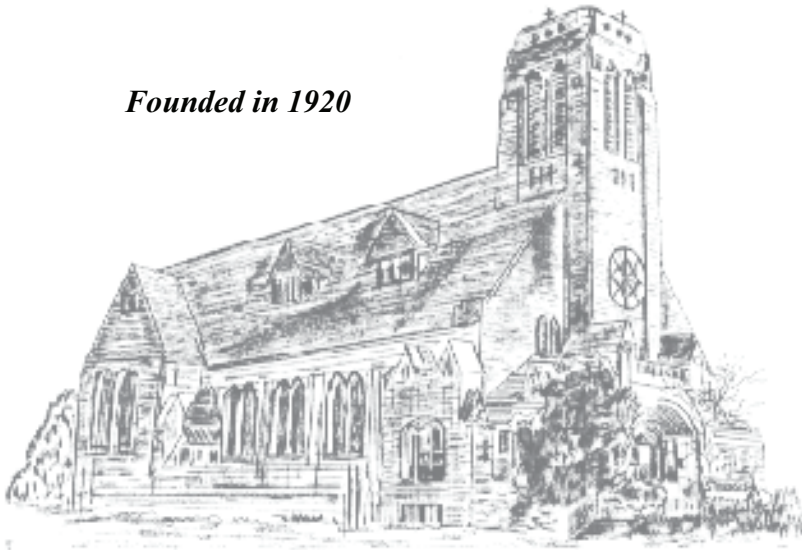


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9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man.

MESSAGE FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA T.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in the November 17th Liturgical Ministry Formation Retreat and to all our liturgical ministers who faithfully serve our Parish community. May God bestow every good gift to you for all the great work you are doing for the greater glory of God. As we enter this Advent Season with which begins a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church, I strongly encourage parishioners to consider joining any one of our liturgical ministries: Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Musician, Usher, or Lay Minister to the Sick. Please contact us for more information.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

Thank you to everyone that took the time last weekend to sign the *Share the Journey Petition*. We have submitted the forms to our M.P. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith who will be forwarding them to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Thank you for stepping up and helping us to make a difference.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Monday, December 3rd is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The theme this year is: *Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*. The observance of this day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

CONSULTATION: EDUCATION IN ONTARIO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM

Our government will be consulting with people across the province to address concerns and to get feedback in several areas of the education system. We encourage you to join us at the **St. Brigid's Church Hall** on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm to give us your opinion on several topics. Please visit: www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents

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. **The cost for this excursion is \$60 per person. Seats are limited – Don't delay!**

You will need a valid Canadian Passport. 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 strongly recommended. **Please be present at the Church parking lot by 7:15 am. The bus will be departing at 7:30 am sharp! NOTE: No money will be returned if you are late and miss the bus at departure time.**

St. Louis Church: stlouiscrcchurch.org
St. Anthony of Padua: stanthonyofpadua-buffalo.org
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine: fatimashrine.com
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ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are in grade 3 or higher, have already received your First Holy Communion and would like to Altar serve please contact the Parish office. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the different parts of the Mass, meet new friends and gain the responsibility of a selfless act that can go towards fulfilling your required community hours.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

On **Thursday, December 13th** starting at 7:00 pm in the Church, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. All are welcome.

OUT OF THE COLD

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 15 & 16

The annual collection for the Christmas dinner for the guests of the Out of the Cold program will take place on **Saturday, December 15th** and **Sunday, December 16th**. The program serves the many needs of the poor and homeless in our community. Your continued generosity during this holiday season is very much appreciated.

OUT OF THE COLD NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

The next Out of the Cold meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, December 19th at 5:00 pm at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church (1099 Danforth Avenue).

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in helping us, please contact the Parish office.

SIX VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED DECEMBER 19 – NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

We are looking for 6 volunteer drivers to deliver Christmas baskets for 7 families within our community. The pick up will take place on **Wednesday, December 19th** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** starting at the **Notre Dame High School Gym** (12 Malvern Avenue). Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in helping.

