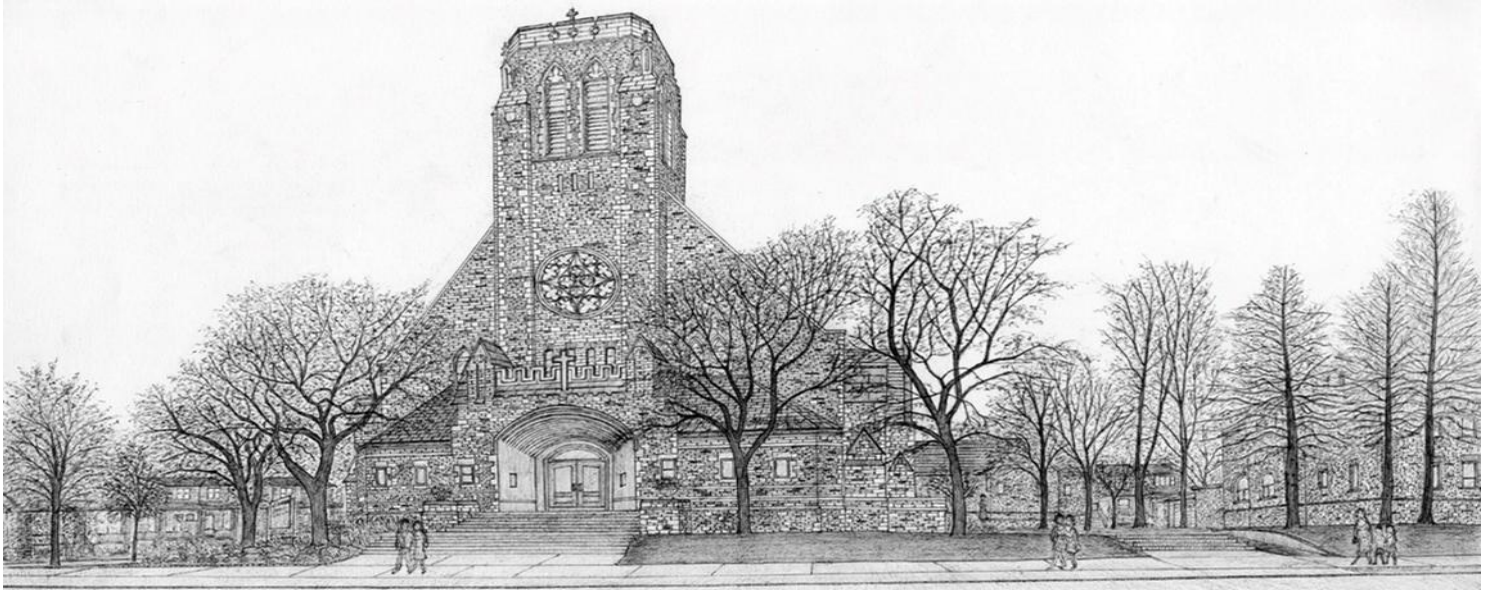


# St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church

300 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1S6



## 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

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Just as the apostles were invited to ascend the mountain for the Lord's transfiguration, we too are called to ascend our own mountains. We can do this whenever we take some time away from the noise of the world so that we may experience the glory and majesty of Christ in prayer. We are then called to descend the mountain and use the grace of our mountain-top experiences to spread the Gospel in the world.

## 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!

### DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph is sometimes called the "silent man" because none of his words are recorded in Scripture

There are 2 feast days celebrating St. Joseph

**March 19** celebrates Joseph personally and his role in raising Jesus

**May 1** celebrates St. Joseph the Worker, patron of workers throughout the world

### Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



IMAGE FROM ST. MARY'S PARISH, NOBLETON

### Where does the tradition of St. Joseph's Table come from?

According to legend, centuries ago a famine struck Sicily. The residents of Sicily prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, and asked for his intercession. Their prayers were answered. When the famine ended, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of St. Joseph. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families made preparations and invited the less fortunate over to share in a meal.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of Canada



IMAGE FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, MISSISSAUGA

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## 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!

## HOLY LAND FUNDRAISER

Next weekend **March 22 & 23**, there will be the Holy Land Olive wood fundraising display to help your brothers and sisters in Jerusalem & Bethlehem to put food on their tables during this aftermath of war. Visa, Mastercard, debit and cash are all accepted.

## 2025 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATES

*You extend the hands of Christ to those in need*



ShareLife Sunday is **March 30**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$36,500.00**

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give by using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate)

## TWILIGHT RETREAT

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 8**, for a Twilight Retreat with Joe Egan.

