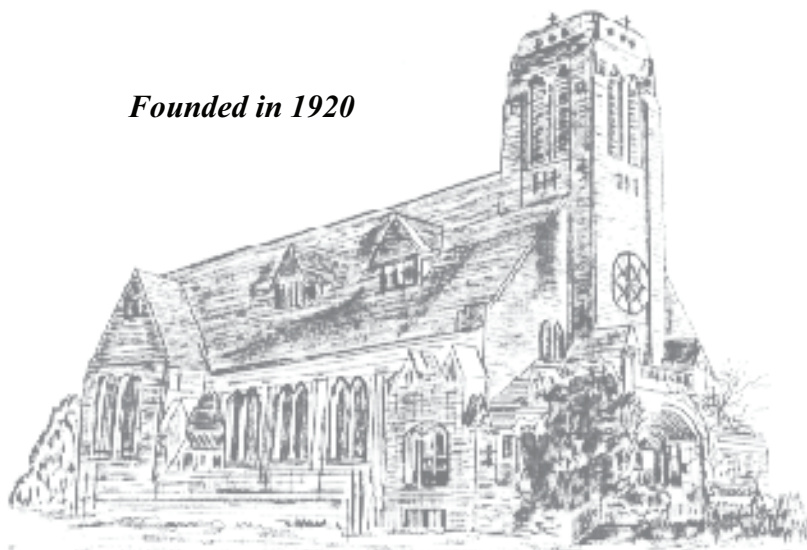


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to Him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew His identity and would have revealed it to those who were present. On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to His disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places. Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place.

SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: FEBRUARY 14

- 12:00 pm** English Chapel Mass
- 1:00 pm** St. Brigid's School Mass
- 7:00 pm** Italian and English Evening Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. The first service will be held on **Friday, February 16th**.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

This year marks our **29th year** of gathering together as a community and celebrating the production of **The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession**. This year, the play and procession will take place on **Friday, March 30th at 6:00 pm**. To register yourself as an actor or if you would 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 also a great way for students to fulfill their volunteer requirements. **Practices will be held EVERY SUNDAY at 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church. Pizza will be served after each practice.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:00 pm

Starting this Wednesday, February 7th, we will celebrate the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for all parishioners who cannot attend on Thursday mornings. We will start with silent meditation at 6:00 to 6:30 pm followed by Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours-from 6:30 to 6:50 pm. Our weekly Novena Mass, in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will take place at 7:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR
REHEARSAL DATES: FEBRUARY 10 & 17**

The next two rehearsals for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, February 10th & 17th at 10:00 am in the Church**. Please consider joining our Choir and helping our Parish raise its singing voices to God in prayer. - **Attila Jagodits, Coordinator of Liturgical Music**.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE EVENT 2018
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10 & 11**

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 pm on Sunday, February 11th at Blessed Trinity Parish** (3220 Bayview Ave.). A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend. **Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage**.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected.

OUT OF THE COLD MEETING: FEBRUARY 14

Our next Out of the Cold meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church (1099 Danforth Ave.) in the **St. Brigid's Annex Hall**.

TCDSB DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Our former Director of Education Angela Gauthier, has shared the Toronto Catholic District School Board Director's Annual Report for the 2016-2017 academic year. It highlights many of the new initiatives that were introduced, implemented and/or expanded during the past school year. To read this published document online, please visit: **www.tcdsb.org/Board/BoardAdministration/DirectorofEducation/Pages/directors-annual-report-2016-2017.aspx**.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Due to personal reasons, Kevin Pettit, the Lay Pastoral Associate, is no longer working with our Parish. If you have any questions regarding your child's sacraments and the catechism program please contact Fr. Carlos Sierra or the Parish office. Please see a Catechist or an usher after Mass to have your child's sacramental passport stamped.

TAX RECEIPTS & DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2017 donation tax receipts** are ready and have been mailed out. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed your contact information.

Your **2018 donation envelopes** are now at the Parish office. Please do not hesitate to come in to pick them up.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH Thank you for your generous spirit and great support towards the 2017 Archdiocesan Special Collections.

