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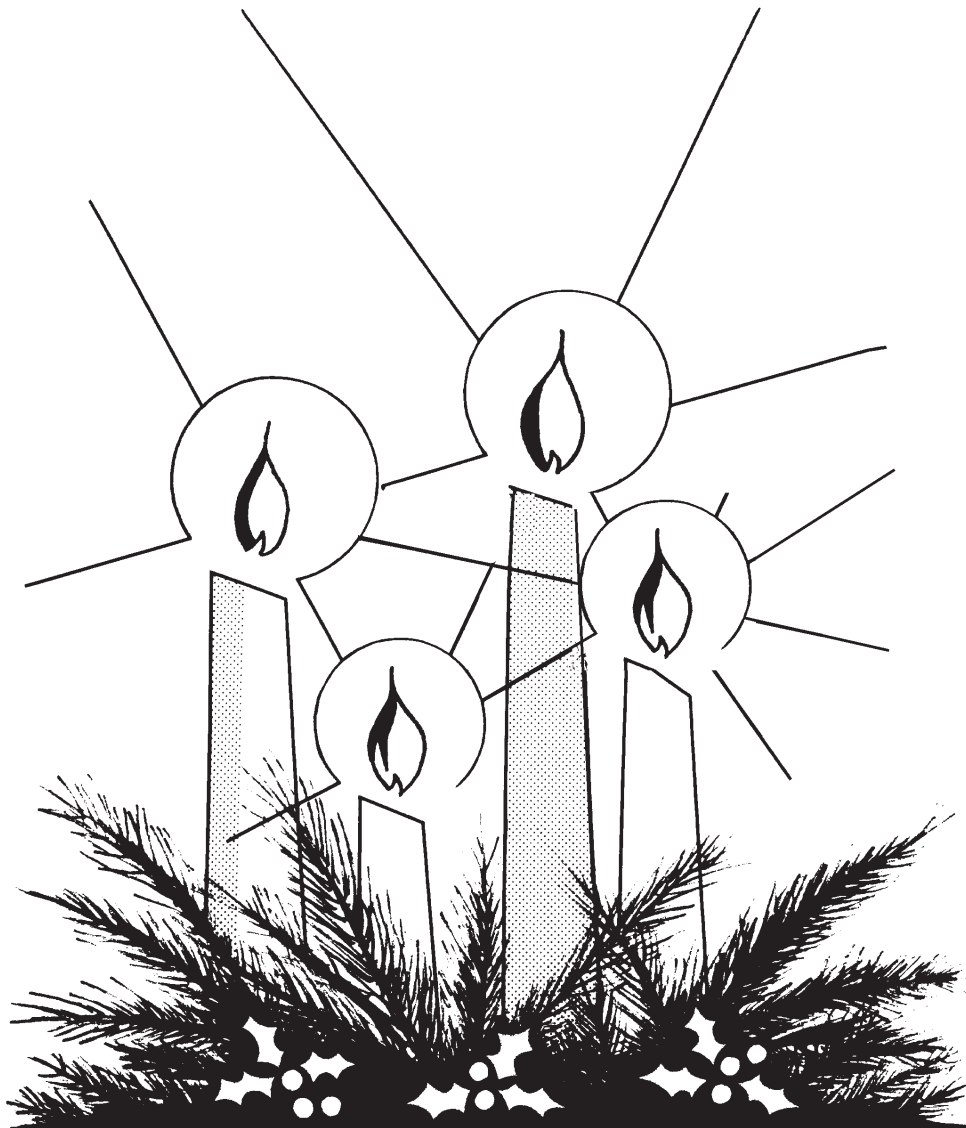
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Advent

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship and we can learn a great deal by reflecting on her visitation. Firstly, we should imitate Mary's "haste" in her visitation so that whenever we see a need in our parish community, we can readily use our gifts to help. Secondly, just as Mary brought the Child Jesus with her in her womb, we too need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good, but Christ dwelling within us.

FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

Dear parishioners, friends, and benefactors, soon we will be celebrating Christmas 2021 and it will certainly be very different from how we celebrated in 2020. As of today, we are in better condition than we were in the previous year however we still have room for improvement, thanks be to God! Nevertheless, we still see ourselves walking amid light and darkness, certainties and uncertainties, affirmations, and doubts. This tells us that we are not yet at the desired level we long for. This present condition is demanding from us a higher intensity of HOPE! We cannot fall into desperation...No! Christmas gives us all we really need, which is JESUS. To Him, I continue praying for all of you, for the increase of His gifts in your life and for the continuation of the good you have done for His church, St. Brigid's.

I want to express my most heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners, friends, benefactors, and volunteers. You have made a great difference with your presence, service, and financial support. For all of you and your loved ones, **Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year 2022.**

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm with the liturgy of the hours, followed by Novena Mass, and every Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon followed by benediction and daily Mass.



O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved, and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen.

« St. Faustina »

MASS INTENTIONS

We are now booking Mass Intentions for 2022. Please call or visit the Parish office to book your intentions for your beloved departed or for Special Blessings.

2022 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2022 donation envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are located at the front entrance of the Church and are in alphabetical order. Please contact the Parish office if you have moved or changed your contact information.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 12th was **\$3,121.90**. Please remember **St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parish office will close at 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 24th and on Friday, December 31st. We will also be closed on Monday December 27th, Tuesday December 28th as well as on Monday January 3rd, 2022, in observance of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day falling on the weekend.

