

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Assumption

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Taken from **Catholic Culture (Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace)** Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious “harvest festival” in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven.

MISSION GIVEN. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

By Fr. Carlos Sierra

What was Mary's life on earth all about? In her youth, when the Mystery of the Annunciation took place, Mary described herself and her mission in the words “*Ecce Ancilla Domini*” “*Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*” This means that she was fully aware of the Creator and that doing His will is the fulfillment of his creature. Since she was the new Eve, she did not fall into the devil's snares. By placing the one she served at the forefront, she defeated the ancient foe and closed the door of her spirit and mind from further temptations.

Mary's life after the Annunciation continues from Mystery to Mystery, and in each one of those Mysteries, she was reaffirming herself of who she was in front of God.

With the Mystery of the Visitation, Mary disclosed the richness of her consciousness, also of her condition in what God did and continued to do for her, for generations to come. Thus, we can continue knowing all the Mysteries in her life, and in all of them we conclude the same, she was conscious of herself and of what God did for her.

In the Mystery of the Crucifixion of Jesus, we could see the end of Mary's Mission with regards to Jesus. She did accomplish her mission, but her readiness to serve the Lord was timeless for her. That is why, at the moment of Jesus' death, He gave her another mission. “Woman, behold your son, and to the disciple, behold your mother. And from that hour that disciple took her in his own home.” (John 19:25-29). Certainly, Mary understood her life as a service to God and to others, that is why she was gifted again by God by doing what she proclaimed in her canticle, “all generations will call me blessed.” Mary trusted God unconditionally and at the end of her life on earth, she was also gifted with this great Mystery of the Assumption, given to her by God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ***Blessed Mary of the Assumption, pray for us.***

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC MISSIONS – CANADIAN MISSIONS

Our regional Bishop, Most Reverend Robert Kasun has shared some details pertaining to this weekend's special collection and to the distribution of the donations.

The proceeds of this collection are divided evenly between Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) and the two northern Canadian Dioceses supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, namely, the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan (Grande Prairie, AB) and the Diocese of MacKenzie-Fort Smith (Yellowknife, NWT).

This is a prime opportunity to illustrate our care for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, something not emphasized by our media outlets especially since the announcement of unmarked graves at the Residential School in Kamloops, BC. We have supported CMIC for over 100 years, since 1908, and the two northern dioceses since 2017. Nearly all the funds raised each year, approximately \$400,000.00 from the Archdiocese, support Indigenous parish and mission communities.

Bishop Robert Kasun is the local coordinator for the two northern dioceses. He kindly expresses his gratitude to our congregation for our continued support and generosity.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Given the growing needs in our communities, it is crucial we meet our 2021 overall Parish Campaign goal of \$13.8 million.

Thank you to those who have contributed to our St. Brigid's annual appeal. So far, we have raised **\$21,066.00** towards our goal of **\$27,500**. **The next ShareLife collection will be taking place on October 2nd and 3rd.**

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 - 7:00 PM

Due to current protocols surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed has been cancelled this year at our seven Catholic cemeteries. His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins will celebrate a special Mass via livestream in honour of our faithful departed on **Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.** from **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. The Mass will be available at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEDITATION, ADORATION & NOVENA MASS RESUMING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

All are welcome to pray with us every Wednesday evening **starting on Wednesday, September 8th** for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours at 6:00 pm, and the Novena Mass at 7:00 pm.

THE POWER OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following is an excerpt taken from the book “*In Sinu Jesu, When the Heart Speaks to Heart. The Journal of a Priest at Prayer, by a Benedictine Monk*” (Angelico Press) which describes the power of Eucharistic Adoration.

“There are so many tabernacles on earth where I am, for all intents and purposes, like one buried, hidden, forgotten, and out of sight. My divine radiance is diminished because there are so few adorers to act as the receptors of My radiant Eucharistic love and to extend My radiance through space and into the universe of souls.”

YEAR B: AUGUST 15, 2021 – “BLESSED IS THE WOMB THAT BORE YOU.”

Where there is faith in My real presence, there will be adoration; and where there is adoration, there will also be an efficacious radiance of My presence, drawing souls to My Eucharistic Heart and surrounding them, even at a distance, with the healing influence of My Eucharistic Face.

