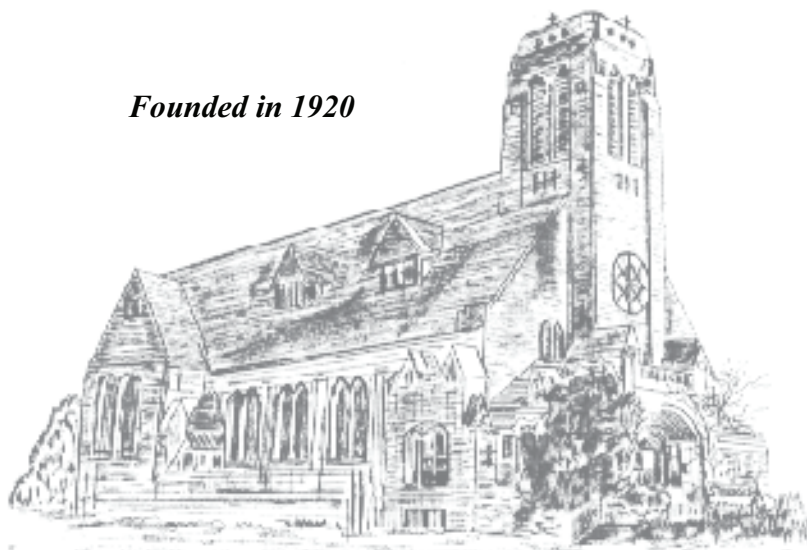


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. (Italian)  
11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

## WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

*Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.  
on weekday statutory holidays.*

## DEVOTIONALS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mass & Novena  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

## ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples engaged to be married must contact the Parish office one year in advance.

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B**

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and His temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018**

Today is Ecumenical Sunday when we celebrate what God is doing through the many ecumenical agencies—local, regional, national and international—that make up the modern ecumenical movement. As we continue our special prayers "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21), we take time to familiarize ourselves with the work that the Archdiocese of Toronto does to promote understanding and cooperation among Christians and others in our community. **Please join us today at 3:00 pm in an ecumenical prayer service led by Cardinal Thomas Collins at Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St. East).** Refreshments to follow.

**"SYMBOLON: KNOWING YOUR FAITH"**

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

The next session for the *Symbolon: Knowing Your Faith* series will take place on **Thursday, January 25th 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**

Youths in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the *Wave After Wave Youth Group* in the Church Hall for the next episode of "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron on **Friday, January 26th at 6:00 pm**. Social to follow. All are welcome. No registration required.

**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.

**PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP**

**START DATE: JANUARY 24th (RECTORY HALL)**

Registration for the Prayer and Life Workshop will continue this weekend after all Sunday Masses on January 20th and 21st. The Workshop begins Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Hall. Please visit: [tovpil.ca/Ontario](http://tovpil.ca/Ontario).

**FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID CELEBRATIONS****Holy Mass with H.E. Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Saturday, February 3rd at 5:00pm**

Please join us on **Saturday, February 3rd at the 5:00 pm Mass with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto**, who will be the Celebrant and Homilist for the conclusion of the Feast of St. Brigid Triduum. All are welcome to attend.

**Triduum Masses for St. Brigid  
January 31st to February 2nd**

The Triduum Masses for Saint Brigid will take place in our Church at 7:00pm on: Wednesday, January 31st, Thursday, February 1st, and on Friday, February 2nd.

**St. Brigid & St. Catherine of Siena  
Annual Dinner-Dance  
Saturday, February 3rd**

All are invited to attend the Annual St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Dinner-Dance immediately following the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, in the Church Hall. We look forward to celebrating together as a community, along with your friends and families. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by dancing, door prizes and much more!

**Tickets are \$55 for Adults and \$30 for Children 12 years old and under.**

Tickets may be purchased after each Mass or by visiting the Parish office (Monday to Friday).

**ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR**

St. Brigid's Centennial Choir is a community choir made up of parish members of all different types of musical ability. Our main focus is to assist and encourage the congregation in the offering of song as prayer using the core hymns of Catholic tradition. We rehearse twice monthly on the second and third Saturday's of the month and sing at the 11:00 am Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Joining in rehearsal is an important part of choir participation but with people's busy lives, it is understandable that this is not always possible. Resources are provided to choir members so that they can practice at home. As the choir becomes more established, we will begin to sing at major feast day Masses culminating with the St. Brigid's Parish centennial celebrations in 2020.

Please consider joining the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir and helping our Parish raise its singing voices to God in prayer. - **Attila Jagodits, Coordinator of Liturgical Music**  
**Next Rehearsals: Saturday February 10th and 17th at 10:00 am in the Church.**

**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. This is a great way for students looking to fulfill their volunteer hours. **Registration will take place on Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th after all Masses.**

**First Rehearsal: Sunday, February 4th - 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church.**

### POPE FRANCIS IN CHILE

On his first full day in Chile (January 16th), Pope Francis told Catholics that the Beatitudes are not a simple piece of advice from someone who purports to know everything, instead, they are a source of hope which inspires people to leave their comfort zone and follow the path given by Jesus. "The Beatitudes are not the fruit of a hypercritical attitude or the 'cheap words' of those who think they know it all, yet are unwilling to commit themselves to anything or anyone." The Pope continued saying, "People with this attitude prevent any chance of generating processes of change and reconstruction in our communities and in our lives."

### 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. On **Sunday, January 28th at 3:00 pm Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick** will preside at a special Mass at St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power Street) in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE EVENT

**Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 11th at Blessed Trinity Parish** (3220 Bayview Ave., North York). A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400 ext. 523.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on January 14th, 2018 was **\$2,480.05**. **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.)!**

### III DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO: ANNO B

La vittoria di Cristo sulla morte è superamento dei limiti del tempo e dello spazio. Cristo opera una demitizzazione del tempo contro le concezioni che avevano divinizzato, cosificato l'incessante e incontrollabile flusso delle stagioni. La vittoria sulla morte crea un tempo per l'uomo ed uno

spazio per l'uomo: tempo e spazio di costruzione della propria identità e della identità di tutta la comunità umana. Un «tempo per l'uomo» non è solo dono: deve essere anche conquista. Ma la ricerca di tempi di produzione sempre più brevi, l'impossibilità di fermarsi, la macchina sempre più veloce come simbolo di potenza, l'incapacità di controllare la corsa degli avvenimenti, la necessità di frenetico aggiornamento per non sentirsi superati da un giorno all'altro, possono essere sintomi di una nuova sottomissione dell'uomo al tempo. Una marcia all'indietro.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 14 Gennaio 2018 e' stata **\$2,480.05**. 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, Jan. 20th ~ St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida  
5:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo  
+José & Maria Mendonca, req. by Marlene & Sandra

#### Sunday, Jan. 21st

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. +Prospero Filardi, req. by Donato, Giovanna & Rosa Filardi  
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family  
+Michelino Liscio & Concettina Coppa, req. by Rosetta & Sebastiano  
+Pietro Altomare, req. by Lucia Loizzo  
+Umberto Chiranza, req. by the Family  
+Mattia Tafaro, req. by the Family  
+Pasquale Lamanna, req. by the Family  
+Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino  
11:00 a.m. +Oto Corsano, req. by the Family  
+Ann Saunders, req. by the Parish

#### Monday, Jan. 22nd ~ St. Vincent of Saragossa

12:00 p.m. +Luigi & Giuseppe Melino, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

#### Tuesday, Jan. 23rd

12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande  
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Giuseppe Loreface, req. by the Family

#### Wednesday, Jan. 24th ~ St. Francis de Sales

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing: Cagna Family, req. by Gilda Cornacchia  
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

#### Thursday, Jan 25th ~ The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:30 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Mass**  
12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Catherine of Siena

#### Friday, Jan. 26th ~ St. Timothy & St. Titus

12:00 p.m. +Ann Saunders, req. by Lisa & Brian Dwyer and Family

#### Saturday, Jan. 27th ~ St. Angela Merici

9:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of St. Brigid's Parish  
5:00 p.m. +Frances Coviello, req. by Francesco Rampino & Family

**Be At Peace.** Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day...Amen. *St. Francis De Sales*

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