

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

2018: CELEBRATING THE PRESENT / 2018: CELEBRANDO IL PRESENTE
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND PRAYERS

WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:

12:00 p.m. Holy Mass

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 (Sept. to June)

**On Weekday Statutory Holidays,
Holy Mass is Celebrated at 9:00 a.m.**

PARISH OFFICE OPEN DAILY:

Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Between: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Families interested in having their children baptised must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples interested in entering marriage must contact the Parish office approximately one year in advance.

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is His, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's Solemnity brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

On January 8th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This brings to an end the Season of Christmas. The Church recalls our Lord's second manifestation (or "epiphany") which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons and daughters of God.

"SYMBOLON: KNOWING YOUR FAITH"

Thursdays – 7:00 to 8:00 pm – Rectory Hall

Please join us for the second part of *Symbolon: Knowing Your Faith* series where we will continue to explore the essentials of the Catholic faith in stunning cinematography. The series resumes this **Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 pm** in the Rectory Hall (beside the Church). All are welcome to attend. No registration required.

"CATHOLICISM"

Fridays – 6:00 to 7:00 pm – Church Hall

Young people in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the *Wave After Wave Youth Group* in the Church Hall for the screening of the second part of "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron. In breathtaking, HD cinematography, the Catholic faith is illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. The series resumes on **Friday, January 12th at 6:00 pm**. Social to follow. No registration required.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR

REHEARSAL DATES: JANUARY 13th & 20th

There will be a rehearsal for St. Brigid's Centennial Choir on **Saturday, January 13th** and on **Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 am in the Church**. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is **"Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees"** As Christians, we are called to reach out to, and pray for, all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

The Archdiocese of Toronto together with the Chaldean Catholic Community invites you to a special Mass on **January 14th at 1:00 pm** at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral Parish, 2 High Meadow Place, North York.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

January 18th to the 25th is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2018 is *"Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power"* (Exodus 15:6). Throughout 2018, join Christians everywhere in prayer *"that they may all be one"* (cf. Jn 17:21). For more information, please visit: www.geii.org.

FROM THE SHARELIFE OFFICE

The ShareLife office has released a *Report to Donors* sharing the results of the 2017 campaign and demonstrating how your support has made a difference. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the ShareLife website at: www.sharelife.org.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: JANUARY 24th, 2018

The Prayer and Life Workshop is a series of sessions that help you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include prayer methods, such as prayerful reading, prayer of surrendering, adoration, and contemplative prayer. The workshop will start on **Wednesday, January 24th** and will take place in our **Rectory Hall at 7:00 pm**. This will consist of 15 weekly sessions (2 hours each), and a final one-day retreat. Instruction is free; however, materials have a total cost of \$15. **Registration is taking place this weekend**. Please visit: tovpil.ca/Ontario.

**ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
TRIDUUM MASSES**

JANUARY 31st, FEBRUARY 1st & 2nd

Please join us for our Triduum Masses as we celebrate St. Brigid – our Patron Saint. The Masses will take place on **Wednesday, January 31st, Thursday, February 1st, and Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Church**.

**ST. BRIGID AND
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER-DANCE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2018

Please join us for the conclusion of St. Brigid's Triduum at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 3rd. The Dinner-Dance will begin after Mass in the Church Hall. We look forward to celebrating together along with your friends and families. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by dancing, door prizes and much more!

The price for each ticket is: \$55 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under! Tickets are now available and will be sold after each Mass or you can obtain your tickets at the Parish office (Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm).

ST. BRIGID'S VOCATIONS RETREAT

Saturday, January 27th – 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Are you considering what God might be calling you to in life? Join other males aged 16 and older at St. Brigid's Church on Saturday, January 27th from 9:00 am-1:30 pm to reflect and discern on one's vocation in life. **Please RSVP to the Parish office by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 26th**. The retreat is free. A light lunch will be provided.

