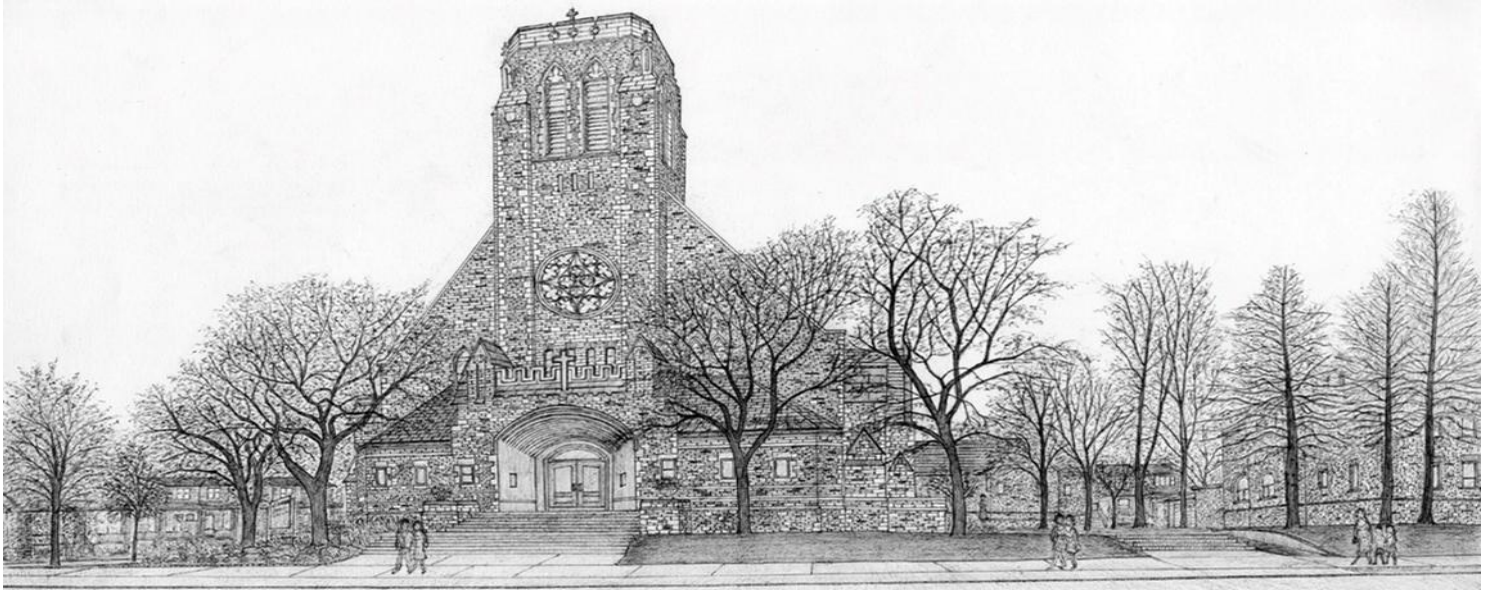


St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church

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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	English	
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	English	
	10:00 a.m.	Italian	
	11:30 a.m.	English	(Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday	12:00 Noon
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment
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DEVOTIONS

Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	Adoration
	12:30 p.m.	Novena: O.L. of Perpetual Help
Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Adoration
First Friday	11:30 a.m.	Adoration

Notes:

* Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am on weekday statutory holidays

* All regular Masses are livestreamed via website

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples engaged to be married are kindly asked to contact the Pastor at least one year in advance.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Please call the parish office to request a visit for the infirm or elderly for Holy Communion & Sacrament of the Sick.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and considering the possibility of becoming Catholic are asked to contact the Pastor or Parish office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Brigid's Elementary School:

Kevin Kerr - (416) 393-5235

St. Patrick's Secondary School:

Tim McGrenere - (416) 393-5546

Please call the office to register with our Parish

Pastor: Rev. Ernesto De Ciccio (Fr. Ernie)

Parish Office Manager: Bruna Amabile

Telephone #: (416) 696-8660 | **Email:** stbrigids@archtoronto.org

Parish Office Hours | Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | (Closed: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Website: www.stbrigids.archtoronto.org | **Facebook:** St. Brigid's Catholic Church | **Instagram:** [st.brigidscatholic](https://www.instagram.com/st.brigidscatholic)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should “bring the first of the fruit of the ground.” One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our “first fruits” is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others.

COR MEN’S GROUP

The next COR meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel meeting room. The topic for that meeting is Suffering, a topic that Catholics are known for! Come and find out why.

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH



Please join us on **Wednesday March 19th, at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate** Mass (Bilingual) and the blessing of bread, in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome!

