

# ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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Rev. Carlos A. Sierra T.



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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

### ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: C**

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Out of the Cold team, we would like to thank the Kindergarten classes at St. Brigid's Catholic School for their very generous donation of 500 warm pairs of socks for the guests of the Out of the Cold program. Your generosity and hard work with your fundraising are greatly appreciated by those in need. May God bless you.

**ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
PRACTICE & MASS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

The St. Brigid's Children Choir is still looking for new members between the ages of 7 to 14. The children's choir sings every Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass. The next practice and Mass will take place on **Saturday, March 2nd** starting at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

**CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES  
GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION**

If you would like to lend a helping hand in any way for the 30th Annual Good Friday Passion Play & Procession (acting, singing, lighting, props, costumes, make-up, etc.) please contact the Parish office or email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com** with your full name and contact information. Someone will get back to you with additional details.

**Practices are held every Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church. Refreshments are served after each practice.**

**THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES**

Starting this **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting a nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. Each week we will present an episode with a 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. **Participation is free!**

**PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP**

Our weekly **Prayer & Life Workshop** will start this **Wednesday, February 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall**. The cost for this workshop is \$15 for materials only – instruction is free! Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register.

**CONFIRMATION COURSE**

Calling all secondary school students and adults who have been **Baptized Catholic**, but have not yet received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We will be holding four Saturday sessions from **10:00 am to 12:00 Noon** starting **March 2nd**. The three subsequent Saturday sessions will take place on **March 23rd, 30th, and April 6th**. Please call the Parish office to register for this program.

**2019 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: MARCH 2**

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada taking place on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, **www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca**.

**ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR  
NEXT REHEARSAL DATES: MARCH 9 & 16**

The next rehearsal dates for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, March 9th and 16th at 10:00 am in the Church**.

**SEASON OF LENT**

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-sacrifice and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time, treasure, and talents.

**ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 6**

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. It opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Following are the Ash Wednesday Masses:

- 12:00 pm** English Chapel Mass / **1:00 pm:** School Mass
- 7:00 pm** English & Italian Evening Mass

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

**The first service will be held on Friday, March 8th.**

**COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS**

Confessions for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.

**SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm**

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prince and Patron of the

Universal Church, and Patron Saint of Canada. Mass will be celebrated in the Church in both English and Italian.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – 11:00 AM**

Please join us at St. Brigid's Church on **Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 am** to commemorate the World day of Prayer. This day is an international, ecumenical movement asking you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto "**Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action**". The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures, and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

**AUTHENTIC ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER  
FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 30th at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Sixth Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession**. The buffet dinner will include authentic Italian food made by the best home cooks in our community as well as one bottle of wine at each table. **Tickets are now available! There are a LIMITED amount of tickets to be sold - DON'T DELAY. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under.** Please see an usher after each Mass or call the Parish Office at: **(416) 696-8660**.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

The regular collection for the week ending February 17th was **\$2,483.05**. 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.)**.

**VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO: C**

La risposta è questa: ci deve essere corrispondenza tra ciò che Dio ha fatto e ciò che l'uomo deve fare. Ora la vicenda di Gesù è l'espressione storico-concreta dell'atto di amore totalmente gratuito ed universale (mentre eravamo peccatori egli, per primo, ci ha amati) con cui Dio si dona all'umanità e in cui rivela quello che è. Il cristiano perciò deve amare di un amore gratuito ed universale, «perché» Dio in Cristo ci ha amati così. La stessa capacità di amare ci è data dal fatto che prima siamo Stati oggetto di amore. Appare chiaro che il principio della vita morale del cristiano, l'amore gratuito e universale, o carità, non può essere compreso al di fuori del Vangelo.

**STAZIONI DELLA CROCE:  
OGNI VENERDÌ DI QUARESIMA**

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce. Ogni Venerdì di Quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa cominciando il **8 di Marzo**.

**FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE: 19 MARZO**

**Martedì, 19 Marzo** si celebra la Festa di San Giuseppe. Una messa Solenne in onore di San Giuseppe sarà celebrata alle **7:00 pm in Inglese e Italiano**.

**DINNER DANCE: PER AIUTARE IL PASSION PLAY  
E PROCESSIONE: SABATO, 30 MARZO**

Non è troppo tardi per ottenere i tuoi biglietti per la festa annuale per aiutare la produzione del Passion Play e Processione! La cena sarà buffet e include autentici piatti Italiani con una bottiglia di vino per ogni tavolo. I biglietti sono disponibili! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere-fate in fretta! **Il prezzo è \$40 per gli adulti e \$20 per i bambini fino ai 12 anni.** Per favore, domandati agli uscieri dopo la Messa o chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

**COLLETTA SETTIMANALE**

La colletta regolare di 17 Febbraio e' stata **\$2,483.05**. **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, February 23rd ~ St. Polycarp**

- 9:00 a.m. For All Our Friends & Family Suffering with Illnesses
- 5:00 p.m. +Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero  
+Paolina Gesualdo, req. by Donato & Giovanna Filardi  
+Charles Greco, req. by John Molloy & Family

**Sunday, February 24th**

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Albino & Maria Angelica Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso  
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family  
+Monserata & Danny Caggianiello, req. by the Family  
+Arcangelo Palermo, req. by Lucia Loizzo
- 11:00 a.m. +Shirley Gregoire, req. by the St. Brigid's School Staff  
+Joseph Gariano, req. by the Family

**Monday, February 25th**

- 12:00 p.m. +Angel & Luca Characopos, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

**Tuesday, February 26th**

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Teresa Ciraco

**Wednesday, February 27th**

- 12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Lobo, 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, February 28th**

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Salvatore Rizzo, req. by Francesco, Joseph & Maria
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Michele & Carmela De Stefano

**Friday, March 1st**

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

**Saturday, March 2nd**


- 9:00 a.m. For All Our Friends & Family Suffering with Illnesses
- 5:00 p.m. +Luciano & Giuseppina Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero  
+Arcangelo Palermo, req. by Tina Bosco  
+Damiano Calia, req. by Grazia Calia & Family  
+Hermann & Maria Spandl, req. by Maria Mayer

*Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Rosa Rampulla, Nelda Montesa, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, Carmela Zito, Robert Edward James, Peter Buchner & Eva Cioffi.*



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