

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

In the reading from Isaiah, the prophet is longing for the love of God. But what he finds instead is what he cannot bear: God angry, God gone. The experience the prophet gives voice to is familiar to all of us. God is angry and has hidden His face; He is somewhere above the heavens, and we cannot find Him there. How can this be? Doesn't God love us? Where is He? Why isn't He here? The prophet answers these questions: the reason lies in our sinfulness. God is not gone from us because He has forsaken us. Our sins—our weaknesses, our willfulness, our pride, our failure to love, our failure even to accept the love of others—have turned us away from the Lord.

May this Advent season be a time of turning back towards the Lord and keeping alert in joyful expectation for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in last Saturday's Liturgical Ministry Formation Retreat and to all our liturgical ministers who faithfully serve our Parish community. May God bestow every good gift to you for all the great work you are doing for the greater glory of God.

As we enter this Advent Season with which begins a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church, I strongly encourage parishioners to consider joining any one of our liturgical ministries: Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Usher, or Lay Minister to the Sick. Please contact Kevin Pettit at the Parish office.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Father Carlos Sierra and the parish community for your generosity in supporting the 2017 Christmas Collection. Your donations will go a long way in helping families in need during the Christmas Season.

DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Today 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**

Join us for the next Symbolon session on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Hall where we will look at the essentials of the Catholic faith. No registration required. All are welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

On **Thursday, December 7th**, we 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.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: DECEMBER 9 & 16

There will be a rehearsal for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir on **Saturday, December 9th** and on **Saturday, December 16th** at **10:00 am in the Church**. All are welcome to attend.

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.

OUT OF THE COLD

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 9 & 10

The annual collection for the Christmas Dinner for guests from 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 the Christmas season is very much appreciated.

MEETING: DECEMBER 13

Anyone interested in helping us with this year's **Out of the Cold Program** is welcomed to attend the next **meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 1099 Danforth Avenue at the St. Brigid's Annex Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next meeting for the Knights of Columbus St. Brigid's Council is on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:45pm in the Duc in Altum Room**. Men 18+ who are not members yet, and would like to join, are also invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FOOD FOR A MONTH PROGRAM

We are in need of 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 food hampers to families in our community for our annual "Food for a Month Program". All interested volunteers are asked to contact the Parish office.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO DECEMBER 3, 2017

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Due to the upcoming Christmas season, our bulletin will be submitted for printing sooner than our regular schedule. If you wish to add a Mass intention in December please contact the office as soon as possible.

In order for the Parish office to continue keeping accurate records, we ask you to contact us if you have updated your contact information.

CHRISTMAS SEASON 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

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP 2018: JANUARY 24th

Prayer and Life Workshop is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include methods such as prayerful reading, integral reconciliation, and contemplative prayer. The workshop will be held in the Rectory Hall and will start on **Wednesday, January 24th**. Each session is two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. Please contact the Parish office to register for this workshop.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 26th, 2017 was **\$3,709.80**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of November was **\$5,176.99**. 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.)!**

I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO: ANNO B

Se è così che Dio viene, è chiaro allora quale deve essere il nostro giusto atteggiamento: fidarci di Dio, disporre la nostra vita nella linea del servizio e della collaborazione al suo progetto; non arroccarci in ciò che è vecchio e collaudato; essere pronti alla perenne novità di Dio; non dormire, ma vegliare con amore per riconoscerlo nella sua continua venuta. «Quando verrà di nuovo nello splendore della sua gloria», quando avrà termine la nostra avventura di «poveri», ci sarà svelato il vero volto e ci sarà data la piena comunione di vita con il nostro Dio, il Padre del Signore Gesù Cristo.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 26 Novembre 2017 e' stata **\$3,709.80**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Novembre è stata **\$5,176.99**. 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 puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

9:00 a.m. ----

11:30 a.m. **Funeral Mass:** +Corrado Lupo

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

Sunday, Dec. 3rd ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. In Onore Della Madonna di Valleverde, req. by Lucia Del Grande
Benedizione Speciale per Marta, Rocco e Famiglia,
req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

Per Tutti le Anime in Purgatorio, req. by the Grande Family

Per Tutti i Defunti Della Famiglia Altomare, req. by Ida Altomare

Per Tutti i Defunti Della Famiglia Pizzo, req. by Ida Altomare

+Biagio & Albina Delle Fave, req. by the Children

+Emma & Mario Muto, req. by Altomare Family

+Rocco & Leonardo Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso

+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family

+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family

+Domenico & Marta Grande, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

+Giuseppe & Rosa Cozzi, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

+Rosaria Appa, req. by the Family

+Vito Totino Jr., req. by Maria Turco & Family

+Giuseppe Muscarella, req. by the Family

+Corrado Lupo, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. +John Barnes, req. by the Out of the Cold Volunteers

+Antonio, Americo & Giuseppina Palma, req. by Villacci Family

+Lorenza Acasio, req. by the Family

+Francis Perry, req. by Tillie & Yvonne Chaisson

+Floriano De Melo, req. by the Family

Monday, Dec. 4th ~ St. John Damascene

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5th

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Wednesday, Dec. 6th ~ St. Nicholas

12:00 p.m. +Angelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

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

Thursday, Dec. 7th ~ St. Ambrose

12:00 p.m. +Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Viscomi

7:00 p.m. **Archdiocesan Confessions (Bilingual)**

Friday, Dec. 8th ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe & Antonietta Cagna, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

+John Barnes, req. by Monica Donovan

7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Messa Solenne dell'Immacolata Concezione

Saturday, Dec. 9th ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of St. Catherine of Siena

5:00 p.m. In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary for grace received,

req. by Maria Flammia

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

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