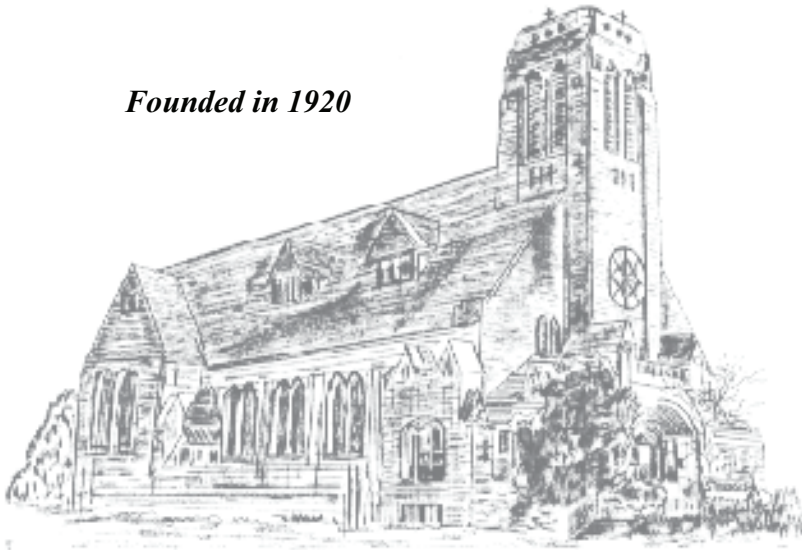


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SUNDAY MASSES

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: C

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

PASTORAL REFLECTION ON LENT

Cardinal Thomas Collins

Through the penitential season of Lent, Christians are invited each year to look deeply at the foundation of their life in Christ. Lent is a time to focus our so often dispersed attention, to cut away those things that distract us from considering what really matters in life. Lent begins with ashes and ends with fire. The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are made from the palms that exemplify the fickleness of the human praise received by Jesus on Palm Sunday. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Those words remind us that so many things we waste our time on are useless; they are not at the heart of things. To read more visit: www.archtoronto.org

PURPLE LENTEN BAG PROGRAM

This year, we continue with the Purple Lenten Bag Program. It is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial in order to help those in need. Please consider adding a daily monetary value into your Lenten bag. **All proceeds will go towards our Out of the Cold Program.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY

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.

The next service will be held on Friday, March 22nd.

FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

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. **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**.

CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

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

**SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL...
BY HELPING YOUNG MOTHERS**

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called **Rose of Sharon**. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she did not have to tolerate her partner's behaviour. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But, with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am, doing it."

Next weekend, at all Masses, we will be joined by a speaker from a ShareLife funded agency – Catholic Family Services. The first ShareLife Sunday Collection will be taken on March 30th / March 31st. Please give generously.

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

Please join us this **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph. Mass will be celebrated in the Church in both English and Italian.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the fourth video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. **Participation is free! All are welcome.**

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: NEW START DATE

Due to the frigid temperatures, many of you have requested to delay the start date of the Prayer & Life Workshop. The new start date is **Wednesday, March 20th** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall. You may register with the Parish office or on the workshop's start date.

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The St. Brigid's Children Choir practices every Saturday at 4:00 pm followed by singing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. The next practice and Mass will take place on **Saturday, March 23rd**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

CONFIRMATION COURSE

The remainder of the Saturday classes for the Confirmation Rescue Course for secondary school students and adults will be taking place on **March 23rd, 30th, and April 6th**. Please call the Parish office to register for this program.

**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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending March 10th was **\$3,233.95**. 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.)**.

II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA: C

Dio lascia all'uomo la fatica di scoprire il suo disegno, di cercare il senso della sua volontà nello svolgersi dell'esistenza. Per la vita cristiana l'esperienza della preghiera diventa momento illuminante. Luca annota come la trasfigurazione di Gesù avvenga durante la preghiera, ne sia quasi la conseguenza. Tutta la vita di Gesù è intessuta di preghiera, e Luca registra il fatto soprattutto nei momenti decisivi: al battesimo, prima della scelta dei dodici, prima della confessione di Pietro, al monte della trasfigurazione nel Getsemani, sulla croce.

TEMPO DI QUARESIMA

MESSAGGIO DI PAPA FRANCESCO

Cari fratelli e sorelle, ogni anno, mediante la Madre Chiesa, Dio «dona ai suoi fedeli di prepararsi con gioia, purificati nello spirito, alla celebrazione della Pasqua, perché attingano ai misteri della redenzione la pienezza della vita nuova in Cristo». In questo modo possiamo camminare, di Pasqua in Pasqua, verso il compimento di quella salvezza che già abbiamo ricevuto grazie al mistero pasquale di Cristo: «nella speranza infatti siamo stati salvati». Questo mistero di salvezza, già operante in noi durante la vita terrena, è un processo dinamico che include anche la storia e tutto il creato. San Paolo arriva a dire: «L'ardente aspettativa della creazione è protesa verso la rivelazione dei figli di Dio». In tale prospettiva vorrei offrire qualche spunto di riflessione, che accompagni il nostro cammino di conversione nella prossima Quaresima.

STAZIONI DELLA CROCE: OGNI VENERDÌ

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

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. 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.

CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER LA PASQUA: GIOVEDÌ, IL 11 APRILE

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno l'oulogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 11 Aprile** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

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**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 10 Marzo e' stata **\$3,233.95**. **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, March 16th

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio Di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di S. Brigid
+Pasquina Bavaro, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di Padre Pio
5:00 p.m. +John McKernan, req. by Cliona Fox

Sunday, March 17th ~ Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Per Tutti I Defunti Della Famiglia Campanelli & Loizzo,
req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Carlo & Michelo Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Michele, Grazia & John Cusma, req. by Carmela Cusma
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family
+Pasquina Bavaro, req. by Pietrina Bavaro
+Concetta & Rosario Gurrieri, req. by Caggianiello Family
+Maria Lombardi, req. by the Parish

- 11:00 a.m. +Giuseppe Lorefice, req. by Lucy Cirone & family

Monday, March 18th ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 12:00 p.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, March 19th ~ St. Joseph / San Giuseppe

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Healing for the van Velsen Family,
req. by Francom Family
+Antonio & Angelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
7:00 p.m. **Solemn Mass:** St. Joseph / San Giuseppe

Wednesday, March 20th

- 12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo 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, March 21st

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

Friday, March 22nd

- 12:00 p.m. For All Our Parishioners Suffering with Illnesses
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione Della Croce**

Saturday, March 23rd ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Community
5:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Mclsaac Family

Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Nelda Montesa, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, Robert Edward James, Peter Buchner, Eva Cioffi, Thomas Richardson, Fred van Velsen, Maria Distasio & Emmanuelle Infanti.


"A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which they have been cared for and made fruitful." ~ Cardinal Thomas Collins

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