

St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church

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EUCCHARISTIC 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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment
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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 regular Masses are livestreamed via website

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples engaged to be married are kindly 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 & Sacrament of the Sick.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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.

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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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gaudete Sunday urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord. Henri Nouwen describes joy as the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved children of God even amidst the trials of our life. So let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, "Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24).

OUT OF THE COLD COLLECTION



This weekend (**December 13 & 14**), we are having a special collection to support the preparation of the Christmas takeaway meals. Together, we can create a ripple effect of positive change, ensuring no

one in our community goes hungry.

In addition to our annual collection, we are requesting donations of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and men's & women's socks to help those less fortunate this Christmas. These items will be collected, sorted and packaged with the assistance of the Kildare Women. Please place your donations in the box available at the back of the Church. We thank you for your generosity.

HOLY LAND FUNDRAISER

This weekend **December 13 & 14**, we will have Handicraft Holy Land Christians visiting our parish.

They will have many unique hand carved religious art pieces crafted from olive wood and made by Christian families living in Bethlehem. Proceeds will go towards generating much-needed employment for our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem & Bethlehem. Visa, Mastercard, debit and cash are all accepted.

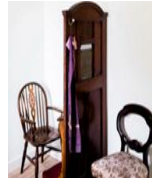


CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

This Christmas season, the Kildare Women are inviting you to donate new unwrapped toys, pyjamas and grocery gift cards for families in need. The toys and pyjamas can be brought to the Church and placed in boxes that will be available at the front and the back of the Church. We ask that you do not leave any gift cards in the boxes and that you please bring them directly to the office.

If you haven't had the opportunity to drop off your donation this weekend (December 14), it's not too late; you can still bring it to the parish office by no later than **Monday, December 15 before 4:30 pm**. We thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Please join us as we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday, December 15**. Please speak to one of our council members with any items for consideration and discussion.

COR MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the COR men's group is this **Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 pm** in the Chapel meeting room.

This will be our last meeting of the year - we will review Chapter Five, Be a Man Who is Strong. Fr. Larry probably isn't talking about pushups. Hope to see you there to discuss the chapter and share in the fellowship of the coming Christmas season!

POINSETTIAS



We would like to decorate the altar with lots of poinsettias for Christmas. Please consider donating to the church by **December 23**. We want St. Brigid's to be the most beautiful church! *We thank you for your ongoing generosity!*

RING OUT CHRISTMAS BELLS

Christmas is a time of joy. Bring your bells to Church for the Christmas Masses and ring them for the singing and Gloria. At the birth of our Saviour, let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!



2026 CALENDARS

Thanks to Daily TV Mass and the Precious Blood Missionaries for their generous donation of the **2026** calendars which are now ready for pick up.

THANK YOU



A special thanks to our music ministry for organizing a beautiful night of music with performances by the St. Brigid's choirs, Coro San Marco and Organ Performances by Mark Li. Thanks to all who attended!

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended our Potluck; it was enjoyed by all!



RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

La domenica di Gaudete ci esorta a gioire costantemente nel Signore. Henri Nouwen descrive la gioia come la capacità di rimanere felici grazie alla consapevolezza di essere figli amati di Dio anche in mezzo alle prove della vita. Sforziamoci quindi di essere più intenzionalmente gioiosi e preghiamo Cristo per la nostra forza, perché Egli dice: "Chiedete e otterrete, perché la vostra gioia sia piena" (Giovanni 16:24).

RACCOLTA PER OUT OF THE COLD

Questo fine settimana (**13 e 14 dicembre**) ci sarà una raccolta speciale per sostenere la preparazione dei pasti natalizi. Insieme, possiamo creare un effetto di cambiamento positivo, assicurandoci che nessuno nella nostra comunità soffra la fame.

Oltre alla raccolta annuale, chiediamo donazioni di articoli per l'igiene personale come dentifricio, spazzolini da denti, sapone, shampoo, balsamo, deodorante e calzini da uomo e da donna per aiutare i meno fortunati questo Natale. Questi articoli saranno raccolti, selezionati e confezionati con l'assistenza delle Kildare Women. Vi preghiamo di depositare le vostre donazioni nell'apposita cassetta disponibile sul retro della chiesa. Vi ringraziamo per la vostra generosità.

CONFESSIONI DI AVVENTO



Vi invitiamo a unirvi a noi per celebrare il sacramento della riconciliazione, mentre ci prepariamo al Natale, **martedì 16 dicembre 2025**.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 24th - Christmas Eve / Vigilia di Natale

5:00 pm - Family Mass
Midnight - Mass – English

December 25th - Christmas Day / Giorno di Natale

8:30 am - English
10:00 am - Italian
11:30 am - English

December 31st - The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

5:00 pm - Mass - English

January 1st - The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

11:00 am - Mass – English with some Italian

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

Saturday, December 13

St. Lucy

5:00 pm All deceased members of the Savatti & Loiacono Families

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 am †Charles Zampino

†Giuseppe e Antonio Butto

†Settimo e Concetta Bernardo e tutti defunti della famiglia Bernardo

†Pasquale Lamanna

†Giacchino & Filomena Cornacchia

†Andrea e Grazia Dellino

†Giuseppe e Rosa Cozzi

†Domenico e Marta Grande

11:30 am †Santiago & Rosa Quintana, Isaac Rodriguez & Robert Edward James

3:00 pm Ethiopian Ge'ez Mass

Monday, December 15

12:00 pm In honour of St. Lucy

1:00 pm **Wedding:** Jesse Paul & Giulia Saccucci

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 pm †Jose Milan

Wednesday, December 17

11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration & mid-day Prayer

12:00 pm In Thanksgiving for our new grandson Quyen Huynh & family

Birthday Blessings for Benedetto Leano

For all deceased members of the Romano & Dwyer families

Healing Blessings for Karina Ramirez

†Adelina Carvehlo

†Armin Buttner

†Richard Fitzgerald

†Filomena Tavares

†Michele & Giuseppina Del Grande

†John Joseph Roche

12:30 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, December 18

11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm †Leonardo & Antoinetta Cornacchia

Friday, December 19

12:00 pm †Giuseppe & Maria Naccarato

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 offertory envelopes are now available and are located at the front entrance of the Church in numerical order. If you don't know your envelope number, please refer to the binder with names listed in alphabetical order or see an usher for assistance. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes in 2026 in order for us to verify that your information is up to date. We Thank you for your cooperation.



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