

February 14, 2021 – “Jesus touched the man with leprosy, and he was cured.”

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-42).

The feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

TODAY IS MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Today we celebrate all couples that have received the Sacrament of Marriage and couples that are celebrating a milestone-wedding anniversary. May you always be blessed with the greatness that love has to offer along with your family and friends.

Father, your greatest command was to love you and love each other (Matthew 22:36-40). You've given marriage as a holy relationship that reflects our relationship with you. Show us how to follow your example and set aside our selfishness and pride and humbly serve each other. Help us to be of one spirit and of one mind and value each other above ourselves, looking out for each other's interests (Philippians 2:2-4). In the midst of our busy lives, help us take time to love each other deeply from the heart, as you have loved us (Ephesians 5:1-2). May the love we have for each other be an example to the world of how you love them and gave your life for them.

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

This Monday we celebrate Family Day. For many of us, our families whether biologically or through deep spiritual bonds, are there for us through the best and challenging times in our lives. Let us look toward our most sacred example of a loving, caring and nurturing family: the Holy Family. Through scripture and tradition, we know that Jesus, Mary and Joseph had a strong bond and love and respect for each other. May we remember this as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Family Day.

PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY – SATURDAY

10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

St. Brigid's Church will be open for Private Prayer every Monday to Saturday starting at 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY DURING THE LOCKDOWN

8:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

We would like to invite the faithful to take part in Holy Communion services every Sunday morning at 8:30 am, 9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Please contact the Parish office to sign up.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WITH COMMUNION

All Churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto have been approved to offer extended services for Ash Wednesday. If you would like to receive Ashes along with Holy Communion please contact the Parish office to sign up for one of the following dates:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

9:30 am, 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:00 Noon

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am

THE SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-sacrifice and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time, treasure, and talents.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – CODE OF CANON LAW

Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252 All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

ANNUAL LENTEN PROGRAM

In order to adhere to all COVID-19 related rules, we will not be moving forward with the purple Lenten bag program, as we have done in the years before. Instead, we are providing an online Lenten program that will foster the sacrifices we are called to do during the period of Lent. We will provide a link to the program in next week's bulletin as well as posting it on our website and social media platforms.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT LIVESTREAMED EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

Please join us on our **Facebook Page live** every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. **The first service will be held on Friday, February 19th:** <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidschurch>

CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT LENT FEBRUARY 20, MARCH 6, MARCH 20

Starting on Saturday, February 20th, we will be hearing Confessions every other Saturday in the Chapel from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Please contact the Parish office to sign up.**

ST. BRIGID'S & ST. ANN'S JOINT VENTURE FOOD BANK CONTINUES

We will still be accepting food and financial donations throughout 2021 for the St. Brigid's and St. Ann's Joint Venture Food Bank. **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish office.** Food donations can be left at the front porch of the Parish office. Financial donations can be left in the mailbox (front and back of the Parish office). For all financial donations, please place your donation in an envelope with your full name, the amount, and your donation envelope number.

Currently, they are looking to collect warm socks for men, women, and children. There is a great need for canned tuna, soup, canned beans, dry beans, tomato sauce, rice, and peanut butter.

ST. BRIGID'S COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIRS

When you purchase **St. Brigid's – 100 Years** commemorative souvenirs, you are supporting your Church. You can purchase your souvenirs by contacting the Parish office (416) 696-8660 or stbrigid@rogers.com

1. Sweatshirts with the St. Brigid's embroidered Centennial logo (S-M-L-XL = \$35 / XXL = \$40). We are currently taking orders for youth sized sweatshirts. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office. A \$10 deposit will be required. 2. St. Brigid's 2021 pocket calendars/agendas with a stylus pen (\$5). 3. Tote bags with the screen-printed St. Brigid's Centennial logo (\$5). 4. Fleece-lined winter hats with the St. Brigid's embroidered logo (\$20).

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 7th was **\$2,025.00**. **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.).**

VI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

L'incontro con Gesù. Ma la guarigione operata da Gesù dice qualcosa di più della sem-plice liberazione da una

malattia e della riammissione nel seno della comunità. Egli si rende partecipe della situazione del lebbroso; toccandolo con la sua mano, in qualche modo contrae la sua stessa impurità... In questo gesto Gesù appare come colui che «si è caricato delle nostre sofferenze»: ha contratto, lui, il male disgregatore delle forze vive dell'uomo e così ci ha guariti nella radice del nostro essere.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 7 Febbraio e' stata **\$2,025.00**. **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

FR. CARLOS WILL CELEBRATE ALL MASSES PRIVATELY EVERY DAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Saturday, Feb. 13th

9:00 a.m. +Anna & Rocco Campanelli, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. Special Blessing for all the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Feb. 14th ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:45 a.m. +Rosaria & Giuseppe Lopez, req. by Ita Spada
+Antonietta & Mattia Doto, req. by the Doto Family

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for John McLeod, req. by Gloria Bernard*
Special Blessing to all Married Couples
In Thanksgiving to Fr. Denzil Perera, req. by the Xavier Family
+Don Redmund, req. by the Nishio Family
+Francesco Colletti, req. by the Parish

Monday, Feb. 15th ~ Family Day

9:00 a.m. +Deacon John Cannon, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, Feb. 16th

12:00 p.m. +Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso

Wednesday, Feb. 17th ~ Ash Wednesday*

12:00 p.m. **St. Brigid's School Mass (livestreamed on YouTube)**

Thursday, Feb. 18th

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the Romano & Dwyer Families, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer
+Marina Malathy Stanislaus, req. by the Xavier Family

Friday, Feb. 19th

12:00 p.m. +Thomas Richardson, req. by the Parish

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (livestreamed)**

Saturday, Feb. 20th

9:00 a.m. +Donald MacDonald, req. by John MacDonald

5:00 p.m. +Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Family

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM – TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AT 12:00 PM

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*On February 17th we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent. Many people celebrate this beginning by going to Church and receiving ashes, usually in the form of a cross on their foreheads or sprinkled on the head. These ashes are a sign of being sorry for our sins. They are a sign that we want to be in communion with Jesus, who carried his cross.