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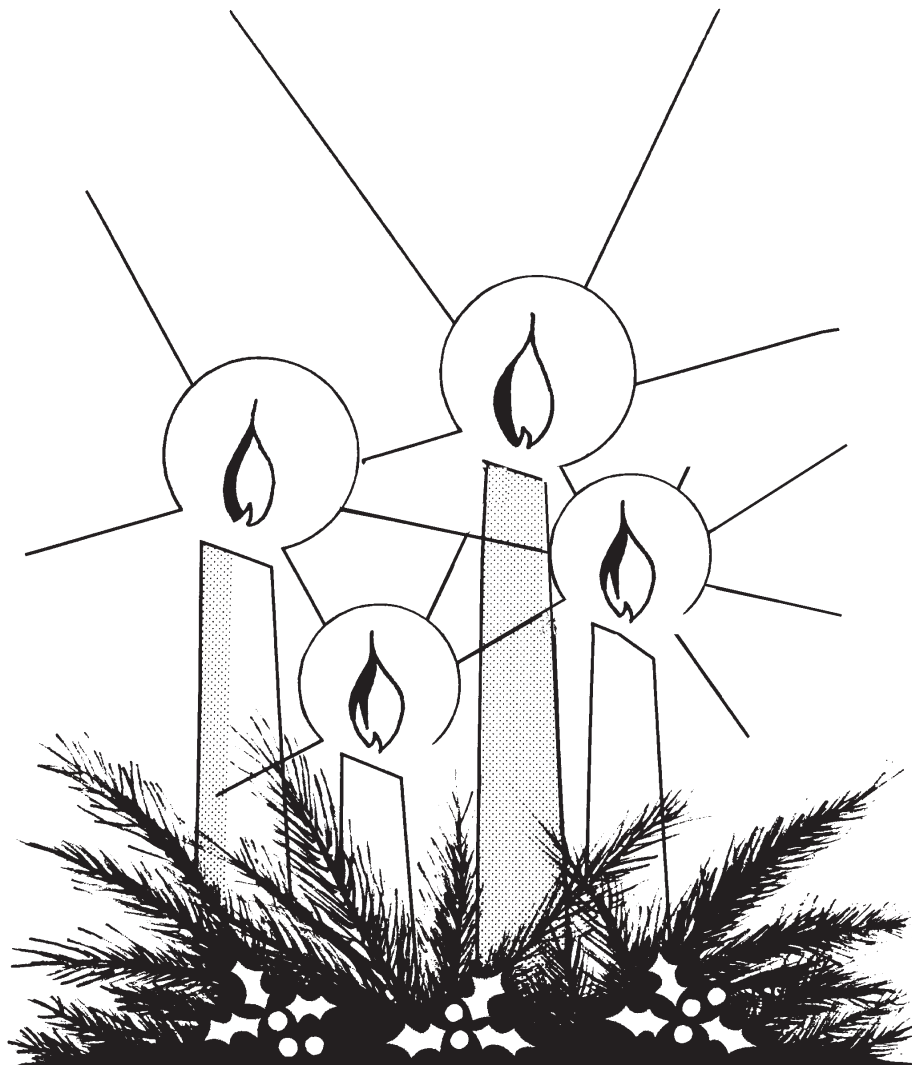
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

I would like to take this moment to thank every one of our parishioners, volunteers, members of our ministries, benefactors, friends of the community and many more. Your unwavering commitment to our Parish and Parish community throughout the Christmas season has been humbling and a true testament of what this season is all about. We are blessed to have you in our lives. We continue to grow deeper in our faith and in the betterment of this Parish. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

YOUTH GROUP BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Our Youth Group will be selling baked goods and Christmas crafts today, just in time for Christmas! They will be available after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses.

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

THE HOLY INNOCENTS - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 am (Chapel) ~ 5:00 pm

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The next St. Brigid's Children's Choir practice will be taking place next **Saturday, December 28th 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

Your **2020 donation envelopes** are placed in alphabetical order. Please contact the Parish office if you have moved or changed your contact information

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. Chapel Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on December 26th.

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

Please note that this Wednesday evening's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours and the Novena Mass will be the last one until Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020.