In those places where I am exposed upon the altar to receive the adoration, the reparation, and the companionship of My friends—and, first of all, of My priests—My radiance is powerful and strong. Faith, adoration, and love act as receptors; thus is My power drawn out and made effective, invisibly but really, in space and in time. It was the same with My sacred humanity during My life on earth: the faith and love of My friends drew out the virtue of My divinity, and an invisible radiance acted in souls and upon them, bringing healing, holiness, and many graces of conversion.

When I am adored in a place, my hidden action upon souls is wonderfully increased. The place where I am adored becomes a radiant centre from which love, life, and light are diffused in a world in the grip of hatred, darkness, and death.

Chapels of adoration are not mere refuges for the devout. They are the radiant, pulsating centres of an intense divine activity that goes beyond the walls of the place where I am adored to penetrate homes, and schools, and hospitals; to reach even those dark and cold places wherein souls are enslaved to Satan; to penetrate hearts, heal the infirm, and call home those who have wandered far from Me.”

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on August 8th was **\$2,435.00**. 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.)**.

ASSUNZIONE DELLA BEATA VERGINE MARIA

Le letture della messa presentano in modo molto concreto i valori dell'assunzione di Maria, il posto che ha nel piano della salvezza, il suo messaggio all'umanità. Maria è la vera «arca dell'alleanza», è la «donna vestita di sole» immagine della Chiesa (prima lettura). Come l'arca costruita da Mosè stava nel tempio perché era «segno e strumento» dell'alleanza di Dio col suo popolo, così Maria è in cielo nella sua integrità umana, perché «segno e strumento» della nuova alleanza. L'arca conteneva la Legge e da essa Dio rispondeva alle richieste del popolo. Maria ci offre Gesù, il proclamatore della legge dell'amore, il realizzatore della nuova alleanza di salvezza: in lui il Padre ci parla e ci ascolta. Maria è figura e primizia della Chiesa, madre del Cristo e degli uomini che essa ha generato a Dio nel dolore sotto la croce del Figlio; pertanto è preannuncio della salvezza totale che si realizzerà nel regno di Dio.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare del 8 Agosto e' stata **\$2,435.00**. 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

Saturday, Aug. 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

- 9:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of the former St. Catherine's
11:30 a.m. **Wedding Mass:** Steven Cacciatore & Jessica Clocchiatti
5:00 p.m. +Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana, Paul Strabec, & Robert Coffey, req. by Maria Quintana-James
+Carlo De Stefano, req. by the Family

Sunday, Aug. 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:45 a.m. In Onore di San' Rocco, req. by Antonietta Visconti
Benedizione speciale per la guaragione di Agata Toso
+Francesco & Ippolita Infanti, req. by Nella Infanti
+Salvatore & Corradina Pirota e tutti i Defunti della famiglia Pirota, req by Nella Infanti
+Antonio Meglio, req. by the Family
+Raffaello Romagnuolo, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Vito & Mariarosa Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi
+Anna Filardi, req. by Donato, Giovanna & Rosa Filardi
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso & Family
11:00 a.m. In honour of Our Lady of the Assumption / Madonna Assunta req. by the Calo Children
Special blessing for **Fr. Carlos Sierra** on the 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination
Special blessing for **Sr. Febe Aguirre** on the 40th Anniversary of Perpetual Vows
For all the deceased members of the families of our St. Brigid's Madonna Assunta Committee & Sponsors
+Maria De Manche, req. by the Parish
+Tommaso Vessio, req. by Giovanna Vessio & Family
+Vincey Savino, req. by the Arabia Family
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by Vilma Lamacchia & Family
+Dora Gazze, req. by the Family
+Tony Rampulla, req. by the Parish
+Maria Lima, req. by the Lima Family

Monday, Aug. 16 ~ St. Stephen of Hungary & St. Rocco

- 12:00 p.m. +Deacon Henry Verschuren, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, Aug. 17

- 12:00 p.m. +James Patrick Kearney, req. by Margaret Kearney & Family
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Wilena McKenzie, req. by the Family

Wednesday, Aug. 18

- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of the Romano & Dwyer Families, req. by Lisa & Brian Dwyer

Thursday, Aug. 19 ~ St. John Eudes

- 12:00 p.m. +Ellion Vudzijena, req. by Anne Musgrave

Friday, Aug. 20 ~ St. Bernard

- 12:00 p.m. +Teresa Ah Moi Ong, req. by the Parish

Saturday, Aug. 21 ~ St. Pius X

- 9:00 a.m. +Melinda Lim, req. by the Parish
11:30 a.m. **Wedding Mass:** Alec Sanderson & Claudia Cimini
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.**

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