division between the people and the priest. The priest represented the Church. As long as he presided over the Mass, the Mass was valid. No one needed to be present for the Mass to be considered a valid and well-celebrated Mass. The role of the people was to be present and follow along; they had no roles. This caused a sharp division and distinction between the people and the priest.

Many elements of modern society continued to expand the rift between the priest and the people. Priests were exempted from public services, military service, paying taxes (even though they had no money), and from many other aspects of society required by normal citizens. Priests were cared for by the church and the people. Those who were poor considered priesthood as a way out of poverty since they were guaranteed a meal and a place to live. Priests are the vicar of Christ and are therefore different and separate from everyone else.

The Council of Trent clarified that a man is called to the priesthood and gives his life for the sake of serving the church. Where does marriage fit into this picture? Although the Church defined marriage as a Sacrament dating back to the Council of Chalcedon, priesthood was considered a higher and supernatural call whereas marriage is a natural call which is lower than Holy Orders. Many felt that their lives would have more meaning or they are more likely to be saints by choosing a call to Holy Orders as opposed to marriage. This mentality led to a further exaltation of the priesthood as well as diminishing the sacrament of Matrimony.

In the midst of this redefinition and new identity, priests took on a variety of roles connected with the nature of the priest. Many were excited about their new role in evangelization. A new fervor came through the priests who felt their job was to evangelize and bring the message of Christ to the world. Through this new identity, priests were seen as the primary evangelists removing that role from the people. Priests were trained, knew theology and the teachings of the church, and had the time and authority. Now that priests could preach, sermons during Mass and lectures outside of Mass were long so that the people could be taught. The primary education of the people in the ways of faith was during Mass. The priesthood has many challenges but was also on a better track than it had been for many centuries. Enter the 2nd Vatican Council.

Fr. Cody

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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

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Resp. Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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:

6/1/25—\$1276.00

6/8/25—\$1157.00

6/15/25—\$1404.21

6/29/25—916.00

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St. Bartholomew!