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**He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia**

## EASTER SUNDAY / C RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

### BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of Father Carlos and the St. Brigid's Parish staff, we would like to extend our best wishes for a joyful Easter. *For all gathered today in prayer, may we continue to grow in God's life and bring God's presence to all in our lives.*

**EASTER MONDAY:** Chapel Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and the Parish office will be closed.

### HOLY WEEK: A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to *all* our volunteers and ministers for your hard work and support as we prepared for our Holy Week Masses and services. Together we accomplished so much in order to have another meaningful and memorable week. Thank you to our parishioners and friends of the community for taking part in and supporting the Holy week Masses and services. Special thanks to Fr. Carlos Sierra for his vision, his passion, and dedication throughout the year and especially during Holy week. Lastly, we would also like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the volunteers and actors of the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession. Their level of dedication in the last several weeks was on a superior level. May God bless you all!

### LENTEN BAGS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY PROGRAM

Thank you to all those parishioners that supported and participated in this year's Lenten Spiritual Journey.

**On the weekend of May 25th / 26th, please bring in the small pots that were in the purple Lenten bag so that Fr. Carlos may bless them. May you enjoy the fruit of your efforts this Spring/Summer.**

We kindly ask that the Purple Lenten bags, along with your financial contribution, be returned to the Parish. They can be placed in the regular offertory collection basket or you can drop them off at the Parish office (Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm). Your donations will go towards the Out of the Cold program.

### PRAYER FOR EARTH DAY: MONDAY, APRIL 22

*O God, we thank you for this earth, for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers. Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory. Amen.*

## SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH IMMEDIATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That is why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' needs without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you are helping restore hope to those in crisis.

**The next ShareLife collection will take place the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Please give generously.**

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the eight video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. **Participation is free! All are welcome.**

### 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, April 27th**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION

### FOR CHILDREN PREPARING TO RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated next **Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for St. Brigid's students and for the public and private school students will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 Noon** in the Church. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

### ANNUAL CONFIRMATION RETREAT STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SPONSORS

A reminder to **ALL** students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, their parents/guardians, and sponsors: please join us in the Church on **Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm** for the mandatory Confirmation retreat. The retreat is a time of reflection and an opportunity to raise our voices and sing God's praises. We look forward to your participation! May God bless you on your journey.

### ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: FRIDAY, MAY 3

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3rd as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations. If you are unable to attend Mass this day, please take a moment to pray for vocations.

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY) / DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APRIL 21, 2019

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 5 – 10

“Living as Joyful Disciples” During Catholic Education Week, we give thanks for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Please visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending April 14th was **\$4,535.70**. 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.)**.

### DOMENICA DI PASQUA / C RISURREZIONE DEL SIGNORE

**Una Comunità dove Opera lo Spirito Santo.** La visione di s. Giovanni nella seconda lettura, messa in relazione con il vangelo, ci riporta al ritmo domenicale delle apparizioni del Signore risorto, e insieme alla riscoperta della realtà dell’assemblea dei credenti come «segno» settimanale della Pasqua, come «luogo» dove più intensamente si vive la risurrezione di Cristo. Nello stesso tempo, la pagina dell’Apocalisse è una testimonianza vibrante della fede pasquale che animava la Chiesa delle origini, facendola crescere e vivere secondo lo Spirito di Colui che è per sempre «il Vivente»

### TANTI AUGURI DI UNA BUONA PASQUA

Padre Carlos Sierra e il personale della Parrocchia vi augurano a tutti voi, alle vostre famiglie, agli amici e benefattori tanti auguri di una Pasqua serena e piena di armonia. *Signore Gesù, Buon Pastore, insegnaci ad ascoltare la tua voce, a riconoscerla fra mille altre voci che promettono e non mantengono, e a seguire in Te la via della Verità e della Vita che ci porta al Padre.*

### PASQUETTA: LUNEDÌ, 22 APRILE

La Messa nella Cappella sarà celebrata alle ore 9:00 am il Lunedì di Pasqua, 22 Aprile e l’ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso tutto il giorno.

### UN RINGRAZIAMENTO: SETTIMANA SANTA

Grazie a tutti i nostri volontari e ministri per il vostro lavoro e supporto la scorsa settimana mentre preparavamo per la Settimana Santa. Insieme abbiamo compiuto tanto per far sì che la Settimana Santa fosse memorabile. Grazie a tutti i nostri parrocchiani ed amici della comunità per aver preso parte anche nelle cerimonie e nelle diverse liturgie. Un ringraziamento speciale a P. Carlos Sierra per la sua visione, passione, e dedizione lungo l’anno ma specialmente durante la Settimana Santa.

### GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO

**Sabato 27 Aprile**, 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 di 14 Aprile e’ stata **\$4,535.70**. 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

### Holy Saturday, April 20th

- 11:00 a.m. Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation
- 8:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday, April 21st ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale per Lucia Melino nel suo Compleanno  
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family  
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family  
+Niveo Nicoletti, req. by the Family  
+Emanuele Infanti, req. by Nella Infanti & Family  
+George Gagner, req. by Lidia, Frank & Stephan  
+Alfredo & Franca Sollecito, req. by Sestito Family  
+Vincenzo & Vitina Sestito, req. by Sestito Family  
+Vito, Enzo & Rosa Sestito, req. by Sestito Family  
+Pietro, Rosina & Pasquale Macchione, req. by Sestito Family  
+Fedele & Maria Sollecito, req. by Sestito Family  
+Marianna Basile, req. by the Family  
+Maria Salmiere Basile, req. by the Family  
+Gina Panacci, req. by the Family  
+Joe Galea & Gaetano Di Pietro, req. by the Families  
+Emilia Frassica, req. by the Grandchildren  
+Antonietta, Albino & Sara Rampino, req. by the Family
- 11:00 a.m. For All The Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family  
+Leonardo & Ambrogio Masellis, req. by the Family  
+Reynaldo Diego Sr., req. by the Family  
+Monica Nicholson, req. by Karen Hawke  
+Robert Edward James, req. by the Parish

### Monday April 22nd ~ Easter Monday

- 9:00 a.m. +Robert Smith, req. by the Parish

### Tuesday April 23rd

- 12:00 p.m. +Rev. Peter Tammearu, req. by the Parish

### Wednesday April 24th

- 9:00 a.m. **St. Brigid’s School Mass**
- 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 April 25th

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Pietro & Rocco Iacovelli, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino  
+Henri Gebel, req. by Monica Donovan
- 7:00 p.m. **The Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

### Friday, April 26th

- 12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo  
+Andrew Tay, req. by Therese Tay & Family


### Saturday, April 27th

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio Di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di S. Brigid
- 5:00 p.m. +Eddie Chaisson, req. by the Family  
+Onorino & Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero  
+Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero & 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, Franca Fiore, Eva Cioffi, Thomas Richardson and Maria Distasio.

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