WOMEN’S GROUP

It's not too late to join the Women's Group. We ask those interested to please speak to Fr. Ernie or contact the Parish office. **The first meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel meeting room. We look forward to seeing you!

2025 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATES

March 30 | May 4 | June 8



As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

Our Parish goal this year is **\$36,500.00**

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Father Ernie will be leading a group of pilgrims from St. Brigid's to Ireland on **August 18 to 29, 2025**. This 12-day journey of faith will cost \$5,595 per person (Toronto departure including all taxes & tips, double occupancy) with breakfast, dinner and great accommodations. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to journey in faith to the land of St. Brigid and St. Patrick. Please call Henry at 647-272-2811.

MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



As Pilgrims of Hope, our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help to orient our thoughts, words and deeds toward God, His Kingdom and in steadfast hope. **Prayer** is especially important, insofar as “hope is expressed and nurtured in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire” (CCC 1820). **Fasting** “takes up the hopes that inspire [our] activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven” (CCC 1818). And finally, **Almsgiving**, when done with compassion and in solidarity with those who suffer, especially the sick, the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed, are concrete expressions of hope (cf. *Spes non Confundit*, 7-15). **Have you given some thought to how you will embody these three practices in your Lenten journey this year?**

Cardinal Leo's Message for Lent 2025 can be found at: <https://bit.ly/news-Lent2025>

What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

Nella prima lettura dal libro del Deuteronomio, Mosè istruisce il popolo dicendo che quando vengono a dare le loro offerte a Dio, dovrebbero "portare le primizie del frutto della terra". Una risoluzione quaresimale che possiamo adottare per aiutarci a offrire le nostre "primizie" è la pratica di programmare in anticipo il nostro tempo di preghiera. Se lo facciamo, vedremo grandi meraviglie verificarsi nella nostra relazione con Dio e con gli altri.

FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE



Unitevi a noi **mercoledì 19 marzo, alle 19:30** per celebrare la messa (bilingue) e la benedizione del pane, in onore di San Giuseppe. Tutti siete benvenuti!

GRUPPO DI DONNE

Non è troppo tardi per unirsi al Women's Group. Chiediamo a chi è interessato di parlare con Don Ernesto o pure di contattare l'ufficio parrocchiale. Il primo incontro è **giovedì 20 marzo alle 19:30** nella sala riunioni della cappella.

MESSAGGIO PER LA QUARESIMA 2025

Sua Eminenza Cardinale Franco Leo Arcivescovo di Toronto



“Come pellegrini della speranza, le nostre tradizionali pratiche quaresimali di preghiera, digiuno ed elemosina aiutano a orientare i nostri pensieri, parole e azioni verso Dio, il Suo Regno e in una speranza salda. **La preghiera** è particolarmente importante, nella misura in cui “**la speranza** si esprime e si alimenta nella preghiera, in particolare nel Padre Nostro, sintesi di tutto ciò che la speranza ci porta a desiderare” (**CCC 1820**). Il digiuno “assume le speranze che ispirano [le nostre] attività e le purifica per ordinarle al Regno dei cieli” (**CCC 1818**). E infine, **l'elemosina**, quando è fatta con compassione e in solidarietà con coloro che soffrono, specialmente i malati, i poveri, gli emarginati e gli oppressi, è espressione concreta di speranza (*cfr Spes non Confundit, 7-15*).

Avete pensato come incarna queste tre pratiche nel vostro cammino quaresimale di quest'anno?”

TWILIGHT RETREAT

With Mr. Joe Egan

Theme: The Challenge and Gift of Forgiveness

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Soup & Bread in Church Hall

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Retreat in Church

Contact the Parish office to register.



MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

Saturday, March 8

5:00 pm †Damiano Calia

Sunday, March 9

8:30 am Mass Pro Populo – Mass for All Parishioners

10:00 am †Per le anime bisognose in purgatorio

†Angela Maraia e tutti defunti

†Carmelo Grosso

†Carmine e Anna Bello

†Francesco e Marianna Basile

11:30 am †Brian Pinto

Monday, March 10

12:00 pm †Agatona Castillo

Tuesday, March 11

12:00 pm †All deceased members of the De Melo Family

Wednesday, March 12

11:30 am Adoration

12:00 pm †All deceased members of the Romano & Dwyer families

†Brian Pinto

†Frank Gutschi

†Sister Anne Lemire

†Lucia, Marco, Carmine and all deceased members of the Maglietta family

†Luigi Lamanna

†Goretti Pancratuis

Blessings for Joseph Pancratuis

12:30 pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, March 13

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm †Giuseppina & Michele Del Grande

Friday, March 14

11:30 am Adoration

12:00 pm †Irma Saturno

7:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday evening at 7:30 pm, as we pray the Stations of the Cross.



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