

ST. BARTHOLOMEW
AUGUST 17, 2025
20TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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.
- **THERE WILL BE MASS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20 AT 11am**
- 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. 8/17/25	Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00 am
Mon. 8/18/25	
Tues. 8/19/25	
Wed. 8/20/25	Daily Mass—11am
Thurs. 8/21/25	
Fri. 8/22/25	
Sat. 8/23/25	
Sun. 8/24/25	Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

Basics of Catholicism Part 97—The Minor Orders

Since I will be referencing the minor orders through the rest of this part of the series, I want to take some time to explain and help you understand their role in the modern day Catholic Church as well as some changes implemented by Pope Francis.

Prior to the 2nd Vatican Council, the process of becoming a priest involved a few more steps called the minor orders. These “minor orders” are ancient roles taken by various people throughout the church who perform roles of service that are not sacramental. The four minor orders are exorcist, lector, acolyte, and subdeacon. If you ever visit a church built before 1960 and notice the stairs leading into the Sanctuary, some of these churches built into the church the theology of the minor orders. The stairs leading in the Sanctuary can, but not always do, have two sets of stairs with three landings. The first landing is at the base of the stairs and emphasizes the People of God who await at the base of the altar for the gifts of God. The first set of stairs will have four steps. Each step represents one of the minor orders. At a Traditional Latin Mass, those men who are serving at the Mass and have received at least one of the minor orders would kneel on the step of the highest order they have received or their role for that Mass. The rank of the minor orders is as follows from least to greatest: exorcist, lector, acolyte, and subdeacon. The second landing represents the distinction between the minor and major orders separated by ordination. The next set of stairs will have three steps representing the three levels of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons kneel on the lowest step, priests on the middle step, and bishops on the highest step. The final landing is the base of the altar.

The minor orders were stepping stones to prepare for ordination and thus they were restricted to men. In our modern church, the minor orders still exist. Any man who is seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood has to be installed as a lector or acolyte first. The minor orders of exorcist and subdeacon have been suppressed if not eliminated. Since lectors and acolytes are not sacramental roles, the person installed is now considered a trained lector or acolyte for the whole church. Most churches have ministries like Lector or Eucharistic Minister to help in the Mass. These roles are specific to their own church. Those instituted as lectors and acolytes by a bishop perform this role for the whole church and can serve in any church.

Since the minor orders were suppressed by the 2nd Vatican Council, many wanted to further open these ministries to the faithful who are not seeking ordination. Pope Francis changed the laws around these orders to allow men and women to be installed as lector or acolyte. The rites have not been revised as of writing this. The role of lector is more than reading at Mass. The role of the lector is to assist at Mass by proclaiming the readings and to assist the faithful in the study of Scripture. The role of the acolyte is more than a glorified altar server. Acolytes can assist in the distribution of Communion, help with the purification of the vessels after Mass, act as Sacristan, be the Master of Ceremonies for the Mass, and assist the priest in the celebrate of the Mass.

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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

Reading 1: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Resp. Psalm: 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Reading 2: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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:

7/6/25—\$1907.00

7/13/25—\$969.00 with a \$3000.00 grant

7/20/25—\$1241.00

7/27/25—965.35

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