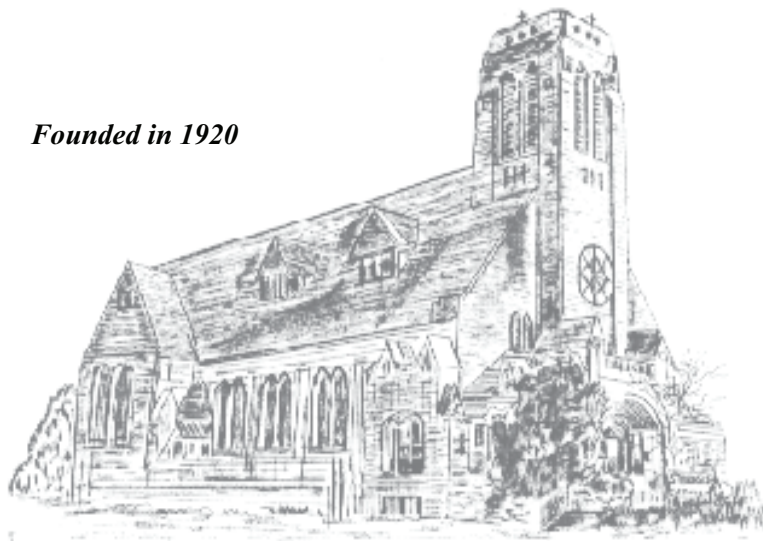


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SUNDAY MASSES

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Please join us this **Tuesday, December 17th** starting at 7:00 pm in the Church as we celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas.

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The next St. Brigid's Children's Choir practice will be taking place next **Saturday, December 21st 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.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE 2020 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2020 donation envelopes** are now ready for pick up. 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.**

Holiday Schedule: The Parish office will close at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 24th and on Tuesday, December 31st. We will be closed all day on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and on New Year's Day.

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.

NOTICE: 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. The last Mass will be taking place on Wednesday, December 18th and will resume on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020.

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

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

PRAYERS & HOLY 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 Mass in honour of these two great saints.

DINNER DANCE IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

On Saturday, February 1st, all are invited to attend the Annual St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Dinner-Dance immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. We look forward to celebrating together as a community, along with your friends and families. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by dancing, door prizes and much more!

Tickets are \$55 for Adults and \$30 for Children 12 years old and under. Tickets may be purchased after each Mass or by visiting the Parish office (Monday to Friday).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from **January 18th to the 25th**. The theme is **"They showed us unusual kindness"** (cf. Acts 28:2). Welcoming strangers — whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees — is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / TERZA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO: DECEMBER 15, 2019

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2020 – FEBRUARY 8 & 9

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 8th and 9th, 2020. **A Special Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries** will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the 11:00 am Mass where couples celebrating their milestone anniversary - 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ will be honoured. Please contact the Parish office to register.

ST. BRIGID'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB STARTING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Starting on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 we will be starting a "Golden Age Club". The purpose of this club is to bring together the St. Brigid's senior parishioners in our community to share and participate in various activities.

The program will take place every two weeks on Wednesdays starting from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. If you are interested in knowing more, or to register for this group, please contact the Parish office.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 8th was **\$3,425.25**. 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.).**

TERZA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A

Gioia del ritorno in patria, gioia per il recupero della sanità, gioia per la libertà riconquistata: ecco il frutto dell'intervento di Dio che salva. Annunciato dai profeti (prima lettura) come nuovo esodo, il ritorno dall'esilio è visto come un atto della potenza e dell'amore di Dio per il suo popolo rappresentato da un «piccolo resto» di deportati. L'intervento divino per alcuni, forse, non ha corrisposto del tutto alle aspettative. Ma l'annuncio rimane sempre valido, perché proiettato in un tempo in cui sarà pienamente compiuto. Cristo viene come colui che guida l'umanità smarrita, sfiduciata e stanca, nel ritorno a Dio; egli è il capo dei redenti, sulla strada santa dell'obbedienza e della fedeltà. Ma questo ritorno, di fatto, deve esplicitarsi nel corso delle generazioni; la liberazione esige tempo e fatica, e la gioia è piuttosto quella di un traguardo parziale raggiunto che rimanda, nella speranza, alla mèta finale.

L'ORIGINE DELL'AVVENTO

Il termine Avvento deriva dalla parola "venuta", in latino *adventus*. Il vocabolo *adventus* può tradursi con "presenza", "arrivo", "venuta". Nel linguaggio del mondo antico era un termine tecnico utilizzato per indicare l'arrivo di un funzionario, la visita del re o dell'imperatore in una provincia. Ma poteva indicare anche la venuta della divinità, che esce dal suo nascondimento per manifestarsi con potenza, o che viene celebrata presente nel culto. I cristiani adottarono la parola Avvento per esprimere la loro relazione con Gesù Cristo: Gesù è il Re, entrato in questa povera "provincia" denominata terra per rendere visita a tutti; alla festa del suo avvento fa partecipare quanti credono in Lui.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 8 Dicembre e' stata **\$3,425.25**. 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, December 14th ~ St. John of the Cross

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio Di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Piegiera di S. Brigid
- 5:00 p.m. Special 90th Birthday Blessing for Weldon Frederick Green
+Purification Bersola, req. by Pat & Sylvia Guera
+Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Lucy & Rocco Colangelo
+Eugenio & Concetta Volpe, req. by Maria Angino & Family

Sunday, December 15th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. In Onore Di Santa Lucia, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande
Per Tutti I Defunti Delle Famiglie Filardi & Gesualdo,
req. by Donato, Giovanna & Rosa Filardi
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Carmine Schiavo e Tutti I Defunti, req. by Schiavo Family
+Vincenzo Pizzo, req. by La Sorella Ida Pizzo
+Vito & Mariarosa Viscomi, req. by Rosa Viscomi
+Francesco & Maria Luisa Basile, req. by the Family
+Franco Sannella & Alessandro Nota, req. by Giovanna Sannella
+Francesca Fiore, req. by the Parish
+Antonino Scaffidi, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. +Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabac,
req. by Maria Quintana-James
+Andrea & Grazia Dellino, req. by the Family Pruiti
+Thomas Richardson, req. by the Parish

Monday, December 16th

- 12:00 p.m. For All The Deceased Parishioners of St. Brigid's
- 7:00 p.m. **St. Brigid's School Christmas Concert**

Tuesday, December 17th

- 12:00 p.m. +Pasquale Lamanna, req. by Filis Lamanna
- 7:00 p.m. **Archdiocesan Day of Confessions**

Wednesday, December 18th

- 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, December 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Benjamin Paul, req. by the Family

Friday, December 20th

- 12:00 p.m. For All The Deceased Parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena

Saturday, December 21st ~ St. Peter Canisius

- 9:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by St. Brigid's Parish Community
- 5:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the FitzGerald Family
+Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo


Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Angela, Nelda Montes, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, 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, Anna, Rooba and Heidi.

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