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.

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).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO: DECEMBER 22, 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 15th was **\$3,232.15**. 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.).**

QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A

La Chiesa, attraverso la predicazione e la liturgia, continua a ripetere all'uomo che la salvezza vera e definitiva è un dono che Dio stesso ci porta venendo fra noi. Al centro della liturgia di questa domenica sta la rivelazione di questo segreto, di questo mistero tenuto nascosto per secoli: lo svelamento, cioè, del piano salvifico che Dio ha preparato ed attuato per nostro amore. Questo disegno di salvezza ha una sua storia ed ha dei segni rivelatori. Il profeta annuncia un segno che può essere riconosciuto e accolto solo nella povertà e nella umiltà della fede. Parla della nascita miracolosa dell'Emmanuele figlio di una vergine, segno miracoloso concesso da Dio al piccolo «resto» dei credenti che, per la fede in lui, nonostante gli sforzi dei nemici, saranno liberate. Sarà questo il nuovo popolo costituito nell'ordine della fede e non in forza di privilegi nazionalistici o di casta.

DA NOSTRO PARROCO, P. CARLOS SIERRA

Vorrei cogliere questo momento per ringraziare tutti i nostri parrocchiani, volontari, ministri, benefattori e amici della parrocchia per il vostro costante impegno nei riguardi della nostra comunità di Santa Brigida. E' molto edificante la maniera come avete risposto ai bisogni dei nostri poveri di San Vincenzo di Paolo e dei homeless. Stiamo sempre superando noi stessi e lo continueremo a fare per avere la parrocchia che vogliamo.

L'arrivo del Messia porti la buona novella nel cuore di tutti noi! Pace, letizia gioia e amore sono i doni per un sereno e candido Natale in tutto il mondo! Buon Natale a tutti!

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 15 Dicembre e' stata **\$3,232.15**. **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 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

Sunday, December 22nd ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. +Antonio Romagnuolo, Rocco & Carmela Lamanna,
req. by Maria Romagnuolo
+Franca & Alfredo Sollecito, req. by Sestito Family
+Rosina, Pietro & Pasquale Macchione, req. by Sestito Family
+Vitina & Vincenzo Sestito, req. by Sestito Family
+Vito, Enzo & Rosa Sestito, req. by Sestito Family
+Vincenzo Pizzo, req. by Giuseppina Altomare & Family
+Franca Fiore, req. by Tina Morlando
+Emanuele Infanti, req. by Nella Infanti & Family
+Daniele & Anna Coccimiglio, req. by Maria & Pasquale Guercio & Family
+Salvatore & Antonia Guercio, req. by Maria & Pasquale Guercio & Family
+Rab Concepcion, req. by Joseph Rampino & Family
+Michele Mastrangelo, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Healing for Rosemary Coffey
+Maria Rizzo, req. by Lucy Cirone & Family
+Flynn Beharry, req. by the Parish

Monday, December 23rd ~ St. John of Kanty

12:00 p.m. +Emma Santi, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Mass ~ Children's Celebration Vigil

11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass / Messa di Mezzanotte

Wednesday, December 25th ~ The Nativity of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. +Fortunato, Giovanni, Maria, Teresa, Antonio, Divina &
Daniele Ciardullo, req. by the Family
+Emanuele Infanti e Tutti i Defunti Della Famiglia Infanti
req. by Nella Infanti & family
+Salvatore Pirotta e Tutti i Defunti Della Famiglia Pirotta,
req. by Nella Infanti & Family
+Concetta Rocca Sala, req. by Rosa Sorce

11:00 a.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family

Thursday, December 26th ~ St. Stephen

9:00 a.m. +Rev. Guenter Petricek, req. by the Parish

Friday, December 27th ~ St. John

12:00 p.m. For All The Deceased of St. Brigid's & St. Catherine's

Saturday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by St. Brigid's Parish Community

5:00 p.m. +John Zimmer, req. by his Mother-Maria Mayer
+Beryl Monaghan, req. by Paul Monaghan

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, 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, Rosemary Coffey, Frances, Norma, Anna, Rooba and Heidi.

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