Following are the totals collected:

Humanitarian Relief:	\$ 120.00
Scarboro Mission:	\$ 1,619.50
Holy Land:	\$ 2,454.00
Marygrove:	\$ 1,471.00
Mission Co-op:	\$ 3,155.10
Needs of Canadian Church:	\$ 1,531.30
Papal Charities:	\$ 1,719.00
ShareLife:	\$25,380.20
Shepherds' Trust:	\$ 3,161.55
World Mission Sunday:	\$ 2,226.20

Total Diocesan Collection: \$ 42,837.85

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on January 28th, 2018 was **\$3,406.40**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of January was **\$5,314.49**. **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.)!**

V DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

Malattia e guarigione. La malattia e la sofferenza che accompagnano la nostra vita generano uno stato di paurosa insicurezza. Esse incarnano la debolezza e la fragilità umana, sottoposte all'eventualità dell'inatteso e dell'imprevedibile. Questa condizione umana contrasta con il desiderio di assoluto, di stabilità e di sicurezza che pervade ogni uomo, e rende la sua esistenza poco desiderabile. Anche l'uomo presentato dalla Bibbia va alla ricerca delle cause di questa situazione. In un mondo dove la realtà viene rapportata continuamente a Dio, la malattia e le disgrazie non fanno eccezione: sono viste come una percossa di Dio che colpisce l'uomo.

MESSAGGIO DI PAPA FRANCESCO PER LA QUARESIMA 2018

Cari fratelli e sorelle, ancora una volta ci viene incontro la Pasqua del Signore! Per prepararci ad essa la Provvidenza di Dio ci offre ogni anno la Quaresima, «segno sacramentale della nostra conversione», che annuncia e realizza la possibilità di tornare al Signore con tutto il cuore e con tutta la vita. Anche quest'anno, con il presente messaggio, desidero aiutare tutta la Chiesa a vivere con gioia e verità in questo tempo di grazia; e lo faccio lasciandomi ispirare da un'espressione di Gesù nel Vangelo.

MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI: 14 FEBBRAIO

12:00 pm: Messa nella Cappella; **1:00 pm:** Messa per la Scuola di Santa Brigida; **7:00 pm:** Messa celebrata in Italiano e Inglese.

STAZIONI DELLA CROCE

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni Della Croce. Ogni venerdì di quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa a partire il **16 di Febbraio**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 28 Gennaio 2018 e' stata **\$3,406.40**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Gennaio è stata **\$5,314.49**. 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, Feb. 3rd - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

- 9:00 a.m. +Arti Lakhani, req. by Maria Lehunte
5:00 p.m. +Alfrido Moniz Cardoso, req. by Caetano Tavares & Family
+Evelina Sousa Leite, req. by Caetano Tavares & Family
+Luisa Margarida Cardoso, req. by Caetano Tavares & Family
+Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino & Family
+Carmine Leon Machuca, req. by Adriana Sarmiento

Sunday, Feb. 4th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Per Tutti I Defunti della Famiglia Palma, req. by Pasqualina Villacci
+Angelo & Antonietta Palma, req. by Pasqualina Villacci
+Rosina, Pietro & Pasquale Macchione, req. by Sestito Family
+Anna Potapenko, req. by the Italian Choir
+Angelo & Antonietta Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Rosario & Giuseppe Lopez, req. by Visconti Family
+Nicola & Pasqualina Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Orazio Morale, req. by the Parish
+Pasquale Palumbo, req. by the Parish
11:00 a.m. +Theresa Doyle, req. by Doreen Galligan

Monday, Feb. 5th - St. Agatha

- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Brigid Church

Tuesday, Feb. 6th - St. Paul Miki and Companions

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

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

- 12:00 p.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish
6:00 p.m. **Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours**
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Feb. 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

- 12:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Francesco Rampino

Friday, Feb. 9th

- 12:00 p.m. +Armenio & Rocco Lombardo, req. by Lucia & Pasquale Melino

Saturday, Feb. 10th - St. Scholastica

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for the sick, suffering and the poor
5:00 p.m. +Domencio Arabia, req. by the Family
+Nazzareno Cesta and all the deceased members of the Cesta Family, req. by the Anna & Family

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