

# ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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## PASTOR

Rev. Carlos A. Sierra T.



## COORDINATOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Attila Jagodits



## PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Maria Frassica



## 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

### ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: David Hogan  
Vice Principal: Michael Samler  
Telephone: (416) 393-5235

### ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Principal: Sandra Mudryj  
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### OUT OF THE COLD: Bill Slattery (416) 580-8450

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

### A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone that attended last Friday evening's event to celebrate Fr. Carlos' 65th Birthday. We enjoyed a wonderful evening celebrating our pastor and our friend. Special thanks to our special guest Bishop Robert Kasun and to all the volunteers that helped plan and organize this event. Words of appreciation and gratitude were expressed by many people on just how much Fr. Carlos has touched their lives both on a spiritual level and personal level. We are honoured to have Fr. Carlos as our spiritual leader at a Church that we are so very proud of which continues to grow in every way. Part of Fr. Carlos' speech to the guests was a prayer from Sir Thomas Merton that we would like to share with all our parishioners.

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."* ~ Thomas Merton

May God continue to bless Fr. Carlos on a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

### 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.

### ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL DATE: DECEMBER 15

There will be a rehearsal for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir on **Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 am in the Church**. All are welcome to attend.

### CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CHRISTMAS CAKES SALE: DECEMBER 15 & 16

Campaign Life will be selling their annual Christmas cakes this weekend. These delicious cakes make for great gifts.

### 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 NEEDED DECEMBER 19 – NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

We are looking for six volunteer drivers to deliver Christmas baskets for seven 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.

### 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**

### 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

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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.

### 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.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 2nd, 2018 was **\$3,376.00**. 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.)!

### ST. BRIGID'S PATRON SAINT FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS:

TRIDUUM MASSES 2019:  
JANUARY 30th, 31st & FEBRUARY 1st

Our annual Feast of St. Brigid ~ our Patron Saint will be taking place this year. Please join us for our **Triduum Masses** on **Wednesday, January 30th, Thursday, January 31st, and Friday, February 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

### ST. BRIGID'S AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2019

Please join us for our **St. Brigid's and St. Catherine of Siena Annual Feast Day Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 2nd, 2019**. The festivities will take place in the Church Hall. More details to follow soon.

### II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / C

L'Avvento è tempo di conversione, tempo per preparare la via del Signore, per raddrizzare i sentieri perché il regno di Dio venga. L'uomo moderno non è molto attento al tema della conversione a Dio. Di fronte alle gravi sfide che gli si impongono (fame, ignoranza, guerra, ingiustizia) mobilita tutte le sue energie, abbandona anche le vie della comodità, si impone una conversione quotidiana; la conversione dell'uomo a se stesso. Ma la conversione a Dio come disponibilità radicale a Lui e rinuncia totale a se stessi, lo lascia insensibile o anche ostile perché lo rimanda alla sua debolezza e sembra distoglierlo dai suoi compiti reali.

### GIORNATA ARCIDIOCESANA DELLE CONFESIONI 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.

### GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO

**Sabato 15 Dicembre**, dopo la messa delle 9:00 am, ci sarà la Coroncina di San Pio di Pietralcina. Per informazione chiamate a Chiara a: **(416) 466-0445**.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 2 Dicembre 2018 e' stata **\$3,376.00**. 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 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

### Sunday, December 9th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. In Onore di Santa Lucia, req. by the Visconti Family  
Benedizione Speciale per il 65° Compleanno di P. Carlos, req. by Tina Morlando  
+Grazia, Michele & John Cusma, req. by Carmela Cusma  
+Pietro Liscio, req. by Nicolina Liscio  
+Rosa Sestito, req. by Filippo & Josie Paladino  
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family  
+Isabella, Giuseppe & Donata Carlucci, req. by Donato, Giovanna & Rosa Filardi  
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family  
+Anna Maria Naccarato, req. by Anna Maria Nardi  
+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by the Wife & Family  
+Giuseppe Lorefice, req. by the Family  
+Antonia Zampino, req. by the Parish  
+Antonio Calvo, req. by the Parish  
+Lorenzo Micelli, req. by the Parish  
+Luigi Francella, req. by the Parish  
11:00 a.m. +Maria Galdi, req. by the Family  
+Marisa Romano, req. by Lucia Loizzo

### Monday, December 10th

12:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Lucy / S. Lucia, req. by Lucia Del Grande  
7:00 p.m. **Paraliturgy Advent Mass #1 for St. Brigid's School**

### Tuesday, December 11th ~ St. Damasus I

12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande  
7:00 p.m. **Paraliturgy Advent Mass #2 for St. Brigid's School**

### Wednesday, December 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 p.m. In Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 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**

### Thursday, December 13th ~ St. Lucy / S. Lucia

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction  
12:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Lucy / S. Lucia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia  
+Ida & Mario Abbate, req. by Maria & Pasquale Guercio  
7:00 p.m. **Archdiocese Day of Confessions**

### Friday, December 14th ~ St. John of the Cross

12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero  
1:00 p.m. **St. Brigid's Advent School Mass**

### Saturday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida  
5:00 p.m. +Pablito A. Valderama, req. by the Bernardo Family  
+Antonia Zampino, req. by Juanita Hebert

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