

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

**MARCH 22, 2026**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We have one more week of the Church Fathers series. If you would like the notes and readings for it, they will be posted on the website soon.
- I would like your advice. We are trying to encourage more participation at our monthly coffee hours. What would help you want to come and join with your parish community? Would you like different kinds of foods? Would you prefer a different Sunday of the month?
- The next Chosen Movie night is on Wednesday, **April 1st** at 6pm at Stageline Theater. All are welcome to come!
- Easter Sunday Mass is at 9am on Sunday, **April 5th**.



## **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**

#### **5th Sunday of Lent**

March 22, 2026

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Resp. Psalm: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

### **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

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St. Bartholomew!

<b>St. Bartholomew Calendar</b>	
Sun. 3/22/26	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 3/23/26	
Tues. 3/24/26	
Wed. 3/25/26	Daily Mass: 11:00am Church Father's Series: 11:30am RE: 4:00pm Ask a Priest: 6:00pm
Thurs. 3/26/26	
Fri. 3/27/26	
Sat. 3/28/26	
Sun. 3/29/26	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 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.

## **Basics of Catholicism Part 128—Conditions that Invalidate a Marriage**

Now that we have discussed the process of declaring a marriage invalid, called an annulment, I want to take some time to discuss the conditions that the judges and lawyers are looking for to declare a marriage invalid. The Church has quite a lofty ideal for marriage. For a valid marriage, both persons of the couple come to the marriage fully understanding the vows they are about to exchange, the implication of the vows, and come with full consent of the will. This means that anything that strays from this ideal would be grounds for an invalid marriage. What exactly does this look like?

**Lack of Form:** Catholics are required to be married in the Catholic Church. Once someone is baptized in the Catholic Church, they are expected to also have their marriage validated by the Church. When this doesn't happen, the marriage is declared invalid. Many situations prompt this case. The most common situation is when two people are married by a Justice of the Peace or by a friend. These marriages didn't happen in the church and are therefore invalid. A few exceptions exist. A couple can ask for permission to have their marriage celebrated by a Protestant minister instead of a Catholic witness. The Church can grant this permission when asked for in advance. Since the minister is merely a witness of the vows, we can allow for Protestant ministers and even lay Catholics to witness the marriage. This permission is never allowed for Justices of the Peace or non-ordained persons from other religions.

**Radical Sanation:** An exceptionally rare case to the Lack of Form situation is when a couple gets married outside the Church for political, social, or other extenuating circumstances but would have been married in the Church had these situations not existed. For instance, let's say the couple wanted to get married in the Catholic Church but the parents were vehemently opposed to it. What are they to do? In cases in which the couple would have been married in the Church given normal circumstances but couldn't, the Church can heal that marriage immediately without any public process to allow the couple to be able to participate in the Sacraments without causing public scandal.

**Previous Marriage:** Another very common situation that immediately invalidates a marriage is if the person was previously married. In the event that someone is married and then marries another person without being granted an annulment from the previous marriage, the second marriage is automatically invalid. Jesus makes it clear that you can only be married once. These situations are some of the easiest to work with because their situations are very clear. Did you get married in the Church as a Catholic or not?

Fr. Cody