

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

300 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1S6

Merry Christmas

Joyeux Noël *

Feliz Navidad *

Buon Natale

* Feliz Natal

* Maligayang Pasko *



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Vigil - English

Sunday

8:30 a.m. English
10:00 a.m. Italian
11:30 a.m. Family Mass

Monday

12:00 p.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Daily Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Prayer
12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday

11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 p.m. Daily Mass

Friday

12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
* 1st Friday of each month - 11:30 a.m.
Adoration followed by Daily Mass

*NOTE: * Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am on weekday statutory holidays*

** All regular Masses are livestreamed via our website*

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays:

4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on request by calling the Parish office.

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 Parish office at least one year in advance.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Brigid's Elementary School:

Principal: Kevin Kerr (416) 393-5235

St. Patrick Secondary School:

Principal: Tim McGrenere (416) 393-5546

Pastor: Rev. Ernesto De Ciccio | **Parish Office Manager:** Bruna Amabile

Telephone #: (416) 696-8660 | **Email:** stbrigids@archtoronto.org

Parish Office Hours | Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | (Closed: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Website: www.stbrigids.archtoronto.org | **Facebook:** St. Brigid's Catholic Church | **Instagram:** st.brigidscatholic

GOSPEL 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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. ERNIE

The birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour comes with a message of love, hope, joy and peace. Christmas is the time of year that reminds us to be united in peace with our family, friends and all those whom we encounter on our journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your commitment to our parish, the giving of your time, talents and treasures with the presence and blessings of Baby Jesus who gave himself to us as gift.

May the birth of our Saviour bring us all a renewed desire for unity and love this Christmas. May your families and homes be filled with an abundance of Blessing of Peace, Joy and Love. Merry Christmas!

POINSETTIAS



We would like to decorate the altar with lots of poinsettias (thousands!!) 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!!



PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Father Ernie will be leading a group of pilgrims from St. Brigid's to Ireland on **August 18 to 29, 2025**. This 12-day journey of faith will cost \$5,595 per person (Toronto departure including all taxes & tips, double occupancy) with breakfast, dinner and great accommodations. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to journey in faith to the land of St. Brigid and St. Patrick. Please call Henry at 647-272-2811.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER



O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them.

Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

~ St. John Paul II

2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 24th - Christmas Eve / Vigilia di Natale

- 5:00 pm - Mass – English
- 11:30 pm - Christmas Carols
- Midnight - Mass – English with some Italian

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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 24	Closes at Noon
Wednesday, December 25	Closed
Thursday, December 26	
Tuesday, December 31	Closes at Noon
Wednesday, January 1	Closed

RIFLESSIONE DEL VANGELO

Dopo Gesù, Maria è il modello e l'esempio perfetto di come vivere una vita di profonda amministrazione e possiamo imparare molto riflettendo sulla sua visita. In primo luogo, dovremmo imitare la "fretta" di Maria nella sua visita in modo che ogni volta che vediamo un bisogno nella nostra comunità parrocchiale, possiamo prontamente usare i nostri doni per aiutare. In secondo luogo, come Maria ha portato con sé nel suo grembo il Bambino Gesù, anche noi dobbiamo ricordarci costantemente che non sono i nostri meriti a realizzare il bene, ma Cristo che abita in noi.

MESSAGGIO DI NATALE DI DON ERNESTO

La nascita di Gesù Cristo nostro Salvatore arriva con un messaggio di amore, speranza, gioia e pace. Il Natale è il periodo dell'anno che ci ricorda di essere uniti in pace con la nostra famiglia, i nostri amici e tutti coloro che incontriamo nel nostro cammino.

Vorrei cogliere l'occasione per ringraziare ciascuno di voi per il vostro impegno nella nostra parrocchia, per aver donato il vostro tempo, talenti e tesori con la presenza e la benedizione di Gesù Bambino.

Che la nascita del nostro Salvatore porta a tutti noi il desiderio di unità e di amore in questo Natale e che le vostre famiglie e le vostre case siano piene di benedizione. Buon Natale!

PREGHIERA DI NATALE



Asciuga, Bambino Gesù, le lacrime dei fanciulli! Accarezza il malato e l'anziano! Spingi gli uomini a deporre le armi e a stringersi in un universale abbraccio di pace! Invita i popoli, misericordioso Gesù, ad abbattere i muri creati dalla miseria e dalla disoccupazione, dall'ignoranza e dall'indifferenza, dalla discriminazione e dall'intolleranza. Sei Tu, Divino Bambino di Betlemme, che ci salvi liberandoci dal peccato. Sei Tu il vero e unico Salvatore, che l'umanità spesso cerca. Dio della Pace, dono di pace all'intera umanità, vieni a vivere nel cuore di ogni uomo di ogni famiglia. Sei Tu la nostra pace e la nostra gioia!

Amen.

~ San Giovanni Paolo II

SUONIAMO LE CAMPANE PER NATALE



Il Natale è un momento di gioia. Portate le vostre campane in Chiesa per le Messe di Natale e suonatele per il canto e la Gloria. Alla nascita del nostro Salvatore, facciamo un rumore di gioia al Signore!

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONE DELLE MESSE

Saturday, December 21

5:00 pm †All deceased family & friends of the Filardi & Gesualdo families

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am Mass Pro Populo – Mass for All Parishioners
10:00 am †Filomena Puopolo
†Lucia, Marco, Carmen & all deceased members of the Maglietta family
†Luigi Lamanna
†Giovanni Toso
†Ida Altomare
†Emanuele Infanti, parenti defunti & tutti defunti della famiglia Pirotta
†Caterina & Vito Paonessa
†Arcangelo & Rosa Zonni
†Lina Fiore
†Carmelo Racioppo
†Niveo & Emma Nicoletti
†Giuseppe DiStefano
11:30 am †Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana & Isaac Rodrigues

Monday, December 23

12:00 pm †Pasquale Melino

Tuesday, December 24

9:00 am †Giovanni & Maria Naccarato
5:00 pm Pro Populo
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
12:00 am Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 am Pro Populo
10:00 am Pro Populo
11:30 am Pro Populo

Thursday, December 26 ST. STEPHEN

12:00 pm †Rosina & Giovanni Turco

Friday, December 27 ST. JOHN

12:00 pm †Antonietta & Francesco Turco



The 2025 offertory envelopes are available and ready for pickup at the front entrance of the Church. We Thank you for your cooperation.

Le buste dell'offertorio 2025 sono disponibili e pronte per il ritiro all'ingresso principale della Chiesa. Vi ringraziamo per la vostra collaborazione.



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