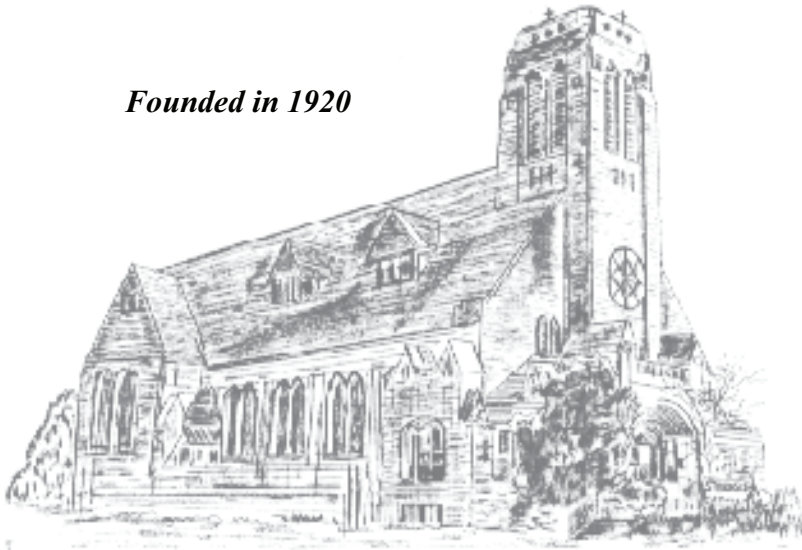


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9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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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

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

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 OF LENT / B

Some Greeks came up to Philip and made this request: "Sir, we should like to see Jesus." They are to find Jesus, of course, in the grain of wheat fallen to earth and dying. They are to find Jesus in the one who is lifted up from the earth and loses his life. If we should like to see Jesus, we need to look for the fallen grains of wheat around us, the sick and impoverished, the abused and oppressed. If we should like to see Jesus, we need to look for those who are losing their lives, the victims of poverty, abuse, discrimination, and war. What we need is a new covenant, a covenant of love and forgiveness. We need to have written in our hearts that we are God's people and that we aspire to be like Christ in transforming the darkness of the world's pain into the life and joy of Easter.

TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday." ~ *Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*. For those Parishioners that forgot their ShareLife contributions today, you will have an opportunity to provide them in next week's collection or through the Parish Office.

The second ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. Thank you for giving generously! May God bless you.

**SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH
MONDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm**

Please join us on **Monday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prince and Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron Saint of Canada. Mass will be celebrated in the Church in both English and Italian.

**CITY OF TORONTO
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20: HOPE UNITED CHURCH**

The City of Toronto is holding a Community Consultation Meeting on **Tuesday, March 20th** from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and again from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at **Hope United Church, located at 2550 Danforth Avenue**. The City holds public consultations as one way to engage residents in the life of their city. The purpose of this study is to conduct a review of the study area, in this case, it is from Coxwell Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue, in order to identify the existing and planned character, including heritage resources and character-defining features which will inform future development opportunities, guide new development proposals, and enhance the public realm. This is a great opportunity to voice our opinions for the betterment of the area for now and for the future. Let's get involved!

LENTEN COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 – 7:00 pm

Confessions for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2018

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and a time to be thankful for our blessings. The four Lenten pillars are: **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Sacrifice**. It is a sign of our care for those in need, and an expression of our gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

This year, we continue with the **Purple Lenten Bag Program**. It is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial. In order to help those in need, please consider adding a daily monetary value into your Lenten bag. **All proceeds will go towards Saint Vincent de Paul and Out of the Cold.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

Due to extended Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the Italian Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 am.

PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME: MAR. 25

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday: 8:30 am / 9:45 am / 11:00 am

Procession, with Palms at all Masses including the Saturday 5:00 pm evening Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO: MAR. 29

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 pm Holy Hour and Adoration - until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO: MAR. 30

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Outside)

1:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)
Veneration of the Cross and
Holy Communion
Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)

6:00 pm Passion Play & Procession

HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO: MAR. 31

11:00 am Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation

8:30 pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APR. 1

8:30 am / 9:45 am / 11:00 am

EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA: APR. 2

9:00 am Holy Mass (Chapel)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY

We invite children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on **Friday, March 30th at 3:00 pm** in the Church hall.

**GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION
MARCH 30 – 6:00 pm**

Please join us on Friday, March 30th at 6:00 pm at the Church as we celebrate the **29th year** of gathering together as a community to celebrate the production of **The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 11th, 2018 was **\$2,999.15**. 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.)!**

QUINTA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

Chicco di grano che muore... Con una metafora Gesù spiega il contenuto e il significato dell' «ora» che ormai incombe sulla sua vita: come il chicco di grano egli deve morire perché tutti abbiano la possibilità di entrare in comunione di vita con il Padre. È la logica che permea l'esistenza cristiana: incontrare Gesù implica seguirlo in una scelta di vita che si fa dono per gli altri. C'è chi pensa che la fede sia una garanzia, una specie di polizza di assicurazione contro gli infortuni della vita, una dottrina che insegna a «comportarsi bene» e a non far male a nessuno. Gesù presenta un quadro radicalmente diverso e una legge molto più esigente: essere cristiani implica seguire Gesù... Che significano infatti quelle parole paradossali: «Chi ama la sua vita la perde, e chi odia la sua vita in questo mondo la conserverà per la vita eterna»? Chi si aggrappa al proprio egoismo e alle illusioni umane (potere, successo, sensualità), conoscerà un'esistenza sterile, chiusa. Chi invece sa dimenticare se stesso e offrire con amore la propria vita, se la ritroverà in pienezza.

FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE: 19 MARZO

LUNEDI, 19 Marzo si celebra la Festa di San Giuseppe. Una messa Solenne in onore di San Giuseppe sarà celebrata alle **7:00 pm in Inglese e Italiano**.

Glorioso **San Giuseppe**, la cui potenza si estende a tutte le nostre necessità, e sai rendere possibili le cose più impossibili, rivolgimi i tuoi occhi di padre buono sugli interessi dei tuoi figli. Negli affanni e nelle pene che ci opprimono, ricorriamo con fiducia a Te! Degnati di prendere sotto la tua caritatevole protezione questo affare importante e difficile, causa delle nostre preoccupazioni. Amen.

**CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER
LA PASQUA: GIOVEDI, IL 22 MARZO**

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 22 Marzo** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 11 Marzo 2018 e' stata **\$2,999.15**. 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, March 17th ~ St. Patrick

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida For all the Deceased Members of the Virzi & Sciortino Families, req. by the Virzi Family
+Antonio Drago, req. by the Virzi Family
- 5:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Joseph, req. by Maria Calo & Family
+Giuseppe Masellis, req. by Grazia Masellis & Family
+Kitty Seery, req. by Kate & Michael Gilhooly
+Charles Varghese, req. by the Parish

Sunday, March 18th ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Anna Potapenko, req. by Tetyana Ivchenko
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso
+Francesco Iurato, req. by Tony & Nancy Galea
+Felicia Fermo, req. by the Family
+Rocco Valentini, req. by Maria Valentini
+Antonino & Concetta Baggieri, req. by Salvatore Baggieri
+Carlo & Michelo Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Concettina & Ottino Puzo, req. by Schiavo Family
+Concetta & Rosario Gurrieri, req. by Caggianiello Family
+Tommaso Morlando, req. by Giuseppe Morlando & Family
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Parish
+Charles Varghese, req. by the Parish
+Giuseppe Speciale, req. by the Parish
+Lisa Mandarino, req. by the Parish
+Pietro & Giuseppina Morelli, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. +Rufina, Jay Antonio & Jovita Domingo Francisco, req. by Celia Francisco
+Edward Flood, req. by the Parish
+Charles Varghese, req. by the Parish

Monday, March 19th ~ St. Joseph

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito & Family, req. by the Family
+Maria De Manche, req. by Therese De Manche
- 7:00 p.m. **Solemn Mass in Honour of St. Joseph**

Tuesday, March 20th

- 8:45 a.m. **St. Brigid's Catholic School Confessions**
- 12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Wednesday, March 21st

- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppina Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo
- 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
- 7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Thursday, March 22nd

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Meditation & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Caterina Nocera, req. by the Family
+Antonio & Angelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
- 7:00 p.m. **Lenten Community Confessions**

Friday, March 23rd ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 12:00 p.m. +Vito & Maria Rosa Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione della Croce**

Saturday, March 24th ~ BL. Óscar Romero

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Carmela, Pietro & Michelangelo Zito, req. by the Family
- 5:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Michelangelo Nocera, req. by the Family
+Elpidio & Peter Ferroni, req. by the Family

St. Joseph, please assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Amen.

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