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MOVING TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL - VERSO IL NOSTRO CENTENARIO

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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: YEAR C

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift from God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to above all, serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a New Year "happy", and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: JANUARY 12 & 19

There will be two rehearsals for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir. One on **Saturday, January 12th** and the other on **Saturday, January 19th at 10:00 am in the Church.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

January 18th to the 25th, 2019 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2019 finds its origins in Deuteronomy, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). It was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity. For more information visit: www.geii.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: JANUARY 22 to 27, 2019

World Youth Day will be celebrated in Panama starting January 22nd to January 27th, 2019. World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered on Jesus Christ. worldyouthday.com

FEAST OF SAINT BRIGID CELEBRATIONS

TRIDUUM MASSES FOR ST. BRIGID JANUARY 30, 31 & FEBRUARY 1, 2019

The Triduum Masses for Saint Brigid will take place in our Church at 7:00pm on: Wednesday, January 30th, Thursday, January 31st and on Friday, February 1st.

ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

On Saturday, February 2nd, all are invited to attend the Annual St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Dinner-Dance immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. We look forward to celebrating together as a community, along with your friends and families. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by dancing, door prizes and much more!

Tickets are \$55 for Adults and \$30 for Children 12 years old and under.

Tickets may be purchased after each Mass or by visiting the Parish office (Monday to Friday).

30TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 19, 20, 26 & 27
FIRST REHEARSAL: FEBRUARY 3rd at 3:00 pm

Preparations for the 30th Annual Good Friday Passion Play are underway. To register yourself as an actor or if you'd like to help the play in any way, please email us at: stbrigidpassion@gmail.com with your full name and full contact information. **Registration will take place in the Church after all Masses on Saturday, January 19th and Sunday, January 20th and again on Saturday, January 26th and Sunday, January 27th. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, February 2nd from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church.** A light snack will be provided.

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2019

Starting January 2019 we will start a Children's Choir which 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. The children's choir will be singing at every Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass starting February 2nd, 2019. Practices will be held every Saturday at 4:00 pm starting January 19th. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER A GLOBAL QUEST DOCU-SERIES

Starting **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** we will be presenting a nine-part video series on the **Truth About Cancer**. Each week we will present an episode with brand new international panel of doctors, scientists, researchers and cancer survivors who will reveal revolutionary cancer preventatives, therapies, and life-saving treatments that can protect you and your loved ones from cancer. All are welcome.

HEALING SERVICE & HOLY MASS EVERY MONTH

Starting in March, we will have a monthly Healing Service followed by a Holy Mass. The first Healing Service and Holy Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 pm.**

MARRIAGE SUNDAYS: FEBRUARY 10 & 17

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 9th and 10th, 2019. **The Celebration of Marriage Mass** will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries will be honoured.

On **Sunday, February 17th** we invite all newly married couples to receive a special blessing at our 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the Parish office to let us know of your attendance so that we can plan accordingly.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The *Prayer & Life Workshop* is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include methods such as prayerful reading, integral reconciliation,

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and contemplative prayer. The workshop will be held in the Rectory Hall and will start on **Wednesday, February 27th**. Each session is two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. Please contact the Parish office to register for this workshop.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

“Ask, and it will be given you” Mt 7:7

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, Whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour. Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me.

DAILY READINGS ONLINE

Our St. Brigid's Parishioners can now find the Canadian daily readings from Living with Christ on our website. The Daily Readings tab can be found under the drop-down menu of ***Our Catholic Faith***. stbrigids.archtoronto.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending December 23rd, 2018 was **\$5,589.45**. The total collection for December 24th and 25th was **\$6,631.45**. The collection for the week ending on December 30th, 2018 was **\$3,163.75**. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE: ANNO C

Uno degli elementi più significativi che ha caratterizzato gli interventi del Concilio Vaticano II è indubbiamente il richiamo alla fondamentale unità della famiglia umana. «La presente generazione... ha visto crollare o restringersi gli ostacoli e le distanze che separano uomini e nazioni, grazie ad un accresciuto senso universalistico, ad una più chiara coscienza dell'unità del genere umano e all'accettazione della reciproca dipendenza in un'autentica solidarietà e grazie, infine, al desiderio — e alla possibilità — di venire a contatto con i propri fratelli e sorelle al di là delle divisioni artificialmente create dalla geografia o dalle frontiere nazionali o razziali».

INSOSTENIBILE ACCUSARE I MIGRANTI DI TUTTI I MALI. CORRUZIONE E XENOFobia SONO VERGOGNA POLITICA

Nel messaggio per la **Giornata Mondiale della Pace 2019**, Papa Francesco sottolinea anche che quando la politica mira a salvaguardare i privilegiati “i giovani possono essere tentati dalla sfiducia, perché condannati a restare ai margini della società”. Una denuncia dei “vizi della politica”, che sono la “vergogna della vita pubblica” e includono messaggi di razzismo e xenofobia, la corruzione, il disinteresse per la tutela delle risorse e della terra e la salvaguardia degli interessi di alcuni “privilegiati”, che condanna i giovani a

“restare ai margini della società, senza possibilità di partecipare a un progetto per il futuro”. Sono questi i punti cardine del Messaggio per la Giornata Mondiale della Pace 2019 di Papa Francesco.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 23 Dicembre 2018 e' stata **\$5,589.45**. La colletta di Dicembre 24 e 25 e' stata **\$6,631.45**. La colletta regolare di 30 Dicembre e' stata **\$3,163.75**. **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, January 5th

9:00 a.m. +Linda Francis, req. by the Parish
5:00 p.m. +Marisa Romano, req. by the Family
+Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by the Family

Sunday, January 6th - Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. +Francesco & Adelina Casciaro, req. by Ita Spada
+Carlo & Michelo Doto, req. by Teresa Doto
+Sebastiano Modica, req. by the Family
+Natalino & Gina Schiavo, req. by the Family
+Pietro Altomare, req. by the Family
+Roger & Corradina Tumminieri, req. by the Family
11:00 a.m. +Antonio & Raffaella Colangelo, req. by Vittoria Colangelo & Lucia Lamanna
+Kathleen Anne Zabala, req. by the Milan Bernardo Family
+Roger & Mary McCrorie, req. by the Parish
+Thelma Busch, req. by the Parish

Monday, January 7th - St. André Bessette

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

Tuesday, January 8th - St. Raymond of Penyafort

12:00 p.m. Special 10 Year Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Reynaldo & Maria Isabella Diego

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Luigi Francella, req. by the Family

Wednesday, January 9th

12:00 p.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

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, January 10th

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

12:00 p.m. +Patrick Flahive, req. by the Galligan Family

Friday, January 11th

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

Saturday, January 12th - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Franklyn Brazil, req. by John MacDonald

5:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero
+Norine, Hilaire & John Comartin, req. by the Family

O Mother Bourgeoys, you, whose compassionate power is ever increasing, show us your way of Truth, Faith and Holiness. Make us humble enough to abandon ourselves to the Will of God, generous enough to find in the Cross the joy of the Loving Giver. May your fidelity to Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament lead us ever nearer to this source of light and peace. May your spirit of openness help us to be concerned for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Finally, may Our Lady of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bring us to this unity of eternal grace to which God has called you for all eternity. Amen.

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