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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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY / B**

On this Sunday, after the celebration of Easter, the emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the living Jesus in our midst. This Risen Jesus now lives on in the community which believes in him. It is endowed with the same powers that Jesus had during his life here on earth. "So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past."

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary 699). We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Divine Mercy.

HOLY WEEK 2018 CELEBRATIONS

On behalf of Father Carlos Sierra we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our ministries, organizers, volunteers, and parishioners, along with their friends and family, for making our Holy Week celebrations a great success! The ongoing contributions, dedication and commitment that were generously given by all were the reason for this success, and for this, we say thank you and may God bless you.

LENTEN BAGS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone that supported and participated in this year's Lenten Spiritual Journey. We kindly ask that the purple Lenten bags, along with your financial contribution be returned to the Parish. They can be placed in the regular offertory collection basket or you can drop them off at the Parish office (Monday to Friday). Your generous donations will go towards supporting the Saint Vincent de Paul and Out of the Cold programs.

**EASTER RETREAT WITH FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, NEWMAN CENTRE**

We are blessed to have Fr. Jacques Philippe guide our community on the importance of living the Beatitudes. In this retreat, Fr. Jacques shows how true joy comes from spiritual poverty lived according to the Gospel. He will give examples from the Scriptures to teach us what it means to be spiritually poor before God, ourselves, and our brothers and sisters. Fr. Jacques Philippe is an international author and spiritual leader. This retreat is titled: **'The Eight Doors of the Kingdom'** and will be held at the **Newman Centre** (89 George Street, Toronto) from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. **Tickets are \$30 each**. All are welcome.

**ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR
REHEARSAL DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

The next rehearsal for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, April 14th** from **10:00 to 11:00 am** in the Church.

SHARELIFE:

**LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH IMMEDIATE
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Mental health problems can escalate if they are not addressed immediately. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counseling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counseling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis. **The second ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. Please give generously!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be an important meeting next week on **Sunday, April 15th** for Parents/Guardians of the children preparing to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. The meeting will take place at 12:00 Noon (after the 11:00 am Mass) in the Church Hall.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm** in the Church and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 5th at 12:00 Noon** in the Church. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:
RETREAT FOR STUDENTS,
PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SPONSORS**

A reminder to **ALL** students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, their parents/guardians, and sponsors: The mandatory annual Confirmation retreat will be held in the Church on **Saturday, April 28th** from **10:00 am to 12:30 pm**. The retreat is a time of reflection and an opportunity to raise our voices and sing God's praises. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (**Sunday, April 22nd**) is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest". As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way.

**POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS
SPECIAL COLLECTION: MAY 5th & 6th**

The *Pope's Pastoral Works Collection* was established by the Bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2018
RENEWING THE PROMISE**

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on **Sunday, May 6th and concludes on Friday, May 11th**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's theme is *"Renewing the Promise."*

MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

In February, Cardinal Collins and Bishops across Ontario asked for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected in Ontario. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (6 to 8 times a year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

If you have not yet signed up and you would like to do so, you can still have your name included by visiting <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration>.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 1st, 2018 was **\$4,653.40**. 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.)!**

**II DOMENICA DI PASQUA DELLA
DIVINA MISERICORDIA / B**

L'assemblea eucaristica, comunità pasquale, continua a condividere ogni domenica i doni del Risorto e del suo Spirito: si riunisce per celebrare Cristo sempre vivo e presente in mezzo al suo popolo; per «fare Chiesa» attorno a lui; per condividere, come «Chiesa», l'ascolto della Parola e la mensa del Pane di vita. Tutto questo è, nello stesso tempo, segno e realtà: realtà che stiamo già vivendo; segno di ciò che dobbiamo continuare a diventare.

Gesù stesso chiese a Suor Faustina di scrivere questa Novena e di recitarla in preparazione della Festa della Divina Misericordia, la prima domenica dopo Pasqua. Gesù disse a Suor Faustina: "Desidero che durante questi nove giorni tu conduca le anime alla sorgente della mia Misericordia affinché attingano forza, sollievo e ogni

grazia necessaria nei sacrifici della vita e specialmente nell'ora della morte.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 1 Aprile 2018 e' stata **\$4,653.40**. 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, April 7th

- 9:00 a.m. +Angela Strazzeri, req. by Rosa Virzi
+Antonietta Buttino, req. by Rosa Virzi
- 5:00 p.m. +Lavigna Cramarossa, req. by Maria Calo & Family
+Christiana Jones, req. by Hannah Jones
+Felicia Tela, req. by the Family
+Michael Crum-Ewing, req. by the Family

Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 8th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale per la Prima Comunione di Violet Caggianiello, req. by Caggianiello Family
+Vitina, Vincenzo, Vito & Enzo Sestito, req. by Sestito Family
+Carmela Avarino, req. by Vincenzo & Maria Camera
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Luigi & Rosina Spada, req. by Ita Spada
+Pietro Altomare, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Vito & Caterina Totino, req. by Anna Totino
+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by Pietrina Fragale
+Carmelo Miragliotta, req. by Lilla Mangano
+Raffaella Nudo, req. by the Parish
+Nicola Messina, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Loizzo & Campanelli Families, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Pasquale & Leonarda Palumbo, req. by the Family

Monday, April 9th ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

- 12:00 p.m. +Harry Russelle, req. by Guelph & Rosaline May

Tuesday, April 10th

- 12:00 p.m. +Francesco & Pasquale Mastrullo,
req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Wednesday, April 11th ~ St. Stanislaus

- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
- 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
+Giuseppina Napoli, req. by Tina Morlando & Family

Thursday, April 12th

- 12:00 p.m. +Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Viscomi
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family

Friday, April 13th ~ St. Martin I

- 12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

Saturday, April 14th

- 9:00 a.m. +Brian Gilbart, req. by Monica Donovan
- 5:00 p.m. +Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero & Family

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL


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