

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

MOVING TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL / VERSO IL NOSTRO CENTENARIO
2017 ~ CELEBRATING THE PAST / 2017 ~ CELEBRANDO IL PASSATO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND PRAYERS

WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES ARE SEASONAL

From the beginning of November to the end of April, all daily Chapel Masses are celebrated at 12:00 Noon.

From the beginning of May to the end of October, daily Chapel Masses are celebrated as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

7:15 a.m. - Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

Tuesday and Thursday

12:00 Noon

Wednesday Evening (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass and Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday

10:00 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:50 a.m. - Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. - Confessions
5:00 p.m. - Holy Mass (English)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (English)
9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Italian)
11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass (English)
with Children's Liturgy

On weekday statutory holidays,
Holy Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Couples interested in having their children baptised should contact the office for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples interested in entering marriage should contact the office one year in advance for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: after 9:00 a.m. Mass and upon request.

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CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**. The very concept of Christ the King might seem rather triumphant in an age of expanding democratization of society. But look carefully at this king as portrayed in today's parable: he was hungry, thirsty, naked, ill and in prison. Who are his loyal subjects? They are those who give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, who welcome strangers, clothe the naked, comfort the ill and visit prisoners. What a king and what a kingdom! The goal of this king is not to oppress his subjects with his power but rather to "break the power of evil. In this kingdom the evils of economic, medical and criminal injustice are confronted and overcome by subjects who not only respect the "King of creation" but also "glory in his justice and live in his love."

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This Weekend

This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ St. Brigid's Conference will take up its annual Christmas collection to support the Annual Adopt-A-Family Campaign. In order for this campaign to continue being successful we are asking for your generous donations.

BUNDLE-UP DRIVE: DECEMBER 2 & 3

During the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have its Annual Bundle-Up Drive. Please bring your gently used clothing to the pod located in the Church parking lot.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are in grade 4 or higher, have already received your First Communion and would like to altar serve at St. Brigid's Church, please pick up a registration form at either entrance to the Church.

ST. BRIGID'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

We are happy to announce that the bus going to the pilgrimage is now full! **Final payment is now due.** **Reminder:** you will need a valid Canadian passport. If you are not a Canadian citizen, you will require a valid passport and a VISA to enter the U.S. **PLUS** a Permanent Resident Card to enter back into Canada. Without these documents, you will not be permitted to enter the U.S. **Please be at the Church parking lot by 7:30 am. The bus will be leaving at 7:45 am sharp.**

DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Sunday, December 3rd is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The theme this year is: **Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all.** The annual theme provides a frame for considering how people with disabilities are excluded from society by promoting the removal of all types of barriers, including those relating to

the physical environment, information and communications technology (ICT), or attitudinal barriers.

"SYMBOLON: KNOWING YOUR FAITH"

**Every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm: Rectory Hall
10-week Series Part 1: November 23 to December 21**

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, others simply walk away. That's why the time is right for *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith*. Presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography, this series explains the essentials of the Catholic faith. No registration required. All are welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

On **Thursday, December 7th**, St. Brigid's will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. Fathers Carlos, Robert, Wilson and Jeff will be available to hear your confessions in both English and Italian starting at **7:00 pm**.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Please join us at our Parish on **Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be celebrated in both English and Italian.

OUT OF THE COLD: CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 9 & 10

The annual collection for the Christmas dinner for the guests of the Out of the Cold program will take place on **Saturday, December 9th** and **Sunday, December 10th**. The program serves the many needs of the poor and homeless in our community. Your continued generosity during this holiday season is very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

FOOD FOR A MONTH PROGRAM DECEMBER 21 & DECEMBER 22

Last Christmas, with the generous assistance from the "**Food for a Month Program**", 35 families within our Parish community were given Christmas food hampers. This year we want to continue in that same spirit of giving. In order to do so, we need able bodied volunteers on **Thursday, December 21st** and / or **Friday, December 22nd** from **7:00 am to 7:00 pm** at **Ellesmere Community Center** to help pack and deliver the food hampers. All interested volunteers are asked to contact the Parish office.

