# ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

# HONOURING OUR TWO PATRON SAINTS - ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



PASTOR Rev. Carlos A. Sierra T. (%%)

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PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Sunday 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. (Italian) 11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

## **DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Saturdav 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.\*

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.\* 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Thursday

#### ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Please contact the Parish office to set up a time to see the pastor

\*Seasonal Schedule

# 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 at least one year in advance.

# PARISH SCHOOLS

#### ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL

50 Woodmount Avenue, Toronto, ON M4C 3X9 Principal: Kimberley Blanchet Telephone: (416) 393-5235

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

49 Felstead Avenue, Toronto, ON M4J 1G3 Principal: **Tim McGrenere** Telephone: (416) 393-5546

## ST. BRIGID'S OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

Please Call the St. Brigid's Parish Office: (416) 696-8660

#### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

(416) 222-8282 www.tcdsb.org

#### **ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

(416) 934-0606 www.archtoronto.org

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES** (416) 733-8544 www.catholic-cemeteries.ca

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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house (Mk 6:2-4)."

#### LETTER TO CHIEF CADMUS AND THE PEOPLE OF COWESSESS FIRST NATION BY ARCHBISHOP DON BOLEN, ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

The following letter was written by Archbishop Don Bolen, Archbishop of Regina, after the discovery of unmarked graves at the former site of the Marieval Residential School, in the Cowessess First Nation in southeastern Saskatchewan. *We ask that everyone continues to pray and work towards reconciliation*.

Dear Chief Cadmus, dear people of Cowessess First Nation, Words fail in the face of the news that the ground penetrating radar search at the Cowessess cemetery has revealed an unthinkable number of unmarked graves, up to 751 people buried there. The news is overwhelming and I can only imagine the pain and waves of emotion that you and your people are experiencing right now. Thank you for your powerful words, Chief Cadmus, at the press conference this morning, and for the witness of Knowledge Keeper Florence and FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron.

The grave site findings on your First Nation impact us on a deeper level because of the relationships we have built with so many members of the Cowessess First Nation. Several Cowessess members have been involved in the Archdiocese of Regina's Commission for Truth and Reconciliation or have worked with us on projects trying to address the Calls to Action. Because of that network of relationships, we feel even more intensely the overwhelm of this moment.

The grave site work brings us face to face with the brutal legacy of the Indian Residential School system, a product of a colonialist history which has left so much suffering and intergenerational trauma. The operation of the Marieval Residential School at Cowessess left many people deeply wounded by various kinds of abuse. As you have communicated elsewhere, Chief Cadmus, even for those of us who were not there or not involved, it is nonetheless the painful legacy that we need to carry. The incredible burden of the past is still with us, and the truth of that past needs to come out, however painful, as only truth can lead to reconciliation. As you said of the grave site, "the truth is there." Thank you for your courage as Chief and that of your whole community as you seek out the truth and search for a reset that brings an end to racism and opens a path to justice and to healing.

It was 3 years ago that you first wrote to me about the cemetery at Cowessess, about the Calls to Action that called for churches who had been involved in residential schools to assist in various ways with cemeteries, and about the need for work at the Cowessess cemetery. As we entered into conversation you and others from Cowessess shared about the many unmarked graves, about terrible abuse and suffering that happened at the residential school, and about how one priest who served in the region in the 1960's destroyed headstones in a way which was reprehensible. Two years ago at Flower Day you gave me the privilege of sharing a few words with members of your community gathered at the cemetery, and I extended an apology for the failures and sins of Church leaders and staff in the past towards the people of Cowessess. I know that apologies seem a very small step as the weight of past suffering comes into greater light, but I extend that apology again, and pledge to do what we can to turn that apology into meaningful concrete acts - including assisting in accessing information that will help to provide names and information about those buried in unmarked graves - and to stand by you in whatever way you request. With you as able at this most difficult of times.

### SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021 LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

**From Arthur Peters, Executive Director:** Dear friends, it has been said that the opposite of addiction is not sobriety, but human connection. What, then, has this meant for people with addictions during COVID? St. Michael's Homes, an agency funded by your gift to ShareLife, has seen firsthand how the stress and isolation of the pandemic has affected the men with addictions they serve. Many individuals were already experiencing unemployment, food and housing insecurities, and other mental illnesses.

