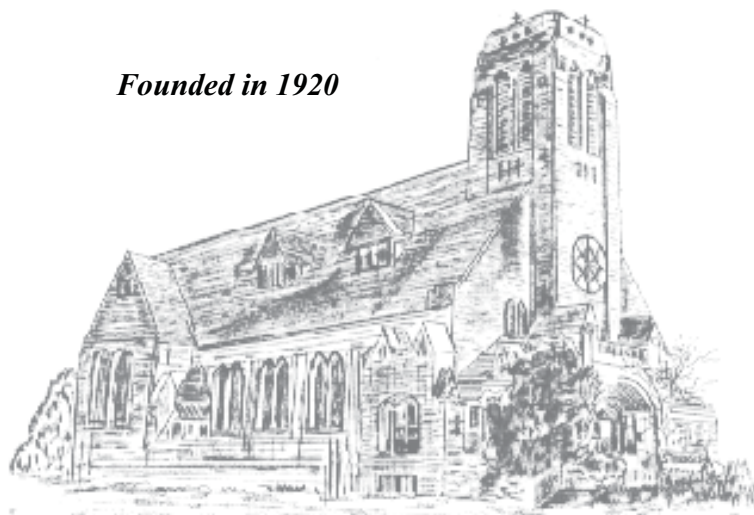


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Sunday 7:30 a.m.

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Saturday 9:30 a.m.

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Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / YEAR B

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him".

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS: MAY 16

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth. Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions. Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth. Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

Dear parishioners, friends, and benefactors, I wish you all the very best. I am hoping that you are all doing well and staying safe. During my sabbatical I have been praying for you, for your families, and for all your loved ones. I wanted to send this brief message to extend to you all my love and my friendship and to let you know that I really miss you and the community—a pastor without his people remains empty handed. I also wanted to let you all know that I am doing well and improving on all levels: spiritually, physically, psychologically, and not to mention, I have even shed some unwanted pounds. For me there is still work to do, but with God's grace and your support I continue to do my very best. I hope that the approaching Feast of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 23rd will give you the opportunity to use the prayer cards we have prepared for you to pray to the consoler of all of us. May God and the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to bless you.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

From the Catholic Company: St. Louis de Montfort had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists in, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. In his classic writings (The Secret of Mary, The Secret of the Rosary, and True Devotion to Mary) he recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This 33-day program can be found in his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: INDIA'S COVID-19 OUTBREAK

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time. In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

1. Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
www.archtoronto.org
2. By calling the Development Office: (416) 934-3411
3. Through our Parish by making cheques payable to:
**St. Brigid's Church, India's COVID-19 Outbreak,
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PENTECOST – FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On **Sunday, May 23rd**, we celebrate Pentecost, the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). **To commemorate this special day, we have produced prayer cards for you to pick up at the Communion Services or at the Parish office.**

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Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help. Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. You can learn more about PAG at sharelife.org. You may also consider donating to ShareLife through our online portal: community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=443 or by dropping off your donation at the Parish office Monday to Friday. Whatever is your chosen method of giving, we ask you to please give generously to ShareLife. **The next collection will be taking place on June 19th & 20th.**

ST. BRIGID'S OUT OF THE COLD TAKE AWAY MEALS PROGRAM

From Steve McDonald, Out of the Cold Coordinator:
Dear St. Brigid's parishioners and members of the Parish and school community, I just wanted to update you on the progress of our **St. Brigid's Out of the Cold Take Away Meals Program**. We have had six events starting on February 18th and running bi-weekly. We are cooking 80 meals and distributing them with socks and toiletry items between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm at the Degrossi Street door of St. Ann's Church. We have established a small but committed volunteer base that should keep us going until September when we will take a break. There are five cooks and four servers, and any extra meals are distributed at the St. Ann's Food Bank on Saturday morning.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact the Mustard Seed, a Fontbonne Ministry Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto, on Queen Street East. I have had an opportunity to visit their site and have met their organizers. They are looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen preparing bagged lunches and to help serve, particularly over the summer months. They also have other activities that they will need help with.

Please contact Jacqueline McKernan, Program Manager:
jmckernan@fontbonnemministries.ca

If you would like more information, please visit their website at: fontbonnemministries.ca/about-us

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

REFLECTION BY THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS ON THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Cardinal Thomas Collins' has released a Pastoral Letter reflecting on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and what it can teach us today. This beautiful and insightful document can be found on the Archdiocese of Toronto's website.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Please join us on Friday, June 11th as we celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will start with the Litany of the Sacred Heart at 11:00 am followed by Mass at 12:00 Noon. This will be livestreamed on our Facebook Page. **Note:** Due to the uncertainty of how long this lockdown will go on, we are unable to say whether this will be a public Mass or not. As soon as we have a definitive answer, we will publish those details.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on May 9th was **\$2,162.00**. 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.).**

ASCENSION DEL SIGNORE / ANNO B

Realtà terrestri e impegno dei credenti. La riflessione conciliare sul rapporto Chiesa-mondo si è espressa nella Costituzione *Gaudium et Spes* con alcuni testi fondamentali: Reazione ad una presentazione alienante della religione: «Tra le forme dell'ateismo moderno non va

trascurata quella che si aspetta la liberazione dell'uomo soprattutto dalla sua liberazione economica e sociale. Si pretende che la religione sia di ostacolo, per natura sua, a tale liberazione, in quanto, elevando la speranza dell'uomo verso una vita futura e fallace, la distoglie dall'edificazione della città terrena» (GS 20).

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare del 9 Maggio e' stata **\$2,162.00**.
Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

OUR SUNDAY 11:00 AM MASS AND OUR TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 12 NOON MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

Saturday, May 15th

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Members of the St. Brigid's Community
- 5:00 p.m. +Robert James, Santiago Quinatana & Paul Strabec, req. by Maria Quintana

Sunday, May 16th ~ The Ascension of the Lord

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:45 a.m. +Rocco & Leonardo Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Elisabetta & Giuseppa Spina, req. by Rosa Viscomi
+Giuseppe & Maria Tassone, req. by Rosa Viscomi
- 11:00 a.m. +Nunzia, Giovanni & Domenic Pugliese, req. by Vincent Pugliese
+Irene Charrie, req. by Steve & Sylvia McDonald
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Family
+Peter Angelone, req. by the Parish
+Gino Andrenacci, req. by Donato & Giovanna Filardi
+Gildo Cecchini, req. by Donato & Giovanna Filardi

Monday, May 17th

- 12:00 p.m. For all those who have lost their lives to Covid-19

Tuesday, May 18th ~ St. John I

- 12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased members of the Romano & Dwyer Families, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer
+Domenico, Concetta & Carmine Iacoviello, req. by Lucia & Pasquale Melino

Wednesday, May 19th

- 12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for healing for Lorena Barahona*

Thursday, May 20th ~ St. Bernardine of Siena

- 12:00 p.m. +Assunta Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini

Friday, May 21st ~ Sts. Eugene de Mazenod, Christopher Magallanes

- 12:00 p.m. *Special Birthday Blessing for Fr. Omar Daza Hernandez*

Saturday, May 22nd ~ St. Rita of Cascia

- 9:00 a.m. +Rosie Natalizio, req. by Vanessa Coxson
- 5:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the St. Brigid's Community


God our Father, we bring before you today those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are profoundly affected by their illness. When they feel fragile and broken, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **We pray for all those suffering from illnesses, for their families, friends, and for those who care for them.**

St. Rita of Cascia: O Glorious St. Rita, who didst miraculously participate in the sorrowful Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for me the grace to suffer with resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs. Amen.

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