

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Chosen Movie night is on Wednesday, **April 1st** at 6pm at Stageline Theater. All are welcome to come! The last Chosen Movie Night is on Wednesday, **May 5th**.
- Funeral Mass for Anna Lee Kiff is at **12pm** on Wednesday, **April 1st**. Rosary at **11:30am**.
- Easter Sunday Mass is at **9am** on Sunday, **April 5th**.
- Easter pancake breakfast Sunday, **April 12th** after Mass. See flyer below!
- The final Ask a Priest night is on Wednesday, **April 15th** at **6 pm**. The topic is "Is the Eucharist really the flesh and blood of Jesus?" A special dinner that night of Carne Asada tacos and chocolate cake.



Easter Pancake Breakfast



Celebrate Easter with a **pancake breakfast!**
Full parish potluck
Bring your favorite dish

After Mass on
Sun. April 12th.
All are welcome



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

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7

Resp. Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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!

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 3/29/26	Palm Sunday The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 3/30/26	
Tues. 3/31/26	
Wed. 4/1/26	12:00pm —Funeral Mass for Anna Lee Kiff with Rosary preceding at 11:30am . Chosen Movie Night: 6pm
Thurs. 4/2/26	
Fri. 4/3/26	
Sat. 4/4/26	
Sun. 4/5/26	Easter Sunday 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 129—Conditions that Invalidate a Marriage

The two most common situations that invalidate a marriage are lack of maturity and lack of proper consent.

Lack of Maturity: the Church assumes that each person getting married in the Catholic Church has sufficient maturity to understand the vows they are exchanging and the implications of these vows. Many situations can prove that one or both people of the couple lacked maturity. The most obvious situation is age. According to the laws of the Church, the minimum age for a girl is 14 and for a boy is 15. Yet, the Church has a primary law that states that the laws of the local government trump Church laws as long as they are more strict. Thus, the minimum age to get married in the Catholic Church in the United States is 18. Anyone married before that minimum age is considered to lack sufficient maturity to enter into the covenant of marriage unless we can obtain sufficient proof to the contrary. Other common situations include being drunk during the wedding, having psychological concerns that prevent maturity, and eloping. A sufficient level of maturity is necessary to formally and fully consent to the vows given in marriage and therefore maturity is a necessary component of a faithful marriage.

Lack of Proper Consent: these situations are varied and complex. What does proper consent mean? What is the couple agreeing to at their wedding? In order to enter into the full covenant of marriage, the couple needs to intend all their vows. For the vow of faithfulness and love to your spouse, common invalidating situations include unwillingness to remain with only one spouse (surprisingly common), unwillingness to care for the spouse, belief that the spouse will become a servant or hold a specific role, lack of knowledge concerning the person of the spouse, and unwillingness to care for the spouse. Some people enter into marriage to prevent being alone or fear of dying alone. These are not sufficient reasons for marriage. For the vow of children, some people invalidate a marriage because they are vehemently unwilling to have children, have taken measures to prevent having children, or are unwilling to consummate their marriage (very rare). The more common situations that fall under lack of consent are situations of coercion. Situations like an unintended pregnancy before marriage “necessitating” marriage, feeling like they need to get marriage to get out of a bad situation, feeling that their parents are forcing the marriage, belief that the spouse will leave them if they don’t get married, societal pressure, and more. Lack of proper consent covers everything from the pressure or corrosion that leads to a premature mature to situations in which the couple doesn’t intend the full scope of the vows at the time that the vows were exchanged. In order to prove these situations, the advocate and the tribunal work through testimonies to determine the extent to which the vows were not fully exchanged. This can be a difficult process if witnesses or the couple are not willing to comply.

Fr. Cody