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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY / C

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

WSIB NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

April 28th marks the National Day of Mourning to honour those workers who have been injured or who have died at their workplace. Please keep these people, their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

A NOTE OF THANKS / OUT OF THE COLD

Thank you to all our volunteers that helped to support the St. Brigid's Out of the Cold Program this past season. Your dedication of time and talent helped us to feed and host our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you to all our parishioners and friends of the Parish for your financial support towards our program. With your help we were able to feed our guests for over six months. May God bless you.

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. Your donations will go towards the Out of the Cold program.

HEALING SERVICE & HOLY MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING MAY 5

"Bring to Jesus all your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments". Starting in May, we will have a monthly Healing Service followed by a Holy Mass. The first Healing Service and Holy Mass will be celebrated next **Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 pm**. Every subsequent Service and Mass will be held on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY WELCOMING NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

Jane endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Jane arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS).

CCS helped her to navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. Jane says, "CCS saved my life. Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

The second ShareLife collection will take place next weekend – May 4th & 5th. Please give generously.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, April 29th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the ninth 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, May 4th**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

NEW PARISHIONERS EVENT: SUNDAY, MAY 5

Next **Sunday, May 5th** we welcome and invite all new parishioners to meet members of the Parish Council, learn about the Parish and its activities, get answers to your questions and enjoy some coffee, tea and light refreshments. We look forward to meeting you!

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** for the St. Brigid's School students and for the public school students will be celebrated next **Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 Noon in the Church**.

A reminder to **ALL** students receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, their parents/guardians, and their sponsors, please join us in the Church for the mandatory **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the St. Brigid's School students and for the public school students will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Church**.

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.

FILIPINO FUN NIGHT / DINNER DANCE

Please join us on **Saturday, June 15th at 6:00 pm** in the Church Hall for our **FILIPINO FUN NIGHT / DINNER DANCE!** Great food, entertainment, and lots of games and prizes! Tickets are **\$30 for adults** and **\$15 for children**

12 and under. Tickets are now available. Don't Delay! To obtain your tickets, please contact Joven Fernandez, Vincenzo Camera or Maria Frassica at the Parish Office.

FAMILY AT THE HEART OF PRAYER ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

We invite you to celebrate the gift of family and grow in the faith through prayer on **Saturday, June 22nd at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** This family-friendly day will include inspirational talks from Cardinal Collins and families, prayer, praise and worship, Saturday morning Mass, and hands-on activities. For more information please visit: www.archtoronto.org/family

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending April 21st was **\$4,285.65. 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 PASQUA DELLA DIVINA MISERICORDIA / C

L'esperienza pasquale si sviluppa e si intensifica nella prima comunità apostolica. Gli Atti degli Apostoli ci presentano la potenza del dono dello Spirito che suscita la fede nella risurrezione di Cristo e nella sua forza di guarigione. Grazie a questa invisibile azione «spirituale», dalla comunità cristiana si sprigiona una vitalità benefica che testimonia in modo concreto la realtà del «mondo nuovo» nato dalla Pasqua di Cristo, e raggiunge tutti coloro che — riconoscendosi deboli e poveri — ricorrono con fede all'aiuto del Signore risorto. Egli agisce con la sua «forza di guarigione» che rivive nella persona di Pietro ed opera salutarmente anche solo attraverso l'ombra dell'apostolo: al suo passaggio tutti sono guariti.

SHARELIFE: IL VANGELO SI VIVE DANDO IL BENVENUTO IN CANADA A FAMIGLIE DI MIGRANTI

Quando viveva in Egitto, Rashida ha subito violenze e maltrattamenti domestici per anni. Temendo che il marito avrebbe poi maltrattato anche i bambini, si rivolse alle autorità consolari canadesi, riuscendo ad ottenere un visto per il Canada, come rifugiata. Rashida arrivò a Toronto, non conoscendo la lingua, non sapendo cosa fare o a chi rivolgersi. Per fortuna, un arabo le disse di rivolgersi alla "Catholic Crosscultural Services" (servizi interculturali cattolici). La CCS si prese cura di lei assistendola nel completamento dell'iter amministrativo d'immigrazione e nell'accedere a tutti i servizi sociali di cui necessitava. Rashida dice, *"La CCS mi ha salvato. Ora ho soldi miei, ho un appartamento ed i miei bambini sono finalmente al sicuro e felici."* **Domenica, 5 Maggio è Domenica di ShareLife. Per favore dona generosamente.**

PREGHIERA A SANTA CATERINA / 29 APRILE

O Caterina irresistibile Santa, alla tua parola, non resistevano i cuori dei peccatori, e neppure il Cielo alla tua fede ardente e alle tue insistenti preghiere. Come allora, anche oggi facci sentire il potere della tua intercessione,

confermare la pace tra gli uomini, liberare gli oppressi dalle ingiustizie o avversità d'ogni genere, confortare e sanare i malati dell'anima e del corpo. Prega per la pace di tutto il mondo per l'unità e la fedeltà del popolo di Dio al supremo Pastore e per il bene della patria nostra. E ricordati di me, che ti invoco con fiducia sapendo che non abbandoni nelle difficoltà coloro che ti considerano come Madre e Maestra.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 21 Aprile e' stata **\$4,285.65. 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, 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

Sunday, April 28th

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale Per il 50 Anniversario di Raffaele & Antonina Forges, req. by the Family
Per Tutti I Defunti Della Famiglia Fiore
+Giuseppe, Giovannina & Vincenza Pompeii, req. by Tina Morlando
+Emanuele Infanti, req. by the St. Brigid's Italian Choir
+Carmelo Palandra, req. the Family
+Teresa Visconti, req. by the Delle Fave Nephews
+Giovanni, Grazia & John Cusma, req. by Carmela Cusma
+Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino
11:00 a.m. +Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by Elizabeth Heusel
+Angelina Tarasca, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer
+Anita Marivelez, req. by the Family
+Robert Edward James, req. by the Parish

Monday, April 29th ~ St. Catherine of Siena

12:00 p.m. +Herman "Bobby" Liburd, req. by Paul & Maureen Gent

Tuesday, April 30th ~ St. Marie De L'Incarnacion

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of our Community

Wednesday, May 1st ~ St. Joseph the Worker, St. Pius V

12:00 p.m. +Rosa Morra, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero
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
+Alexander MacKenzie, req. by Wilena MacKenzie

Thursday, May 2nd ~ St. Athanasius

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Carmelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
+Michelle & Giuseppina Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Friday, May 3rd ~ St. Philip & St. James

12:00 p.m. +Colomba Iacovelli, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Saturday, May 4th ~ BL. Marie-Léonie Paradis

9:00 a.m. +Teresa Cornacchia, req. by Franco Cornacchia
12:00 p.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**
5:00 p.m. +Antonio Gesualdo, req. by Donato & Giovanna Filardi
+Celestino & Concetta Volpe, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero


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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