

# ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Gustavo Campo

Administrator Ge'ez Rite Community: Fr. Keflemariam Okbamichael

Parish Secretary: Nina Marino



The Church is open for personal prayer and meditation from 7:30am to 12:00pm (Monday to Friday)

**Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio**  
III Mercoledì del mese alle 6:45pm

**Adorazione / Adoration**  
Tuesday to Sunday  
7:00am - 7:45am  
1° Venerdì del Mese  
First Friday of the Month  
8:30am - 9:00am

### MESSE DOMENICALI

9:00am: Italiano  
10:30am: Inglese  
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

### MESSE FERIALI

8:00am: da Martedì a Sabato  
7:30pm: Mercoledì  
Messe memoriali (prenotare prima)

### BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

### CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.  
Altri giorni su appuntamento

### MATRIMONI

Prenotarsi 1 anno prima

### RITI D'INIZIAZIONE

Chiamate in Ufficio

### SACRAMENTI PER GLI AMMALATI & ANZIANI

Chiamate in Ufficio qualunque giorno

### SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am : Italian  
10:30am: English (with Children's Liturgy)  
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

### WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am: Tuesday to Saturday  
11:00am Tuesday & Thursdays (Ge'ez Rite)  
7:30pm: Wednesday & Friday Memorial mass (upon request)

### BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.  
Parents must be registered members of our parish community

### CONFESSIONS

Every day before and after Mass and upon request

### MARRIAGES

One year notice and marriage course mandatory

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call the Office

### SACRAMENTS FOR SICK & ELDERLY

Please call Rectory anytime

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### PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Hall della Parrocchia disponibile per affitto. Chiamate in Ufficio  
The Parish Hall is available for rent – Please call the Office

## SUNDAY GOSPEL

Reflection: John 10.1-10

Jesus speaks of Himself as both the **Shepherd** and the **Gate**. His voice is not harsh or confusing—it is familiar, steady, and filled with love. The sheep recognize Him not because they are forced, but because they have learned to trust Him. In a world full of competing voices—fear, pressure, distraction—this passage invites us to ask: *Which voice am I following?* The voice of Christ leads to peace, even when the path is narrow. Other voices may promise freedom but often lead to restlessness or emptiness.

When Jesus says, *“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly,”* He is not speaking only of material blessings, but of a deep, interior life—one rooted in His presence, truth, and love. To walk with Him is to enter through the Gate: to choose trust over fear, surrender over control, and relationship over noise.

### Simple prayer:

Lord Jesus, help me to recognize Your voice above all others. Lead me into the fullness of life You desire for me. Amen.

### ShareLife Collection – This Weekend

This weekend, we have the opportunity to support ShareLife, helping those in need within our community. Through your generosity, lives are touched families are supported, the vulnerable are cared for, and hope is restored. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for giving with a generous heart. **God bless you.**

### St Nicholas’s of Bari Hall is available for Rent.

If you need to rent our parish hall for your special event (Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries etc.) Please contact the Parish office for more information.

### ADORATION with Our Lady of Peace

Come let us pray and adore the Lord asking for peace in our hearts and in the World.  
**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**at 6:30pm**



### FINANICAL CORNER

**Weekly Collection - \$1,200**  
**Donations - \$825**

Thank you for your generosity!

For information on how to donate, please see our website

(<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).

Grazie!

### St Catherine of Sena (Feast April 29<sup>th</sup>) Doctor of the Church.

One of the most important messages of Catherine of Siena is this: **God is love, and we are transformed when we truly know and trust that love.**

#### She constantly called people to:

- Deep conversion of heart – not just external religion, but real interior change
- Trust in God’s mercy – no sin is greater than His love
- Courage in truth – even speaking boldly to leaders and the Church when needed
- Union with Christ – especially through prayer and sacrifice

One of her most powerful insights comes from her famous line: **“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”**

For Catherine, holiness wasn’t reserved for a few—it was a call for everyone to live fully in God’s love, with courage and authenticity. God does not ask for perfection first—He asks for openness. When we allow His love to truly enter our hearts, it changes how we live, how we love, and how we serve others. Like St. Catherine, we are called to be bold witnesses, trusting that God can work powerfully through a willing soul.