2018 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 27th & 28th

FIRST REHEARSAL: FEBRUARY 4th at 3:00 pm

Preparations for the 29th Annual Good Friday Passion Play are underway. To register yourself as an actor or if you'd like to help the play in any way, please email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com** with your full name and full contact information. **Registration will also take place in the Church on Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th after all Masses. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, February 4th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church.** A light snack will be provided.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On **Friday, February 2nd**, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2018

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th, 2018. An Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage Mass will be held on **Sunday, February 11th, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish in North York.**

WEEKLY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The regular collection for the week ending December 24th, 2017 was \$6,089.15. The Christmas Day collection was \$3,153.00. The regular collection for the week ending December 31st, 2017 was \$3,927.95. The January 1st, 2018 collection was \$1,139.00. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and contributions to all of our collections. **Please remember St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!** The collection taken during the St. Brigid's School Advent Masses totaled \$1,500. As we have done every year, we have donated \$750 to Out of the Cold and \$750 to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all our families for your support.

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE: ANNO B

Nella Chiesa Cristo si rivela a i popoli. Uno degli elementi più significativi che ha caratterizzato gli interventi del Concilio Vaticano II è indubbiamente il richiamo alla fondamentale unità della famiglia umana.

«La presente generazione... ha visto crollare o restringersi gli ostacoli e le distanze che separano uomini e nazioni, grazie ad un accresciuto senso universalistico, ad una più chiara coscienza dell'unità del genere umano e all'accettazione della reciproca dipendenza in un'autentica solidarietà e grazie, infine, al desiderio — e alla possibilità — di venire a contatto con i propri fratelli e sorelle al di là delle divisioni artificialmente create dalla geografia o dalle frontiere nazionali o razziali».

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE

Il Battesimo cristiano ha la sua radice in quello di Gesù. Come Gesù al fiume Giordano è dichiarato "Figlio amato" e si rivela pieno di Spirito Santo, così avviene per il cristiano nel sacramento del Battesimo. Con gratitudine, oggi ricordiamo tutti questa verità.

COLLEZIONI SETTIMANALI E SPECIALI

La colletta regolare della settimana 24 Dicembre 2017 e' stata \$6,089.15. La colletta del giorno di Natale e' stata \$3,153.00. La colletta regolare della settimana 31 Dicembre 2017 e' stata \$3,927.95 e la colletta del 1 Gennaio, 2018 e' stata \$1,139.00. 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?** La collezione presa durante le messe dell'Avvento della scuola di Santa Brigida e' stata \$1,500. Come abbiamo fatto ogni anno, abbiamo donato \$750 a Out of the Cold e \$750 a St. Vincent de Paul.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 6th ~ St. André Bessette (Brother André)

9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Healing for Members of the Community

5:00 p.m. +Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by the Family

Sunday, Jan. 7th ~ Epiphany of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. +Michelo & Rita Doto, req. by Doto Family

+Michelo & Rosaria Visconti, req. by Rosa Visconti & Family

+Antonio Mastrangelo, req. by the Family

+Francesco & Adilina Casciaro, req. by Ita Spada

+Peter Novia, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of the Loizzo & Campanelli Families, req. by Lucia Loizzo

+Antonio & Raffaele Colangelo, req. by Vittoria Colangelo & Lucia Lamanna

Monday, Jan. 8th ~ The Baptism of the Lord

12:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero & Family

Tuesday, Jan. 9th

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

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Rocco Cornacchia, req. by the Family

Wednesday, Jan. 10th

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of St. Catherine of Siena

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

+Antonio Carelli, req. by Paonessa Family

Thursday, Jan 11th

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

Friday, Jan. 12th ~ St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

12:00 p.m. +Allan Fletcher, req. by his friends and family

Saturday, Jan. 13th ~ St. Hilary

9:00 a.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

5:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by the Family

+Norine Hilaire & John Comartin, req. by the Family

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When the heart is open to the sun of grace, we see flowers blossom in their fragrance; these are seen to have profited by the word of God. ~ St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

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