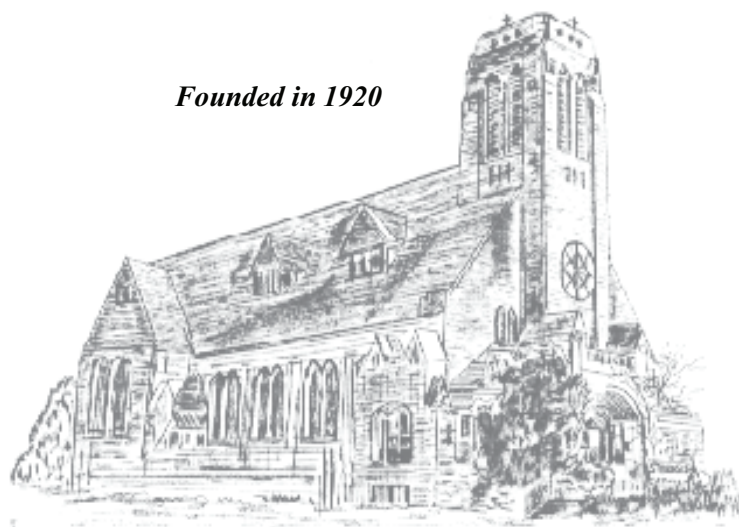


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Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly "discloses His divine glory" (CCC 555). Moreover, "the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (CCC 556).

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Recently, the Archdiocese of Toronto sent all Parishes information regarding liturgical practices pertaining to coronavirus. It has been indicated that it is not necessary to alter our current practices at this time. We remind parishioners about the importance of practicing healthy hygiene to prevent the spread of germs, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, avoid contact with people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick. Rest assured that at St. Brigid's those distributing communion always use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of communion. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Last week, the Vatican released Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2020, in which the Holy Father invites the faithful to embrace the paschal mystery as the basis for conversion.

The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion: *Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love "so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue" (Christus Vivit, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the "father of lies" (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.*

PURPLE LENTEN BAG PROGRAM

This year, we continue with the Purple Lenten Bag Program. It is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial in order to help those in need. Please consider adding a daily monetary value into your Lenten bag. **All proceeds will go towards ShareLife and the Out of the Cold Program.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church.

The next service will be held on Friday, March 13th.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

The Day of Confessions for Lent for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

AN EQUAL WORLD IS AN ENABLED WORLD

Today is International Women's Day. Gender equality is essential for economies and communities to thrive. A gender equal world can be healthier, wealthier and more harmonious. The race is on for the gender equal boardroom, a gender equal government, gender equal media coverage, gender equal workplaces, gender equal sports coverage, more gender equality in health and wealth. Let's make it happen!

WAVE AFTER WAVE YOUTH GROUP

LEADING WITH EXCELLENCE

If you are youth ages 13 to 18 and are interested in being a part of a community group that gets involved with many fun events, then our Wave After Wave Youth Group is for you!

Not only will you meet new people, you will make great friends and be an active member of our St. Brigid's community. The Church is in its centennial year and the youth group will be a big part of the celebrations. They meet every Friday evening at the Church Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Church office by email: stbrigid@rogers.com.

ACTORS ARE STILL NEEDED!

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

We are still looking for actors of all ages, but most importantly those 11 years of age and older to fulfill the numerous roles for this year's Good Friday Passion Play. This is a great way to be a part of a memorable production, make long lasting friendships and most important, get all your volunteer hours! We serve pizza after each practice.

The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession will be taking place on April 10 starting at 6:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset production costs or If you would like to help us with this production in any way, please contact the Parish office.

ITALIAN FUNDRAISER DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – 6:00 PM

Please join us on **Saturday, March 21st at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Seventh Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.** The dinner will include authentic Italian food made by the best home cooks in our community. **Tickets are now available! There is a LIMITED amount of tickets to be sold - DON'T DELAY. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under.** Please see an usher after each Mass or contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP

Our weekly **Prayer & Life Workshop** will resume this **Wednesday, March 11th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall.**

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO SING!

