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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 TO 25, 2020

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer For Christian Unity 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 to collaborate in order to be examples of Christ's love.

**We will be celebrating an Ecumenical
Prayer Service at 10:30 am on Saturday,
January 25th at St. Brigid's Church.
Refreshments to follow in our Church Hall.**

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, 2020

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 & raffle 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).

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2020

The next St. Brigid's Children's Choir practice will be taking place next **Saturday, January 11th 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.

OUT OF THE COLD MEETING: JANUARY 8

Anyone interested in helping us with the **Out of the Cold Program** is welcome to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday, January 8th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 1099 Danforth Avenue at the **St. Brigid's Annex Room**.

Donations & Volunteers: If you are interested in donating food, containers of apple juice, and/or warm clothing, please drop off your donations on Mondays at 1099 Danforth Avenue. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish office by calling: (416) 696-8660 or emailing: stbrigid@rogers.com.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: JANUARY 11 & 18

There will be two rehearsals for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir. One on **Saturday, January 11th** and the other on **Saturday, January 18th** both rehearsals to start at 10:00 am in the Church. **New members are always welcome!**

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The Church will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on **Sunday, February 2, 2020**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to a special Mass on Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Basilica to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 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 and to receive additional details.**

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

Starting on Wednesday, February 12th 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: (416) 696-8660.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

On December 18, Pope Francis appointed **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick** as the new bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish,

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which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. His Excellency will be formally installed as the 10th Bishop of Antigonish in early 2020. Born in St. Catharines, Bishop Kirkpatrick has served the Archdiocese of Toronto faithfully since his appointment as an auxiliary bishop in 2012. "I am humbled by the trust placed in me by the Holy Father to serve the faithful of the Diocese of Antigonish," said Bishop Kirkpatrick. "I ask for your prayers and be assured of mine as I prepare for this new chapter of ministry." Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, expressed his gratitude for Bishop Kirkpatrick's many contributions and pastoral outreach.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, Whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour. Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me.

TAX RECEIPTS & DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2019 donation tax receipts** will be ready soon and will be mailed out. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed your contact information. Your **2020 donation envelopes** are still located at the front entrance of the Church. Please ask an usher if you require assistance or call the parish office if you would like to pick them up during the week.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

Following are the regular collection amounts: December 22nd: \$3,853.75. Christmas collection: \$8,317.50. The week ending on December 29th was \$6,778.50. The December P.A.G. collection was \$4,490.82. **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.).**

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE / A

Epifania vuol dire *manifestazione*. La Santa Chiesa istituì questa festa per commemorare la triplice manifestazione di Gesù: come Dio, facendosi adorare dai Magi; come uomo, ricevendo il Battesimo da San Giovanni; come operatore di miracoli, cambiando, alle nozze di Cana, l'acqua in vino. Oggi però la liturgia ricorda in modo tutto particolare la prima manifestazione di Gesù come Dio, con l'adorazione dei Magi. Già il profeta Isaia aveva detto: « Sorgi, ricevi la tua luce, o Gerusalemme, poiché la tua luce è venuta, e la gloria del Signore è spuntata su di te ».

L'INTENZIONI DI PREGHIERA DEL SANTO PADRE

Intenzione di preghiera per l'evangelizzazione – Promozione della pace nel mondo. Preghiamo affinché i cristiani, coloro che seguono le altre religioni e le persone di buona volontà promuovano la pace e la giustizia nel mondo.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 22 Dicembre 2019 e' stata \$3,853.75. La colletta di Natale e' stata \$8,317.50. La colletta di 29 Dicembre e' stata \$6,778.50. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Dicembre è stata \$4,490.82. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia può essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONE DELLA MESSA

Saturday, January 4th

9:00 a.m. +Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Jacqueline Le Blanc, req. by Bill Le Blanc & Family

Sunday, January 5th ~ Epiphany of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale per: Angela Puopolo & Melinda Modica

+Natalino & Gino Schiavo, req. by the Family

+Michelo & Rita Doto, req. by the Doto Family

+Francesco & Adelina Casciari, req. by Ita Spada

+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family

+Ida & Mario Abbate, req. by Pasquale & Maria Guercio

+Sebastiano Modica, req. by the Family

+Angela Francione, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Brian Dwyer, req. by the Parish
Special Blessing for Mala Stanislaus, req. by the Xavier Family
For All the Deceased members of the Romano Family
+Antonio & Raffaella Colangelo, req. by Vittoria Colangelo & Lucia Lamanna
+Biagio & Albina Delle Fave, req. by the Children & Families

Monday, January 6th

12:00 p.m. +Fr. Giorgio DiCicco, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, January 7th ~ St. Andre Bessette

12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Antonio Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
+Maria Lamanna, req. by Filis Lamanna

Wednesday, January 8th ~ St. Raymond of Penyafort

12:00 p.m. +Linda Francis, req. by the Parish

Thursday, January 9th

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of Our Parish Community

Friday, January 10th

12:00 p.m. +Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

Saturday, January 11th

9:00 a.m. For all Those Suffering with Illnesses

5:00 p.m. For all the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family

+Antonio Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero & Family

+Norine Hilaire & John Comartin, req. by the Family

Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Angela, Nelda Montesa, Melinda Modica, 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, Brian Pimentel, Frances, Norma, Mala & Anna.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL FAVOUR THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE

Saint André, we celebrate your presence among us. Your loving friendship with Jesus, Mary and Joseph makes you another son in the eyes of the Father. Compassion carries your words straight to God's heart, and your prayers are answered with comfort and healing. Through you, from our lips to God's ear, our supplications are heard. We ask to be made a part of God's work in a spirit of prayer, compassion and humility. Saint André, pray for us. Amen.

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