

# ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Gustavo Campo

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

**SUNDAY GOSPEL**

Reflection: Matthew 28.16-20

In this final passage of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples after the Resurrection and sends them out to share the Gospel with all nations. Even though some doubted, Jesus still called them to continue His mission. This reminds us that God works through imperfect people. Jesus promises, “I am with you always.” These words bring comfort and strength, reminding us that we are never alone. Christ remains with us in every moment of our lives, guiding us with His love and grace. This Gospel calls us to trust in Jesus, live our faith boldly, and share His love with others through our words and actions. Faith is not meant to remain hidden or private. Every Christian is called to witness to Christ through love, truth, mercy, and holiness of life. Some are called to preach openly, others through quiet fidelity in family life, work, suffering, prayer, and charity. Every vocation becomes a path of evangelization when lived in union with God.

Jesus commands baptism “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This reveals the mystery of the Holy Trinity and reminds us that Christian life begins in communion with God Himself. We are not following an idea but entering a relationship with the living God.

The final promise is one of the most consoling in all Scripture: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” The disciples would face persecution, weakness, and martyrdom, yet Christ promised His abiding presence. That same promise is for us today. In moments of loneliness, confusion, suffering, or fear, Jesus remains nearby. He accompanies us in prayer, in the sacraments, in Scripture, and in daily life.

This passage invites us to ask:

- Do I trust in Christ’s authority over my life?
- How am I being called to share the Gospel?
- Do I truly believe that Jesus is with me always?

May we respond with courage and faith, knowing that the risen Christ walks beside us each day

**FINANICAL CORNER**

**Weekly Collection - \$1,602.00**  
**Maintenance - \$120.00**  
**Donatons -\$530.00**

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

Grazie!



**Saint Rita of Cascia – May 22**

**Patron Saint of Impossible Causes**

Saint Rita of Cascia is known as the patron saint of impossible causes, difficult marriages, and hopeless situations. Born in Italy in the 14th century, she lived a life marked by suffering, forgiveness, deep prayer, and unwavering trust in God. Despite many hardships, including the loss of her husband and children, St. Rita remained faithful and eventually entered the Augustinian convent, dedicating her life completely to Christ.

St. Rita is remembered for her humility, charity, and devotion to the Passion of Jesus. Many turn to her intercession during times of great need and personal trials. Her feast day is celebrated on May 22.

May St. Rita inspire us to trust in God’s mercy, persevere in prayer, and seek peace and forgiveness in our daily lives.

**Reminder to all parishioners that the Parish Office will be closed on Victory Day. We will resume regular office hours on the following business day. We wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday.**

**Pope’s Pastoral Works Collection**

This Weekend our parish will participate in the Pope’s Pastoral Works Collection. The supports the Holy Father’s charitable and pastoral outreach to people suffering from poverty, disaster, war, and injustice throughout the world. Through this collection, Catholics are invited to share in the Pope’s mission of mercy, bringing hope and compassion to those most in need.

**We thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to living out the Gospel through acts of charity and compassion**

# The Ascension of Our Lord– May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 / Domenica- Maggio 17, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### May 16-Saturday/Sabato

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Pedro Rivera Hernandez, Amparo Chavez de Moreira

**3:00pm – 7:00pm –** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### May 17-Sunday/Domenica

**9:00am:** In onore della Madonna e defunti; Salvatore Battaglia

**10:30am:** Giuseppe Marrelli

**12:00pm:** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### May 18-Monday /Lunedì

**NO MASS – NON C'È MESSA**

### May 19-Tuesday/Martedì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Rev. Priest Jose Maria Naranjo, Ana Miriam de Ramirez

**11 :00am –** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### May 20-Wednesday/Mercoledì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Mary Wahba, John Michael Fee, Arturo Rodas

### May 21-Thursday/Giovedì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Carlos Lopez Solis, George Floyd, Marina Carlot. Moz

### May 22-Friday/Venerdì

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Bernadette Cardyn, Jose & Arturo Villanueva

### May 23-Saturday/Sabato

**8:00am:** Repose of the soul of Marcelo Javier Vazcones, Jorge Calle, Carmen Hushion

**2:00pm –** Baptism – Sandro Perciballi

### May 24-Sunday/Domenica

**9:00am:** Nicola Palumbo e Domenica Proscia, Domenico e Caterina Conte

**10:30am:**

**12:00pm:** Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### Colletta per le Opere Pastorali del Papa

Questo fine settimana la nostra parrocchia parteciperà alla Colletta per le Opere Pastorali del Papa. Questa colletta sostiene l'opera caritatevole e pastorale del Santo Padre a favore delle persone che soffrono a causa della povertà, delle calamità, delle guerre e delle ingiustizie in tutto il mondo. Attraverso questa colletta, i cattolici sono invitati a partecipare alla missione di misericordia del Papa, portando speranza e compassione a chi ne ha più bisogno.

**Vi ringraziamo per la vostra generosità e per il vostro costante impegno nel vivere il Vangelo attraverso opere di carità e compassione.**

## VANGELO DELLA DOMENICA

Riflessione: Matteo 28.16-20

In quest'ultimo brano del Vangelo di Matteo, Gesù appare ai suoi discepoli dopo la Risurrezione e li invia a diffondere il Vangelo a tutte le nazioni. Nonostante i dubbi di alcuni, Gesù li chiamò comunque a proseguire la sua missione. Questo ci ricorda che Dio opera attraverso persone imperfette.

Gesù promette: "Io sono con voi tutti i giorni". Queste parole ci infondono conforto e forza, ricordandoci che non siamo mai soli. Cristo rimane con noi in ogni momento della nostra vita, guidandoci con il suo amore e la sua grazia. Questo Vangelo ci chiama ad avere fiducia in Gesù, a vivere la nostra fede con audacia e a condividere il suo amore con gli altri attraverso le nostre parole e le nostre azioni. La fede non deve rimanere nascosta o privata. Ogni cristiano è chiamato a testimoniare Cristo attraverso l'amore, la verità, la misericordia e la santità di vita. Alcuni sono chiamati a predicare apertamente, altri attraverso una fedeltà silenziosa nella vita familiare, nel lavoro, nella sofferenza, nella preghiera e nella carità. Ogni vocazione diventa un cammino di evangelizzazione quando vissuta in unione con Dio.

Gesù comanda il battesimo "nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo". Questo rivela il mistero della Santissima Trinità e ci ricorda che la vita cristiana inizia nella comunione con Dio stesso. Non seguiamo un'idea, ma entriamo in una relazione con il Dio vivente.

L'ultima promessa è una delle più consolanti di tutta la Scrittura: "Ed ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo". I discepoli avrebbero affrontato persecuzioni, debolezza e martirio, eppure Cristo promise la sua presenza costante. La stessa promessa è per noi oggi. Nei momenti di solitudine, confusione, sofferenza o paura, Gesù rimane vicino. Ci accompagna nella preghiera, nei sacramenti, nella Scrittura e nella vita quotidiana.

Questo brano ci invita a chiederci:

- Ho fiducia nell'autorità di Cristo sulla mia vita?
- In che modo sono chiamato a condividere il Vangelo?
- Credo veramente che Gesù sia sempre con me?

Possiamo rispondere con coraggio e fede, sapendo che il Cristo risorto cammina al nostro fianco ogni giorno.



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