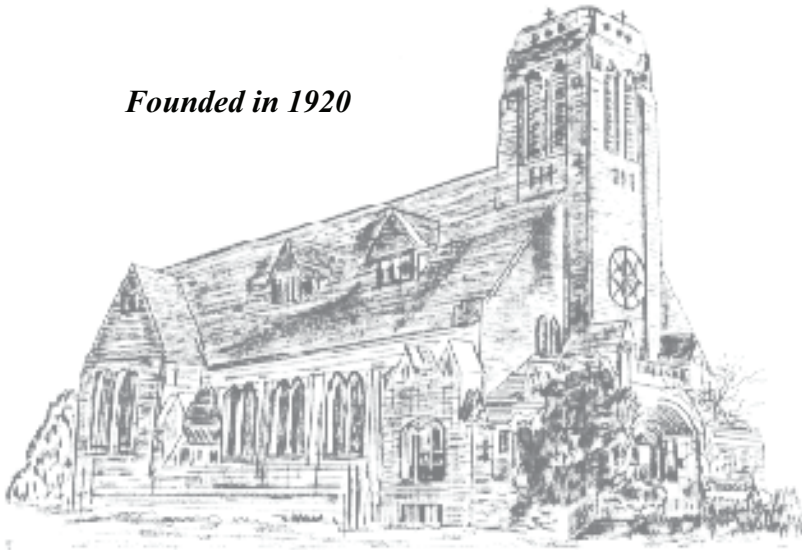


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

Today's Gospel narrative is one of a number in which Jesus teaches and expounds on what Christians have come to call *The Love Commandment*. Too often, people casually assert that the Gospel teaches us to be nice. Indeed, civil behaviour is generally a positive and constructive way of life. But, nice is not a Gospel virtue by itself. The Love Command is a challenging and labour intensive approach to life. Oversimplifying this imperative which Jesus borrowed from Moses serves only to dilute the Gospel and reduce it to superficial religious dabbling.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy Program which takes place every Sunday morning at the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in helping us.

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY: NOVEMBER 10 & 11

Holy Land Christian Families is visiting our Parish on **Saturday, November 10th and Sunday, November 11th** to display the Olive Woods from the Holy Land. They will be selling hand carved religious items that are made by Christian families who had to leave their homes due to religious wars and conflict. The mission of Holy Land Christian Families is to help these Christian families sell their work so that they are able pay for food, shelter and a better education. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR

SATURDAY REHEARSAL DATES: NOVEMBER 10 & 17

The next rehearsal dates are **Saturday, November 10th and 17th from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Church.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION RETREAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

On Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, St. Brigid's Church will have its Annual Liturgical Ministry Formation Retreat. All those involved in liturgical ministries - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Catechists for Children's Liturgy - are expected to attend. Please contact your ministry coordinator to confirm your attendance. Lunch will be provided. Retreat begins with Mass in the Chapel at 9:00 am.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 17 & 18

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life. The fund also supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese who have faithfully served us for many years. **The collection will take place on November 17th and 18th.** Donation envelopes will be made available.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

Nobody should be forced to flee their home. Today, there are 68.5 million forced migrants in the world and it is alarming that this number will be increasing. The Church in Canada is asking us to share the concern of this unjust and painful reality. **WHAT CAN WE DO?** As a Parish community we will be committed to petition the government to address the causes of this crisis, both locally and internationally, by signing a petition that will be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and to take part in a solidarity walk for justice. Additional details to follow. Please visit: www.dev.org/en/education/fall2018.

OUT OF THE COLD MEETING: NOVEMBER 14

Anyone interested in helping us with this year's **Out of the Cold Program** is welcomed to attend a **meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 pm**. The meeting will be held at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 1099 Danforth Avenue at the **St. Brigid's Annex**. The Out of the Cold Program will start on **Monday, November 19th**.

Volunteers are required for Tuesday mornings between 6:00 am and 8:00 am. Please contact the Parish office.

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT CEREMONY, REGISTRATION & INFORMATION SESSION

**Sunday, November 18th at the 11:00 am Mass
Information Session at 12:00 Noon in the Church Hall**

This is for children in Grade 7 or those over the age of 12 who are interested in beginning the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Classes Start on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm

This program is for adults who would like to become Catholic or fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in knowing more about this program OR if you would like to register, please contact the Parish office before Tuesday, November 20th.

FR. CARLOS' SPECTACULAR 65th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Our Pastor, Fr. Carlos A. Sierra Tobon will be celebrating his 65th Birthday. To honour this milestone birthday, we ask you to save the date of **Friday, November 30th** for a **"spectacular"** celebration. The festivities will take place at the Church Hall starting at 6:30 pm. In order to cover the costs of food only, we will be selling tickets - **\$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under**. We look forward to celebrating with you. **For more information, please contact Linda Ward at: (416) 473-1149 or Maria at the Parish office at: (416) 696-8660 / stbrigid@rogers.com**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CATECHISM CLASSES START ON DECEMBER 2

The first Catechism class for First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday, December 2nd at 9:30 am at the Church Hall**. If you have not yet registered your child, please contact the Parish Office to pick up your package.

