

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD / YEAR B

Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of Fr. Carlos and the St. Brigid's Parish staff, we would like to extend our best wishes for a joyful Easter. *For all gathered today in prayer, may we continue to grow in God's life and bring God's presence to all in our lives.*

EASTER MONDAY: Daily Mass will be celebrated at the Church at 9:00. The Parish office will be closed.

A NOTE OF THANKS FOR HOLY WEEK

Thank you to all our volunteers and ministers for your hard work and support as we prepared for our Holy Week Masses and services. We would also like to thank all our volunteers that helped us with various tasks throughout Lent. Despite the provincial restrictions, we still accomplished so much in order to have a meaningful and memorable Holy Week. Thank you to our parishioners and friends of the community for taking part in and supporting us during Holy Week - in person and online.

SHORT-TERM SABBATICAL FOR FR. CARLOS

Starting this Monday, April 5th, Fr. Carlos will be starting a special three-month sabbatical to nourish holistic, spiritual growth. We will welcome him back on the first week of July. We wish Fr. Carlos all the best on his journey – we continue to pray for him as he will be praying for us.

WELCOME FR. OMAR DEZA HERNANDEZ

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our interim pastor Fr. Omar Deza Hernandez who will be joining us on Monday, April 5th. We look forward to a fruitful three months in supporting Fr. Omar in all his endeavours at St. Brigid's Church.

ANGELS AT THE ALTAR

Many years ago, our altar was adorned with two beautiful angels. Unfortunately, they were removed due to damage and were never replaced. Recently, we were presented with an opportunity to purchase two angels at an exceptionally low cost to our Church. In the past, many of you have expressed an interest in bringing back the two angels to the altar and in helping us with the associated costs. If you would like to make a donation to assist us in purchasing

these two angels, we invite you to contact the Parish office. Your donation will be eligible for a tax receipt.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Please contact the Parish office to pick up your **2021 donation envelopes**.

We would like to thank all those that continue to drop off their weekly donation envelopes at Mass and at the Parish office. Your support is greatly appreciated. Many of you have been asking for alternate ways to donate to St. Brigid's. Please consider the following options:

1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving by contacting the Parish office or by clicking on the following link: <https://stbrigids.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/pre-authorized-giving/pag-form/>
2. Use the "Donate" function on our website: community.archtoronto.org

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

APRIL 17 & 18 / JUNE 19 & 20 / OCTOBER 2 & 3

From Arthur Peters, Executive Director of ShareLife: As we begin the 2021 campaign, I wanted to provide you with an update on some preparations and logistics taking place for the annual appeal. The pandemic has significantly impacted the needs of those suffering within our community, creating an increased demand for the work of our agencies, and more funding is required from the annual ShareLife appeal. It is the greatest need we have ever witnessed, and we are being called to rise to the challenge to support them. We know that you care about those in need and that every day you bear witness to the pain and suffering of those within your community. We thank you in advance for all that you currently do and all that you will do to promote the work of ShareLife-funded agencies this year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 25, 2021

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly recognize vocations in all its forms.

"It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!" --Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - MAY 2 TO 7 NURTURING HOPE

Catholic Education Week is a national celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the contributions of a Catholic

APRIL 4, 2021 – “JESUS OF NAZARETH WHO WAS CRUCIFIED; HE HAS BEEN RAISED UP.”

education to the Church and to the world. The theme for this year was inspired by many considerations, one of which was to recognize the special Year of ‘Laudato Si’, which will run through to May 24, 2021. “At a time of national and local crisis, it became clear that there was a need to celebrate the hope of Catholic education, now and in the future.” For more information, visit: www.tcdsb.org

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 28th was **\$3,330.00**. The March P.A.G. collection was **\$4,994.82**. **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.).**

