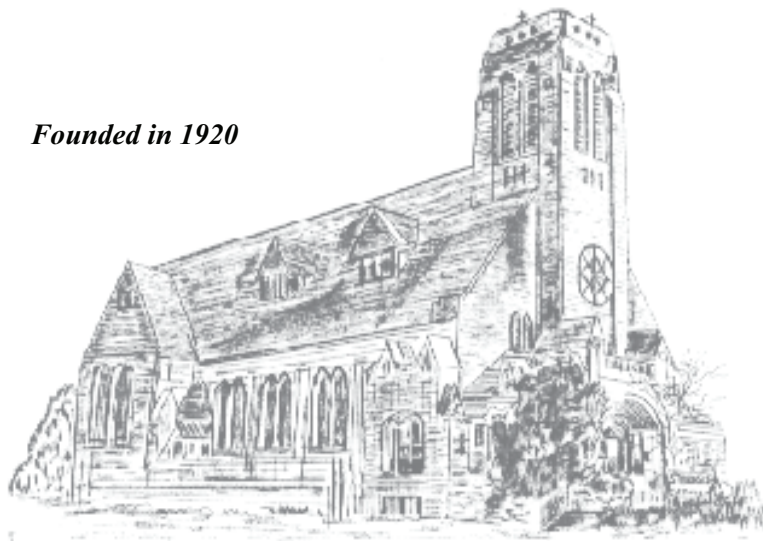


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SUNDAY MASSES

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year A, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. The entire Liturgy of the Advent season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming, *"Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!"*

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Back by popular demand, the Knights of Columbus will be selling their Christmas cards today only before and after each Mass. All proceeds go towards the Knights of Columbus initiatives in support of numerous charities.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HEALING SERVICE & HOLY MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 4:00 PM

"Bring to Jesus all your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments". Please join us today at 4:00 pm in the Church for the final Healing Service and Holy Mass for this year. All are welcome!

DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tuesday, December 3rd is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The observance of this day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. This day takes place annually and focuses on a different issue each year.

The theme this year is: **The Future is Accessible**. We must look towards a future where the barriers which stand in people's way no longer exist.

SAVE THE DATES IN 2020

PRAYERS & MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

Please join us on Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 pm as we prepare for the Feast of St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena. All are welcome for prayers and a Mass in honour of these two great saints.

ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL DINNER DANCE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena, our two patron Saints, at our annual Dinner Dance. The festivities will take place on Saturday, February 1st in the Church Hall. More details will be provided in the next few weeks.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR SATURDAY REHEARSAL DATES: DECEMBER 7 & 14

The next rehearsal dates for the Centennial Choir are **Saturday, December 7th & 14th** starting at **10:00 am**. If you have any singing talent, please consider joining and sharing your gift. Remember: those who sing pray twice!

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The next St. Brigid's Children Choir practice will be taking place next **Saturday, December 7th at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm**. Our children's choir is 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 choir. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

The Children's Choir is a great way for your children to expand their musical talents as well as learn the skill of working together in serving the Lord.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: OUT OF THE COLD

The annual collection for the Christmas dinner for the guests of the Out of the Cold program will take place on **Saturday, December 7th** and **Sunday, December 8th**. The program serves the many needs of the poor and homeless in our community. Your continued generosity during this holiday season is very much appreciated.

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Please join us on **Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be celebrated in both English and Italian.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

On **Tuesday, December 17th** starting at 7:00 pm in the Church, we will celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. All are welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO: DECEMBER 1, 2019

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEDITATION, ADORATION & NOVENA MASS

Due to the Christmas and New Year holiday schedule, we will be cancelling the Wednesday evening Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours and the Novena Mass starting December 25th. We will resume on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020.

2020 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2020 donation envelopes** will be ready for pick up next weekend. All envelopes will be placed in alphabetical order. Please contact the Parish office if you have moved or changed your contact information. **In order to reduce waste and costs, we have issued new numbers for those who were previously in the 600 series. If you have any questions, please call the Parish office.**

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are in grade 3 or higher, have already received your First Holy Communion and would like to Altar serve please contact the Parish office. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the different parts of the Mass, meet new friends and gain the responsibility of a selfless act that can go towards fulfilling your required community hours.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Church Bulletin: Due to the upcoming Christmas season, our Church bulletin will be submitted for printing sooner than our regular schedule. We ask all parishioners wishing to add a Mass intention in December and early January to please contact the office soon in order to better serve your requests.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624-4422.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish office will close at 12:00 Noon on **Friday, December 13th.**

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 24th was **\$2,632.35**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of November was **\$4,590.82**. 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.).**

PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A

I ritmi della vita attuale sempre più convulsi, gli ingranaggi di un sistema che mira a pianificare ogni momento, anche il più privato, dell'uomo riducono sempre più il margine dell'imprevisto: tutto deve essere «computerizzato», classificato, neutralizzato, assicurato. Ma per il cristiano Cristo continua ad essere un avvenimento sconvolgente: quando irrompe nella sua vita impone un radicale cambiamento che spezza e trasforma la «routine» quotidiana. Cristo non può essere programmato: deve essere atteso, lasciando che nella nostra vita ci sia uno spazio anche per la sua presenza.

GIORNATA ARCIDIOCESANA DELLE CONFESSIONI MARTEDÌ, 17 DICEMBRE

Martedì, 17 Dicembre, alle 7:00 pm, la nostra chiesa di Santa Brigida celebrerà la Giornata Arcidiocesana delle Confessioni. Siete tutti invitati.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 17 Novembre e' stata **\$2,632.35**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Novembre è stata **\$4,590.82**. **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 / INTENZIONE DELLA MESSA

Saturday, November 30th ~ St. Andrew

9:00 a.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Frieda Spandl, req. by Maria Mayer

Sunday, December 1st ~ First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. +Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Rocco & Leonardo Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Visconti
+Giuseppe Muscarella, req. by the Family
+Eva Cioffi, req. by Filippo & Josie Paladino
+Angelo Pagnello, req. by Maria Pagnello & Family
+Enio Pirillo, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. +Ken Vareta, req. by Cassandra Luceri & Marco Spinelli
+Michelle Dattoli, req. by the Family

4:00 p.m. **Healing Service & Holy Mass**

Monday, December 2nd

12:00 p.m. For all the deceased parishioners of St. Brigid's

Tuesday, December 3rd ~ St. Francis Xavier

12:00 p.m. +Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino

Wednesday, December 4th ~ St. John Damascene

8:45 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Confessions in Preparation for Advent**

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, 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, December 5th

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

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe & Antonietta Cagna, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

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

Friday, December 6th ~ St. Nicholas

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

Saturday, December 7th ~ St. Ambrose

9:00 a.m. +Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Visconti

5:00 p.m. Special 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Maria & Leonardo Ambrosini, req. by the Family
+Lorenza Acasio, req. by the Family
+Oto Corsano, req. by the Family
+Purification Bersola, req. by the Family


Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Angela, Nelda Montesa, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, Thomas Richardson, Maria Distasio, Josie Reilly, Gianna Penna-Avveduto, Sheila Ruggiero, Maria Valentini, Maria Avarino, Maria Sgrinuoli, Ray Dwyer, Allan Roxas, Anna Rodbinic, Stewart Gasenzer, Corradina Sorbera, Brian Pimentel, Frances, Norma and Anna.

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