Our choir is looking for kids who love to sing! We rehearse every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. Some of the highlights included with participating in the children's choir are: Spring concert, field trip (Blue Jays game in the Spring), participation gifts, and much more. **The next practice will be taking place next Saturday, March 14th.**

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR

REHEARSAL DATE – SATURDAY, MARCH 14

The next rehearsal date for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 am in the Church.** The Centennial Choir will be singing at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 15th.

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm

Please join us on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prince and Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron Saint of Canada.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 1st was **\$3,723.40**. 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.).**

SECONDA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / A

La quaresima è un itinerario verso la Pasqua, punto vertice dell'anno liturgico e significato ultimo di ogni nostra scelta. Il cammino è lungo e non sempre agevole, anche se pervaso di speranza. La vita cristiana è posta sotto il segno della tentazione e Dio può sembrare lontano, assente. Il silenzio di Dio può suscitare smarrimento e sconcerto. Ma colui che ha scelto Dio e si fida di lui sa che la sua vita avrà un esito positivo. Nella trasfigurazione, la Chiesa intravede in quello di Cristo il senso e l'orientamento del proprio esodo: la gloria della risurrezione, inscindibilmente congiunta allo scandalo della croce (cf prefazio).

STAZIONI DELLA CROCE

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce. Ogni Venerdì di Quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa cominciando il **13 di Marzo**.

DINNER DANCE PER AIUTARE IL PASSION PLAY E PROCESSIONE – SABATO, 21 MARZO

Unitevi a noi il Sabato 21 Marzo alle 6:00 pm nella nostra sala Parrocchiale per la festa annuale per aiutare la produzione del Passion Play e Processione! La cena sarà autentici piatti Italiani. I biglietti sono disponibili! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere-fate in fretta! **Il prezzo è \$40 per gli adulti e \$20 per i bambini fino ai 12 anni.** Per favore, domandati agli uscieri dopo la Messa o chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER LA PASQUA – GIOVEDÌ, IL 26 MARZO

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 26 Marzo** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 1 Marzo è stata **\$3,723.40**. **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 / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

Saturday, March 7th ~ St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Parishioners in Our Community

5:00 p.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family
+Mary Antonia Xavier, req. by the Xavier Family

Sunday, March 8th ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. +Antonio, Assunta, Paolo & Madalena Romagnuolo,
req. by Concetta Romagnuolo

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

+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family

+Alfredo & Franca Sollecito, req. by the Sestito Family

+Vincenzo & Vitina Sestito, req. by the Sestito Family

+Vito, Enzo & Rosina Sestito, req. by Sestito Family

+Giuseppe, Domenica, Andrea & Agatina Rubera,

req. by Carmelo (Melino) Rubera & Family

+Raffaele & Rocchina Cornacchia, req. by the Family

+Giovanni & Joe Nucifora, req. by the Family

+Melinda Modica, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special Blessing to Natalie Quigley on the Pending Birth of her Baby, req. by Tom & Sheila Johnston

+Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabec,
req. by Maria Quintana-James

+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Knights of Columbus / St. Brigid's

+Antonia Orlandi, req. by the Family

+Michael De Pinto, req. by the Parish

Monday, March 9th ~ St. Frances of Rome

12:00 p.m. +Michele & Giuseppina Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Tuesday, March 10th

12:00 p.m. +Giovanni & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Michele Santomieri,
req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino & Family

Wednesday, March 11th

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Healing for Joseph Stanislaus,
req. by the Xavier Family

+James Dalida, req. by the Family

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, March 12th

12:00 p.m. +Catalina Wisniewski, req. by Vince Eng

7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Sebastiano Sipione, req. by the Family

Friday, March 13th

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

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 14th

9:00 a.m. ----

10:00 a.m. **Funeral Mass:** +Bernard Neeson


5:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Ruggiero, req. by Lucy & Rocco Colangelo

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