CHURCH BULLETIN INFORMATION

Due to the upcoming holiday season, our Church bulletin will be submitted for printing sooner than our regular schedule. We ask all parishioners wishing to add a Mass intention in December to please contact the office as soon as possible in order to better serve your requests.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in

February 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624-4422.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2018 donation envelopes will be ready soon. They will be located at the back of the Church and will be placed in alphabetical order. Please contact the Parish office if you have moved or changed your contact information. All information is kept private and confidential.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 24th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 19th, 2017 was **\$3,265.40**. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and contributions to all of our collections. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

CRISTO, RE DELL'UNIVERSO / A

Cristo è chiamato a guidare il popolo di Dio, ad esserne condottiero; la sua regalità è di origine divina ed ha il primato su tutto, perché in lui il Padre ha posto la pienezza di tutte le cose. Eppure il vangelo di Luca presenta la regalità di Gesù riportando la parodia della sua investitura a re dei Giudei sulla croce, che richiama fortemente l'altra parodia avvenuta nel pretorio di Pilato e riportata dagli altri evangelisti. L'investitura regale di Gesù si svolge attorno alla croce, trono improvvisato del nuovo Messia. Per rendere più evidente questo accostamento, Luca ricorda l'iscrizione che domina la croce, ma senza dire che si tratta di un motivo di condanna.

GIORNATA ARCIDIOCESANA DI CONFESSIONI

Giovedì, il 7 Dicembre, la nostra chiesa celebrerà la Giornata Arcidiocesana di Confessioni. Padre Carlos e altri quattro sacerdoti saranno disponibili per ascoltare le tue confessioni in Inglese e Italiano a partire dalle 7:00 pm.

FESTA DELL'IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE

Venerdì, 8 Dicembre si celebra la Festa dell'Immacolata Concezione. Una messa Solenne in onore della Madonna sarà celebrata alle **7:00 pm in Inglese e Italiano**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 19 Novembre 2017 è stata **\$3,265.40**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia può essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 a.m. In honour of Madonna di Monte Vergine for grace received, req. by Lucia Del Grande

5:00 p.m. +Frances Keely, req. by Kate Gilhooly

Sunday, Nov. 26th - Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. In onore di Sant'Antonio, req. by Rosina Petrucci
In onore della Madonna Perpetua Sorcoso per una grazia ricevuta, req. by Palermo Family
+Giuseppe & Rosaria Cornacchia, req. by Doto Family
+Pasquale & Filomena Antuono, req. by De Fusco Family
+Raffaele Accardi, req. by Sara Accardi
+Chiara Appa, req. by the Family
+Giovanni Taggio & Carmela Cafaro, req. by the Family
+Salvatore & Leonarda Paladino, req. by Cavataio Family
+Daniella Carpino, req. by Guido & Maria Carpino
+Incoronata, Giuseppe & Rosaria Cornacchia, req. by Angelo Cornacchia

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Franca Arabia
+Onorato Colangelo, req. by Vittoria Colangelo
+Onorino, Antonio, and all the deceased members of the Ruggiero Family, req. by Villacci Family

Monday, Nov. 27th

12:00 p.m. +Maria De Manche, req. by Patrick & Carmel Galvin

Tuesday, Nov. 28th

12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Brigid's Parish

Wednesday, Nov. 29th

12:00 p.m. +Maria De Manche, req. by the Parish Community

7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Nov. 30th - St. Andrew

8:45 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Confessions**

12:00 p.m. +Michael & Josephine Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
+Danilo Dalida, req. by the Family

Friday, Dec. 1st

12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Catherine of Siena

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

9:00 a.m. ----

5:00 p.m. +Lorenza Acasio, req. by the Family

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son.

Universal Intention for December: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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