St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church

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Website: www.stbrigids.archtoronto.org | **Facebook**: St. Brigid's Catholic Church |**Instagram:** st.brigidscatholic
Principal Organist and Cantor: Mark Li



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)
	3:00 pm	Ethiopian Ge'ez Mass (Fr. Binyam Yacob)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday 12:00 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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 weekend Masses are livestreamed.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact the Parish office to obtain a registration form. A date can be finalized once forms are submitted.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples engaged to be married are 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 and Anointing of the Sick.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to register with our Parish or fill in a form at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

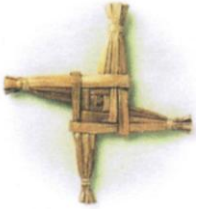
St. Brigid's Elementary School: (416) 393-5235 Principal: Kevin Kerr
St. Patrick's Secondary School: (416) 393-5546 Principal: Michael Connolly

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Catholic Pastoral Centre: (416) 934-0606
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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Central Business Office: (416) 733-8544



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent, it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops invite us to Journey Through Advent with them via their video series.

DID YOU KNOW…

This weekend we are beginning a new Liturgical Year. The Roman Catholic calendar follows a three-year liturgical year cycle with Year, A, B and C. We are now entering Year B, which focuses and highlights the Gospel of Mark. During Year A, the focus is on the Gospel of Matthew and Year C is focused on the Gospel Luke. The Gospel of John however is used throughout the cycles and appears during Lent, Easter and other Solemnities.

PARISH POTLUCK

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend's potluck. It was a wonderful gathering as we begin the new Liturgical year!

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas cards go on sale **this weekend**. The St Brigid's Knights of Columbus council will be selling these lovely cards after all the masses. Help keep Christ in Christmas and support the charitable efforts of the Knights.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Kildare Women's Group is coordinating this year's Christmas Gift Drive for St. Brigid Elementary School, St. Patrick Secondary School, and the Out of the Cold program. Gifts sought include:

- Gift cards or toiletries for teens
- Grocery store or big box store gift cards for families
- New winter hats, scarves, gloves and socks for adult guests at Out of the Cold

Please place them in the bins located at the church exits by **December 5th**. Please drop off your grocery/big box store or monetary gift cards (plus receipts) for youth and families directly at the Parish Office, or in the Office mailbox. For more information, contact the parish office or Lisa Romano-Dwyer at 416-951-8280.

OUT OF THE COLD

Please continue to donate to Out of the Cold. Feel free to bring in non-perishables and leave donations in the bins.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2027

They will be available at the back of the church this weekend. Don't have a box of envelopes and would like one for next year? Register with us (forms will be available as well) and you'll have a box for the next Liturgical Year and receive tax receipts the following year for donations totaling over $20.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Please see start dates and next meeting dates below.

Faith Formation	Thursday, December 3	7:30 pm
Youth Group	Thursday, December 3	6:00 pm
Children's Choir	Saturday, December 5	4:00 pm
Adult Choir rehearsal	Saturday, December 12	10:00am
COR Men's Group	Thursday, December 10	7:30 pm
Kildare Women	Tuesday, December 1	12:30 pm
Sacramental Preparation Classes		
Baptism*	Every second Tuesday of the month	6:30pm

*Please register through the office prior to attending.

PASTORAL PLAN

The Archdiocese of Toronto recently released their Pastoral Plan, *Filling the Jars to the Brim*. It is a seven-year plan commencing this liturgical year and ending in 2033. You can read more about it on their website.

KILDARE WOMEN

The Kildare Women's group is happy to announce our first group excursion. On **December 1st** we will gather in front of the church promptly **following the noon Mass** and take the TTC down to the Distillery for the Free Winter Village Festival! We will tour the Christmas Market and local venues. We will enjoy hot chocolate together and snacks at a nominal cost. There are places to eat and drink, so you are free to stay longer or return back to the parish by TTC for 6 pm. Participants are responsible for covering the cost of TTC fare and refreshments. Please confirm your participation with Lisa Romano-Dwyer at 416-951-8280 or contact the parish office. We hope to see you there!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. Brigid's is offering a catechesis program for adults, for those Catholics who would like a refresher. It is based on the well-respected "Foundations of Faith" program. An engaging video series is the basis for the program, which will be facilitated by two of our parishioners. Each session is self-contained, so although you are certainly welcome to attend all the sessions, if only some evenings are convenient, we would invite you to attend those sessions. The program will be offered every other Thursday night. The next session will be on **December 3rd** at **7:30 p.m**. in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

School-aged children interested in joining the choir are welcome to attend the next rehearsal on **December 5** at **4:00pm**. For more information, please contact Marc Michalak at marcfmichalak@gmail.com.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join as they celebrate an Advent Holy Hour on **Saturday, December 5** beginning at **11:00 am.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on **December 8,** beginning with the **Holy Rosary** at **7:00 pm**, followed by a candlelight procession and Solemn Mass at **7:30 pm**.

RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

L'Avvento è il tempo della vigilanza. Vegliare in obbedienza al pressante invito di Gesù comporta non cedere alla stanchezza e stare all'erta per non lasciarsi ingannare dalle seduzioni del mondo.

LA PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Il colore liturgico del periodo è il **viola**, segno di attesa e conversione. Con la prima domenica di Avvento si apre anche il **nuovo anno liturgico**, un capodanno della Chiesa Il 29 novembre 2026 parte l'**anno B** del ciclo triennale delle letture, quello dedicato al *Vangelo di Marco*: non a caso, la prima domenica si apre con l'invito di Gesù a «vegliare», perché nessuno conosce il momento del suo ritorno.

RACCOLTA NATALIZIA

Il Gruppo Femminile di Kildare sta coordinando la raccolta di regali di Natale di quest'anno per la scuola elementare St. Brigid, la scuola secondaria St. Patrick e il programma Out of the Cold. Si cercano i seguenti regali:

- Buoni regalo o articoli da toeletta per ragazzi
- Buoni spesa per le famiglie
- Nuovi cappelli invernali, sciarpe, guanti e calze per gli ospiti adulti di Out of the Cold

Si prega di depositare i regali negli appositi contenitori situati all'uscita della chiesa entro il 5 dicembre. Si prega di consegnare i buoni spesa o i buoni regalo in denaro (con le relative ricevute) per ragazzi e famiglie direttamente presso l'ufficio parrocchiale o nella cassetta postale dell'ufficio. Per ulteriori informazioni, contattare l'ufficio parrocchiale o Lisa Romano-Dwyer al numero 416-951-8280.

SOLENNITÀ DELL'IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE

Vi invitiamo a unirvi a noi per celebrare la Solennità dell'Immacolata Concezione **l'8 dicembre**, a partire dalla recita del Santo Rosario alle ore **19:00**, seguita da una processione con le candele e dalla Messa Solenne alle ore **19:30**.

ST. MICHAEL CHOIR SCHOOL PRESENTS…

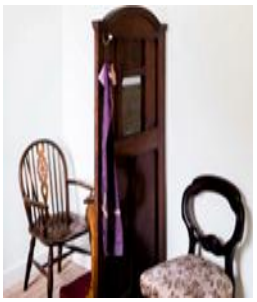
This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. **Joyeux Noel! A Canadian Christmas** is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices from across the country and from within the distinguished tradition of St. Michael's Choir School. Tickets are now available at www. masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: MAPLE.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS
GIORNO DELLA CONFESSIONE

Please join us as we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on **December 15, 2026**.

Vi invitiamo a unirvi a noi per celebrare il sacramento della riconciliazione il **15 dicembre 2026.**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm All Souls

Sunday, November 29

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

10:00 am Benedizioni di guarigione per Peter Robinson, †Giovannina Lobozzo, †Onorato Colangelo, †Giuseppina e Carmine Cioffi, †Pasquale e Rosa Stillo, † Settimo e Joe Bernardo, †Ippolito e Giovanna Parise, †Eugenio e Giulia Fiore, †Marianna e Giuseppe Parise, †Ada Parise, †Giuseppe Muscarella

11:30 am †Adam McKay

3:00 pm Ethiopian Ge'ez Rite Mass

Monday, November 30 – St. Andrew

12:00 pm †Eric Meyer

Tuesday, December 1

12:00 pm †Gabrielle Crawford

Wednesday, December 2

11:30 am Adoration

12:00 pm Healing Blessings for Angela Dawn Kelly, †Marie Evangeline Tallier, †Carlo Villacci, †Kurt Kaiser

12:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

11:00 am Adoration

12:00 pm For all deceased members of the Quyen and Maria Family

Friday, December 4 – First Friday

11:30 am First Friday Adoration

12:00 pm †Giuseppe & Antoinetta Cagna

BUSTE DI OFFERTE 2027

Le nuove scatole di buste saranno disponibile nella entrata della chiesa. Le buste sono in ordine numerico. Se non avete una scatola di buste e ne desiderate una per il prossimo anno potete registrarvi con noi.

DONATE VIA THE QR CODE

Don't carry cash or own cheques? Want to collect points on your credit card? Donating online is a great option! Tax receipts are issued immediately for single donations and at the end of the year for recurring monthly gifts. Scan the QR code to try it now!

We congratulate and pray for
Stefany Reyes Guaman
Angela Willow Kosonen
who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.
May God bless them and their families!



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