DOMENICA DI PASQUA RISURREZIONE DEL SIGNORE / B

Pasqua del Signore: con Cristo risorgiamo a una «Vita nuova»! L’annuncio pasquale risuona oggi nella Chiesa: Cristo è risorto, egli vive al di là della morte, è il Signore dei vivi e dei morti. Nella «notte più chiara del giorno» la parola onnipotente di Dio che ha creato i cieli e la terra e ha formato l’uomo a sua immagine e somiglianza, chiama a una vita immortale l’uomo nuovo, Gesù di Nazaret, figlio di Dio e figlio di Maria. Pasqua è dunque annuncio del fatto della risurrezione, della vittoria sulla morte, della vita che non sarà distrutta. Fu questa la realtà testimoniata dagli apostoli; ma l’annuncio che Cristo è vivo deve risuonare continuamente. La Chiesa, nata dalla Pasqua di Cristo, custodisce questo annuncio e lo trasmette in vari modi ad ogni generazione: nei sacramenti lo rende attuale e contemporaneo ad ogni comunità riunita nel nome del Signore; con la propria vita di comunione e di servizio si sforza di testimoniare davanti al mondo.

TANTI AUGURI DI UNA BUONA PASQUA

Padre Carlos Sierra e il personale della Parrocchia vi augurano a tutti voi, alle vostre famiglie, agli amici e benefattori tanti auguri di una Pasqua serena e piena di armonia. ***Signore Gesù, Buon Pastore, insegnaci ad ascoltare la tua voce, a riconoscerla fra mille altre voci che promettono e non mantengono, e a seguire in Te la via della Verità e della Vita che ci porta al Padre.***

PASQUETTA: LUNEDÌ, 5 APRILE

La Messa nella Chiesa sarà celebrata alle ore 9:00 am il Lunedì di Pasqua, 5 Aprile e l’ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso tutto il giorno.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 28 Marzo e’ stata **\$3,330.00**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Marzo è stata **\$4,994.82**. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia può essere “il terzo figlio della carità” nel vostro testamento?**

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

11:00 a.m. Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation

8:30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th ~ Easter Sunday / Domenica di Pasqua

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

9:45 a.m. In Onore di San Vincenzo Ferrere, req. by Maria Valentini
+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by Pietrina Fragale
+Emanuele Infanti e Tutti i Defunti, req. by Nella Infanti
+Carmela Avarino, req. by Vincenzo & Maria Camera
+Luigi & Rosina Spada, req. by Ita Spada
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family
+Niveo Nicoletti, req. by the Family
+Cristina Carpino, req. by Emma Nicoletti & Lina Rota
+Addolorata Morra, req. by Rocchina Racioppo
+Nick Lamacchia & Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Vincent, Yolanda & Nicholas De Sante, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. *Special Birthday Blessing for Joey Selvaggio*

Special Blessing for Susanna Kim, req. by the Family

+Paolo & Maria Calo, req. by the Calo Children

+Giuseppe Di Stefano, req. by Giovanna Di Stefano

+Elpideo & Peter Ferroni, req. by Ida Ferroni & Family

+Natasha Sangster, req. by Theresa & Junior

Monday, April 5th ~ Easter Monday / Pasquetta

9:00 a.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, April 6th

9:15 a.m. **St. Brigid’s School Mass**

12:00 p.m. +Michael Crum-Ewing, req. by Monica & Family

+Irene Charrie, req. by Sylvia & Steve McDonald

Wednesday, April 7th

12:00 p.m. +Mr. Anthony Pallippattu, req. by the Parish

Thursday, April 8th

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for the Personal Intentions of Ignacio Uriarte*

+Pasqualina & Francesco Lavanca,

req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Friday, April 9th

12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Giuseppe Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Saturday, April 10th

9:00 a.m. +Freda Meyer, req. by Vanessa Coxson

5:00 p.m. +Malcolm & Viola MacIsaac, 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, their friends, and for those who care for them.**

PRAYER CARDS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

In honour of the Year of St. Joseph, we are offering prayer cards that can be returned to the Church with your special intention(s) stated on the back. All intentions will be prayed over at every Mass until December 8th of this year. Prayer cards can be picked up at the Church before or after daily Mass or by contacting the Parish office: (416) 696-8660.