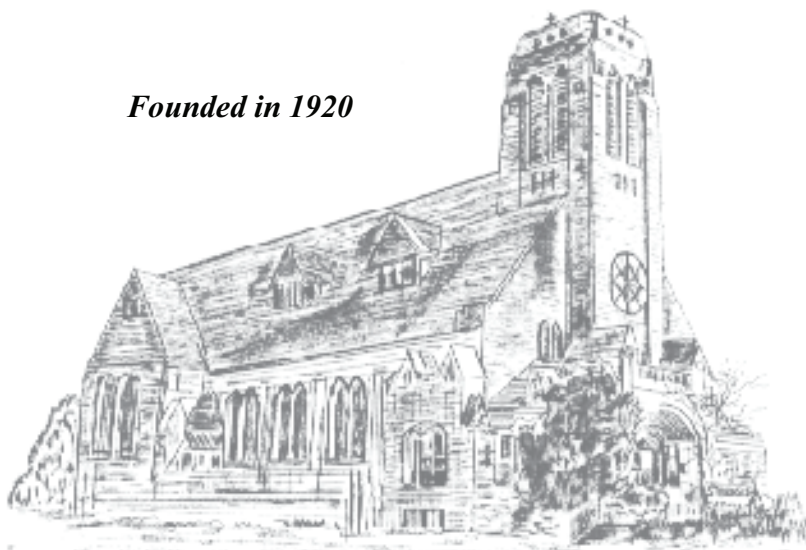


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9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY MASSES

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, "who has no concern." He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others. We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying. What would happen if all of us truly cared about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, victimized, suffering, and impoverished? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community, we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you' into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." ~Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. **The third ShareLife Collection will take place the weekend of May 26th and 27th.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 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.

On **Friday, May 4th**, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations. *O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR EARTH DAY

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the oceans and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers. Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory. Amen.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our family of volunteers generously provide in supporting our Parish. You give of your time, skills, and experience to benefit the community without expecting anything in return. We are truly grateful for your support and contribution in serving St Brigid's.

We look forward to honouring your contributions by having a celebration (date to be confirmed) in the Church Hall. May God bless you in all that you do.

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For those parents/guardians that missed last Sunday's meeting after the 11:00 am Mass, we ask you to please email the Parish office (stbrigid@rogers.com) to receive important information regarding the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. We ask you to please hand in your child's Sacrament Passport in the weekly collection basket.

REMINDER: The Sacrament of First 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 (416) 696-8660.

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.

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

The **Pope's Pastoral Works** 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 THEME: 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

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your children's school. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

TWO SPECIAL HEALING MASSES

St. Brigid's Parish will have the opportunity to experience the loving touch and the healing power of the Mercy of God in the form of two special healing Masses.

1. On **Saturday, June 16th at 10:30 am**, Father Carlos will celebrate a special healing Mass for the elderly and for those who are sick.

2. On **Saturday, June 23rd at 10:30 am** Father Carlos will celebrate another healing Mass for all families who have suffered a miscarriage or the loss of an unborn child.

RESCUE CONFIRMATION COURSE FOR ADULTS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Calling all adults and secondary school students who have been Baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation; we will be holding 4 sessions starting this September (date to be confirmed) in order to fully prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are committed to helping our Parishioners to grow in the family of faith.

If you are interested in being a part of this program, please contact the Parish office by email at: stbrigid@rogers.com or by calling: (416) 696-8660 (Monday to Friday).

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 15th, 2018 was **\$1,667.60**. 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.)!**

IV DOMENICA DI PASQUA / B

Il dinamismo della potenza divina e liberatrice del Risorto, in forza del «nome di Gesù Cristo», continua ad agire attraverso coloro che egli ha costituito pastori della sua Chiesa perché, nel suo nome, conducano gli uomini alla salvezza. È in questa prospettiva che Pietro afferma la necessità dell'unico gregge sotto un solo pastore: «In nessun altro c'è salvezza».

GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA PER LE VOCAZIONI

Ascoltare, discernere, vivere la chiamata del Signore: questi i tre atteggiamenti che, nel messaggio, il Papa indica necessari per scoprire ciò che Dio vuole da ciascuno di noi. Ascoltare perché Dio si fa sentire in modo discreto, senza imporsi e "può capitare che la sua voce rimanga soffocata da tutto ciò che occupa la nostra mente e il nostro cuore.

Venerdì, il 4 Maggio, il Cardinale Collins ha chiesto che tutti noi prendiamo del tempo, come comunità, per pregare per tutte le vocazioni; Sacerdozio, vita religiosa, consacrata e missionaria. Durante questo periodo, chiediamo anche di pregare per i nostri diaconi che presto saranno ordinati. Preghiamo anche per tutti coloro che stanno cercando, o che sono attualmente in formazione.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 15 Aprile 2018 e' stata **\$1,667.60**. 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 21st - St. Anselm

9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida
+Antonio Gesualdo, req. by Giovanna & Donato Filardi

5:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by the Family
+Roberta MacDonald, req. by John MacDonald
+Viola MacIsaac, req. by the Parish Community

Sunday, April 22nd - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

9:30 a.m. In onore di Suor Carmelina, tutti i Santi, Gesù, e Maria Madre di Dio, per una grazia ricevuta, req. by Rocco & Marta Delle Fave & Family

Benedizione speciale per tutti i nostri volontari di S. Bigida, req. by the Parish

+Giovanni & John Cusma, req. by Grazia & Carmela Cusma

+Giovanni & Bartolo Martello, req. by the Basile Family

+Giovanna Dilillo, req. by Fr. Carlos Sierra

+Francesco & Maria Scalera, req. by

Giuseppe & Pasquina Bavaro

+Raffaella Nudo, req. by the Family

+Francesco Iurato, req. by the Family

+Lucia Marino, req. by the Parish

+Giuseppe Speciale, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special blessing for all our volunteers, req. by the Parish

Monday, April 23rd - St. George

12:00 p.m. +Mary Carol Dwyer, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer

Tuesday, April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** Giuseppina Napoli, req. by the Parish

Wednesday, April 25th - St. Mark

12:00 p.m. +Ruth Carole Conforti, req. by Maria Melo

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, April 26th - Our Lady of Good Counsel

12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo
+Edward Flood, req. by Peter & Theresa Buchner

7:00 p.m. **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Friday, April 27th

12:00 p.m. +Vito & Mariarosa Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi
+Leonard Campbell, req. by the St. Patrick's School Staff

Saturday, April 28th - St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Jim Barnes, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Monica Crum-Ewing
+Joseph & Onorino Ruggiero, req. by the Family

PREGHIERA A SAN MARCO EVANGELISTA: APRIL 25


O Dio, che hai glorificato il tuo evangelista Marco, con il dono della predicazione apostolica, fa' che alla scuola del Vangelo, impariamo anche noi a seguire fedelmente il Cristo Signore. Egli è Dio, e vive e regna con te, nell'unità dello Spirito Santo, per tutti i secoli dei secoli.

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