**Theme:** The Challenge and Gift of Forgiveness



6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Church Hall  
Soup & Bread

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Church  
Retreat

Please contact the parish office to register.

## ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF LENTEN CONFESSIONS



The Sacrament of Confession, Reconciliation, is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, Reconciliation, so that we can obtain the forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

Please join us for our Lenten Day of Confession on **Thursday, April 10th 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Church. All are welcome!

## 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.



## RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

Proprio come gli apostoli furono invitati a salire sulla montagna per la trasfigurazione del Signore, anche noi siamo chiamati a salire sulle nostre montagne. Possiamo farlo ogni volta che ci prendiamo del tempo lontano dal rumore del mondo, così da poter sperimentare la gloria e la maestà di Cristo nella preghiera. Siamo quindi chiamati a scendere dalla montagna e usare la grazia delle nostre esperienze sulla cima della montagna per condividere il Vangelo nel mondo.

## FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE

Unitevi a noi **mercoledì 19 marzo, alle 7:30 pm** per celebrare la messa (bilingue) e la benedizione del pane, in onore di San Giuseppe. Tutti siete benvenuti!



### Preghiera a san Giuseppe

Salve, custode del Redentore,  
e sposo della Vergine Maria.

A te Dio affidò il suo Figlio;  
in te Maria ripose la sua fiducia;  
con te Cristo diventò uomo.

O Beato Giuseppe, mostrati padre anche per noi,  
e guidaci nel cammino della vita.

Ottienici grazia, misericordia e coraggio,  
e difendici da ogni male.

Amen.

(Papa Francesco, *Patris Corde*)

## GRUPPO DI DONNE

Il primo incontro e **giovedì 20 marzo alle 7:30 pm** nella sala riunioni della cappella. Non è troppo tardi!

## CONFESSIONI PER LA QUARESIMA

La religione Cattolica definisce il sacramento della confessione anche come sacramento della penitenza, sacramento della conversione, sacramento del perdono e sacramento della riconciliazione. Unitevi con noi per la Giornata di Confessione quaresimale giovedì **10 aprile a partire dalle 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm e alle 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm** in Chiesa. Tutti siete benvenuti.

THANK YOU

A special Thanks to the priests who have assisted us during Fr. Ernie's absence. Thank you for sharing your strong faith and devotion by celebrating Mass with us.

- ❖ Fr. Roshan D'Souza
- ❖ Fr. Nabine Djore
- ❖ Fr. Prakash Lohale

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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



## VIA CRUCIS

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partecipare nella Via  
Crucis  
ogni venerdì di  
Quaresima alle 7:30  
pm nella chiesa.

## MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

Saturday, March 15

5:00 pm †Kevin Ash

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am Pro Populo – All Parishioners

10:00 am Thanksgiving for - Pope Francis, Father Ernie & Father Ed

†Carmelo Grosso

†Felicetta & Paolo Lobozzo

†Charles Zampino

11:30 am †Ian Macedo

Monday, March 17

12:00 pm †Pasquale Melino

Tuesday, March 18

12:00 pm †Hollis & Frances Robinson

Wednesday, March 19

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

11:30 am Adoration

12:00 pm Pro Populo – All Parishioners

12:30 pm Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:30 pm In honor of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 20

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm †Frank Politano

Friday, March 21

12:00 pm †Antonio & Angelo Cornacchia

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

### Why is St. Patrick depicted carrying a shamrock?

Tradition claims St. Patrick used the shamrock as a teaching tool. He taught the people of Ireland about **the Trinity** using the leaves of a shamrock, also called a 3-leaf clover.



During his time in slavery, Patrick became increasingly devoted to Christianity through his growing prayer life.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
There are 8 parishes named after St. Patrick in the Archdiocese of Toronto!

### He wasn't Irish, at least not by birth.

Born in Scotland, Patrick was captured by pirates at the age of 16 and **taken to Ireland as a slave**. He escaped slavery when, in a dream, God told him to leave Ireland by the coast. He reunited with his family, after having been in slavery for around six years.

## Who was St. Patrick?



### Patrick returned to Ireland as a bishop.

As an adult, Patrick studied in France and joined the priesthood. Later, he was ordained as a bishop by Pope Celestine I. It was at this time that he was told to go to Ireland and minister to the people there. For 40 years, he preached and converted the people of Ireland to Christianity. St. Patrick died in Ireland around 461 A.D.

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