ST. BRIGID CHILDREN'S CHOIR: JANUARY 2019

Starting **January 2019**, we will start a Children's Choir that will be singing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. The choir will be led by **Daniel Colla**, a retired TCDSB Music Teacher and professional choral conductor. Children from ages 7 to 14 are encouraged to be part of this newly formed choir. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE

Please note that our weekly bulletin, Sacrament information, Parish events, videos, special collections information, etc. can be found on our website. We invite you to also visit our Facebook and Twitter pages for up-to-date Parish events and much more. Our website address is: stbrigids.archtoronto.org, Facebook: (St. Brigid's Catholic Church), Twitter: @StBrigidsTO.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 25th, 2018 was **\$3,225.80**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of November was **\$4,860.82**. **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.)!**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2019

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / C

La Chiesa primitiva insisteva molto sulla vigilanza. Bisogna tenersi pronti per il ritorno imminente del Signore che sarà imprevedibile, sarà una sorpresa come la visita inattesa di un ladro. Ma nell'anno 70, un avvenimento segnò profondamente l'idea dei credenti sul ritorno del Signore: la distruzione di Gerusalemme richiamava ad Ebrei e cristiani la fine del mondo. Nel vangelo di oggi tutto è descritto come se si trattasse di una catastrofe cosmica che scuote gli astri e getta gli uomini nella massima confusione. Luca non intende necessariamente annunciare la fine del mondo: egli ricorre al genere letterario delle apocalissi per dire che la caduta di Gerusalemme sarà una tappa decisiva per instaurare il Regno di Iahvè sul mondo. La conclusione che dall'avvenimento hanno tratto i primi cristiani è importante: la fine di Gerusalemme non ha coinciso col ritorno del Signore; dunque, il ritorno del Signore ha per la vita presente un'attualità permanente e imprevedibile.

GIORNATA ARCIDIOCESANA DELLE CONFESSIONI GIOVEDÌ, 13 DICEMBRE

Giovedì, 13 Dicembre, alle 7:00 pm, la nostra chiesa di Santa Brigida celebrerà la Giornata Arcidiocesana delle Confessioni. Siete tutti invitati.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 25 Novembre 2018 e' stata **\$3,225.80**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Novembre è stata **\$4,860.82**. 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, December 1st

9:00 a.m. +Linda Francis, req. by her St. Brigid's Church Friends

5:00 p.m. +Giuseppe (Joe) Cirone, req. by the Parish

Sunday, December 2nd ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. In Onore Della Madonna di Valleverde, req. by Lucia Del Grande

In Onore Di Santa Lucia, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by Doto Family

+Rocco & Leonardo Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso

+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family

+Giuseppe Muscarella, req. by the Family

+Tindaro & Antonia Gumina, req. by the Family

+Angelo Pagniello, req. by Maria Kolja

+Niveo Nicoletti, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. +Linda Francis, req. by the Family

+Lorenza Acasio, req. by the Children

+Rocco & Rosa Lombardi, req. by Vittoria Colangelo & Luica Lamanna & Families

+Michele Dattoli, req. by Dattoli Family

+Antonio Mastrangelo, req. by the Family

Monday, December 3rd ~ St. Francis Xavier

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Fr. Robert Di Nardo, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, December 4th ~ St. John Damascene

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

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Antonio Calvo, req. by the Family

Wednesday, December 5th

8:45 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Confessions**

12:00 p.m. +Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Viscomi

+Marisa Romano, req. by the Family

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, December 6th ~ St. Nicholas

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

12:00 p.m. +Angelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Lorenzo Micelli, req. by the Family

Friday, December 7th ~ St. Ambrose

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe & Antonietta Cagna, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Saturday, December 8th ~ Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. +Iona Morton, req. by the Francom Family

5:00 p.m. +Joseph & Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE / MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the upcoming Christmas season, our bulletin will be submitted for printing sooner than our regular schedule. If you wish to add a Mass intention in December please contact the office as soon as possible.

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