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

On **Saturday, December 8th** we are planning a pilgrimage to St. Louis Church, the oldest Church in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, St. Anthony of Padua Church in Buffalo, and to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, in Lewiston, New York. We will also have the opportunity to see the Festival of Lights. All those interested in going should contact the Parish office. **Seats are limited – Don't delay!**

The cost for this excursion is **\$60 per person**. In order to reserve your spot you must leave a \$20 deposit per person.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: a valid Canadian Passport or if you are not a Canadian citizen, you will require a valid passport and a VISA to enter the U.S. **PLUS** a Permanent Resident Card to enter back into Canada. Without these documents, you will not be permitted to enter the U.S. Medical insurance is recommended.

WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 7:30 AM SHARP!

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

On **Thursday, December 13th**, St. Brigid's will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. Fathers Carlos and two other pastors will be available to hear your confessions in both English and Italian starting at **7:00 pm**.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on October 28, 2018 was **\$3,271.55**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of October was **\$4,849.50**. **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.)!**

XXXI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

Amore di Dio e amore degli uomini. Già nell'Antico Testamento il comandamento dell'amore di Dio è completato dal «secondo comandamento»: «Amerai il tuo prossimo come te stesso». In realtà nell'Antico Testamento non si è mai creduto di poter amare Dio senza interessarsi dell'uomo. L'amore verso Dio si prolunga necessariamente nell'amore verso il prossimo. Da un capo all'altro del Nuovo Testamento, l'amore del prossimo appare indissolubile dall'amore di Dio: i due comandamenti non sono, in realtà, che uno solo, che è il vertice e la chiave di volta di tutta la Legge. La carità fraterna diventa il contenuto e la realizzazione di ogni esigenza morale; è, in definitiva, l'unico comandamento

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 28 Ottobre 2018 e' stata **\$3,271.55**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Ottobre è stata **\$4,849.50**. 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, November 3rd – St. Martin de Porres

- 9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of our Community
 12:00 p.m. **Wedding Mass:** Marino Trentadue & Danielle Doering
 5:00 p.m. **FOR ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE...**
 +Fiorello & Ruggiero Families, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero
 +Turco Family, req. by the Family
 +Spandl & Meyer Families, req. by Maria Meyer
 +Giovanni & Maria Carpino, req. by the Family
 +Rita Maione, req. by the Family
 +Oto Corsano, req. by the Family
 +Godofredo & Allan Jose Cruz, req. by Josephine & Roland Cruz
 +Stephen Estigoy, req. by Josephine & Roland Cruz

Sunday, November 4th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
 9:30 a.m. **PER TUTTI I DEFUNTI DELLA...**
 +Famiglia Fragale, req. by Pietrina Fragale
 +Famiglia Kolja, req. by Maria Kolja
 +Famiglie Maglietta & Malavarca, req. by the Family
 +Famiglie Gurrieri & Charles, req. by the Caggianiello Family
 +Per Tutti I Defunti Abbandonati, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera Di Maria Caggianiello
 +Salvatore, Giuseppe & Giuseppina Renda, req. by the Paladino Family
 +Angelo & Assunta Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
 +Antonietta & Mattia Doto, req. by the Doto Family
 +Giuseppe & Lauretta Casciaro, req. by Ita Spada
 +Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
 +Antonio Scrofano, req. by the Family
 +Eugenio & Fiore Altomare, req. by the Family
 +Raffaella & Pietro Pizzo, req. by Ida Pizzo Altomare
 +Francesco Iurato, req. by the Family
 +Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
 +Tindaro & Antonina Gumina, req. by the Family
 +Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
 +Gina & Natalino Schiavo, req. by the Schiavo Family
 +Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino
 +Niveo Rosario Nicoletti, req. by the Parish
 11:00 a.m. +Pablo Acasio, req. by the Children
 +Melvyn Graham, req. by the Parish

Monday, November 5th

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Ruggiero & Colangelo Families, req. by the Family
 +Marisa Romano, req. by the Family

Tuesday, November 6th

- 12:00 p.m. +Giovanni & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato
 +Pasquale Lamanna, req. by the Family

Wednesday, November 7th

- 12:00 p.m. +Rosalbino & Giuseppina Iannitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato
 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, November 8th

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 12:00 p.m. +Salvatore & Leonarda Paldino, req. by the Paladino Family
 +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Friday, November 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 12:00 p.m. +Domenico, Concetta & Carmine Iacovello, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Saturday, November 10th – St. Leo the Great

- 9:00 a.m. +Carmine Iannitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato
 5:00 p.m. +Giuseppe & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato
 +Giuseppe Biondo, req. by Enza Catalanotto
 +Rocco Lamanna, req. by the Family
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