CELEBRATING
The Season of Christmas

The Christmas season celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world:
past, present and future

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The season *begins* with evening prayer on Christmas Eve and *ends* with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The period after Christmas day celebrates many *feasts* that reflect on various facets of the Christmas event:

- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
 - Epiphany of the Lord
 - Baptism of the Lord

"To enable us to know, accept and follow Him, the Son of God took on our flesh... Our faith in the Son of God made man in Jesus of Nazareth enables us to grasp reality's deepest meaning and to see how much God loves this world and is constantly guiding it towards Himself."

POPE FRANCIS, LUMEN FIDEI, 18

The Christmas season contains two holy days of obligation in Canada:
 • December 25: *Nativity of the Lord*
 • January 1: *Solemnity of Mary*

The splendour and glory of the Word-made-flesh makes Christmas a great festival of light. *Jesus is the Light of the world who banishes the darkness.*

During the season of Christmas, we recognize and celebrate the presence of Christ among us today!

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Source: CCCB'S BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR HOME AND FAMILY

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm: Family Mass (English)
11:30 pm: Christmas Carols
12:00 am: Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th ~
 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 2021
 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

5:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2022
 SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

RIFLESSIONE

Maria è il modello e l'esempio perfetto di come vivere una vita profonda. Possiamo imparare molto riflettendo sulla sua visita. Ogni volta che vediamo un bisogno nella nostra comunità, possiamo usare i nostri doni per aiutare. Come Maria ha portato il Bambino Gesù nel suo grembo anche noi abbiamo bisogno di ricordarci che non sono i nostri meriti che fanno il bene, ma Cristo che abita in noi.

INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

Abbiamo cominciato la prenotazione per le intenzioni delle esse per l'anno 2022. Potete chiamare o visitare l'ufficio parrocchiale per prenotare le vostre intenzioni per i vostri cari defunti e per delle intenzioni speciali.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 12 Dicembre 2021 e' stata **\$3,121.90**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **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 DELLE MESSE

Saturday, Dec 18th

9:00 am In Honor of San Pio di Pietrelcina req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di San Pio di Pietrelcina di Santa Brigida
 †Ian Christopher Banda, req. by Maria & Lloyd Berger
 5:00 pm †Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana, Paul Strabec, & Robert Coffey, req. by Maria Quintana James
 †John Zimmer, req. by Mother Maria & Son Jonathan

Sunday, Dec 19th

8:30 am **Mass Pro Popolo ~ Mass for All Parishioners**
 9:45 am In Onore di Santa Lucia, req by the Grande & Family
 †Pierina Caruso e Carmine Schiavo, req. by the Family
 †Salvatore Frasca, req. by the Family
 †Francesco Paolo, Mike & Carlo Doto req. by Gilda Cornacchia
 †Angelo Pagnielo, req. by the Pagnielo Family
 †Anthony Lauretta, req. by Crocetta & Franco Paladino
 †Biagio & Albino Delle Fave, req. by the Family
 †Giuseppe Bernardo Ciddio, req. by Lucia Bernardo & Family
 †Settimio Bernardo e tutti Defunti della famiglia Bernardo, req by Lucia Bernardo & Family
 †Giuseppe Valente e tutti Defunti della famiglia Valente, req by Lucia Bernardo & Family
 11:00 am For all deceased members of the Romano & Dwyer families, req. by Lisa and Brian Dwyer
 †Pino Barion, req. by the Parish

Monday Dec 20th

12:00 pm †Renée Chevignard, req. by her grandson

Tuesday, Dec 21st

12:00 pm †Maria Esteves, req. by A. Tavares
 7:30 pm **Memorial Mass** †Frances Providenza, req by St. Brigid's Assunta Committee

Wednesday, Dec 22nd

12:00 pm For all deceased members of the Loizzo & Campanelli Families, req. by Lucy Loizzo
 6:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Meditation, Vespers - Liturgy of the Hours
 7:00 pm **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 In Thanksgiving for Jacob & Anthony Families req. by the Jacob Family

Thursday, Dec 23rd

12:00 pm †Nicola Masciulli, req. by Lisa and Brian Dwyer
 †Leonardo Ambrosini req. by Maria Ambrosini & Family

Friday, Dec 24th

5:00 pm †Don Marren, req. by the Parish
 12:00 pm Midnight Mass / Messa di Mezzanotte


Saturday, Dec 25th « The Nativity of the Lord »

8:30 am **Mass Pro Popolo ~ Mass for All Parishioners**
 9:45 am †Giovanni & Maria Naccarato, req by Joe Naccarato
 †Giuseppe DiStefano, req. by Giovanna DiStefano
 †Carmine Maglietta & Marco Maglietta, req. by Lucia Maglietta & Family
 †Antonio Maggio, req by la moglie Corradina e figli
 †Giovanni Luciano, req. by la moglie Giovanna e figli
 †Emanuele e tutti Defunti della famiglia Infanti e la famiglia Pirrotta req. by Nella Infanti e famiglia
 11:00 am Birthday Blessings for Carol Ariza req. by the Family
 †Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Family
 †Paolo & Maria Calo, req. by the Family

“Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.”
 « St. John XXIII »

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