### Estate Planning presentation from a Catholic perspective on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Bari Parish

#### Attend to find out:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your personal Catholic legacy

#### **3 WAYS TO REGISTER:**

1. scan this QR code:
2. send an email to: [stnicholasofbarito@archtoronto.org](mailto:stnicholasofbarito@archtoronto.org) and write “estate planning” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message or
3. call 416.654.8908



St. Nicholas of Bari Parish

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter– April 26, 2026 / Domenica- Aprile 26, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### April 25-Saturday/Sabato

**8:00am:** Angelomaria e Donata Calitri, Annantonia De Cotiis; Doming Uy; Repose of the soul of Ramon Monge; Birthday blessings upon Rita Rutigliano  
**9:00am: Baptism – Catholic – (Ge'ez Rite)**

#### April 26-Sunday/Domenica

**9:00am:** Padre Mario Bellinaso, Padre Mario De Giusti; Gaetana e Giovanni e Giovannina La Corte, Joe e Serafino Militello, Giuseppe Lodato e Ignazio Shambari; Rodolfo Genovese; Da Rosa per Vito Conte e Nicola e Domenica Palumbo, Domenico e Caterina Conte  
**10:30am:** Grace Suarez & Anthony Merchan; Giovanni & Rosina Martino & Family; Shefqet Ahmati  
**12:00pm:** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

#### April 27-Monday /Lunedì

**NO MASS – NON C'È MESSA**

#### April 28-Tuesday/Martedì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Maria Agustina & Roberto Maravilla, Alma Deysi de Monzon

#### April 29-Wednesday/Mercoledì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Hipolita Medrano, Carmen Rodriguez. Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Bruno Kesangana

#### April 30-Thursday/Giovedì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Maria Franchi, Ana Maria & Palmino Alfano, Gustek Misko

#### May 1-Friday/Venerdì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Oscar Lopez, Elisa Guerrero, Jose & Arturo Villanueva

#### May 2-Saturday/Sabato

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Blanca Rosa Retana, Bosco Bermudez, Regina Bermudez  
**9:00am – Baptism – Catholic – (Ge'ez Rite)**

#### May 3-Sunday/Domenica

**9:00am:** Padre Mauro Mastrodicasa, Padre Caruana, Padre Raffaele Lombardi; Pasquale Vecchiarelli e defunti Vecchiarelli, e Rosa e Paolo Pallotta e defunti Pallotta; Antonia Pallotta; Per San Antonio e San Nicola e per tutti Santi e il Nostro Padre  
**10:30am:** Frank Deleo  
**10:30am:** Baptism – Marco Ovalles  
**12:00pm:** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

#### Raccolta fondi ShareLife – Questo fine settimana

Questo fine settimana abbiamo l'opportunità di sostenere ShareLife, aiutando chi è in difficoltà nella nostra comunità. Grazie alla vostra generosità, le vite vengono toccate: le famiglie ricevono sostegno, i più vulnerabili vengono assistiti e la speranza viene ripristinata. Ogni donazione, grande o piccola, fa la differenza. Grazie per la vostra generosità.

**Che Dio vi benedica.**

### VANGELO DELLA DOMENICA

Riflessione: Giovanni 10,1-10

Gesù parla di Sé stesso come Pastore e Porta. La Sua voce non è aspra né confusa, ma familiare, rassicurante e piena d'amore. Le pecore Lo riconoscono non perché costrette, ma perché hanno imparato a fidarsi di Lui.

In un mondo pieno di voci contrastanti – paura, pressione, distrazione – questo brano ci invita a chiederci: quale voce sto seguendo? La voce di Cristo conduce alla pace, anche quando il cammino è stretto. Altre voci possono promettere libertà, ma spesso portano all'inquietudine o al vuoto. Quando Gesù dice: "Io sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza", non si riferisce solo a benedizioni materiali, ma a una vita interiore profonda, radicata nella Sua presenza, nella Sua verità e nel Suo amore.

Camminare con Lui significa entrare attraverso la Porta: scegliere la fiducia anziché la paura, la resa anziché il controllo e la relazione anziché il rumore.

#### Preghiera semplice:

Signore Gesù, aiutami a riconoscere la Tua voce al di sopra di tutte le altre. Guidami nella pienezza di vita che desideri per me. Amen.

#### Santa Caterina da Siena (Festa 29 aprile)

##### Dottore della Chiesa.

Uno dei messaggi più importanti di Caterina da Siena è questo: Dio è amore, e noi veniamo trasformati quando conosciamo e confidiamo veramente in questo amore.

Ella esortava costantemente le persone a:

- Una profonda conversione del cuore – non solo una religione esteriore, ma un vero cambiamento interiore
- Confidare nella misericordia di Dio – nessun peccato è più grande del Suo amore
- Avere coraggio nella verità – anche parlando con audacia ai capi e alla Chiesa quando necessario
- Unirsi a Cristo – specialmente attraverso la preghiera e il sacrificio

Una delle sue intuizioni più potenti proviene dalla sua celebre frase: "Sii ciò che Dio ha voluto che tu fossi e incendierai il mondo".

Per Caterina, la santità non era riservata a pochi, ma era una chiamata per tutti a vivere pienamente nell'amore di Dio, con coraggio e autenticità. Dio non chiede prima la perfezione, ma l'apertura. Quando permettiamo al Suo amore di entrare veramente nei nostri cuori, cambia il nostro modo di vivere, di amare e di servire gli altri. Come Santa Caterina, siamo chiamati a essere testimoni coraggiosi, confidando che Dio possa operare potentemente attraverso un'anima disposta.



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