The agency understood that adapting their recovery groups to connect clients virtually was a life-or-death initiative: in the first six months of the pandemic, 1,237 people died of opioid-related causes in Ontario, compared to 766 in the six months prior. St. Michael's Homes also maintains a list of isolated clients they check in on weekly by phone or video. One of these men, Aaron, was crying as he picked up the phone. He said he was so lonely, and the weekly call was the one thing he looked forward to. After receiving comfort and reassurance, Aaron was able to calm down and talk about the positive things in his life. A simple 10-minute call was all it took to let him know he was not alone and that he had a community that cared about him.

This is the kind of lifesaving support you provide through your gift to ShareLife. Please give generously during the ShareLife Parish Campaign, so that more people like Aaron make it safely through this pandemic, ready to build a better future.

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. So far, we have raised **\$11,686.00** toward our goal of **\$27,500**.

Recently, the ShareLife office announced new collection dates. The next ShareLife collection will be taking place on October 2nd and 3rd. Please continue to give generously.

#### FIRST ANNUAL DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: SUNDAY, JULY 25

On **Sunday, July 25, 2021**, is the First Annual "Day for Grandparents and the Elderly" promulgated by Pope Francis. The theme is "I am with you always". Following is an excerpt from a message from Pope Francis.

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends, **"I am with you always"** (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. **"I am with you always"** are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

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

Our St. Brigid's Out of the Cold Take Away Meals Program has held more than six events starting on February 18th and running bi-weekly. They are cooking 80 meals and distributing them with socks and toiletry items between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm at the Degrassi Street door of St. Ann's Church. They have established a small but committed volunteer base that should keep them 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.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to make a donation of non-perishable food items or if you would like to make a financial donation. Your contributions go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

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@fontbonneministries.ca

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

#### WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on June 27th was \$4,150.00. The June P.A.G. collection was \$4,923.82. 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.).

#### XIV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

**Rifiutare Dio è disgregarsi.** Con il peccato l'uomo, pretendendo di essere simile a Dio, vuoi fare e decidere da sé ciò che è bene e ciò che è male. Da questa illusoria pretesa di autosufficienza e di rifiuto di Dio, risulta distrutta l'immagine stessa dell'uomo, smarrito il senso della sua vita, diviso in se stesso e dagli altri. Quanto più l'uomo rifiuta la comunione con Dio, infatti, tanto più diviene incapace di comunione con gli altri. Il peccato si trasforma sempre in esperienza di separazione, divisione, lotta, contrasto e solitudine. È una profonda incapacità a comunicare, a vivere in una unità d'amore, a comprendere e ad accogliere l'altro nelle sue aspirazioni ed esigenze.

#### **COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE**

La colletta regolare del 27 Giugno e' stata **\$4,150.00**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Giugno è stata **\$4,923.82**. Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrochia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?

#### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

#### Saturday, July 3rd ~ St. Thomas

- 9:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. +Hans Peter Buchner, req. by his Parents Peter & Theresa +Corrado Musso, req. by the Family

#### Sunday, July 4th

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

9:45 a.m.	+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso +Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family +Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti +Nicola Liscio, req. by Carmelina Liscio +Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family +Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family +Francesco Camera, req. by Vincenzo & Maria Camera +Paolo Bruno, req. by the Family +Antonietta Luzio-Alfieri, req. by Giuseppe Frassica +Maria Scarano, req. by the Parish +Ross Abate, req. by the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Special Blessing for Fr. Carlos on his return to St. Brigid's, req. by the Calo Children Special 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Muriel & Dan McCash, req. by Arthur & Mary Connor Special Blessing for Susanna Kim, req. by the Family

+Giuseppe Di Stefano, req. by the Family +Antonio Meglio, reg. by Lucia Loizzo

#### Monday, July 5th ~ St. Anthony Zaccaria

12:00 p.m. +Mrs. Aleykutty Muppathiyil, req. by the Parish

#### Tuesday, July 6th ~ St. Maria Goretti

12:00 p.m. For the repose of the souls of all the children at former Indian Residential Schools, req. by the Parish

#### Wednesday, July 7th

12:00 p.m. +Edward Ecker, req. by the Parish

#### Thursday, July 8th

12:00 p.m. +Vincent & Yolanda De Sante, req. by the Parish

#### Friday, July 9th ~ St. Augustine Zhao Rong

12:00 p.m. +Luciano Valentini, reg. by Maria Valentini

#### Saturday, July 10th

9:00 a.m. +Mary Todd, req. by Vanessa Coxson

5:00 p.m. For all persecuted Christians, req. by the Parish

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.

