

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

St. Brigid's Church will be open for Private Prayer every Monday to Friday from 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon and on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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.**

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 next service will take place on Friday, February 26th:** <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidschurch>

CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 & SATURDAY, MARCH 20

From the Homily written in the second century: *"We should repent of our sins while we are still on earth. When a potter is making a vessel and it becomes misshapen or breaks in his hands, he shapes it again; but once placed in the oven, it is beyond repair. Now the clay in the craftsman's hands is an image of ourselves and it teaches us that, while still in this world, we must wholeheartedly repent of sins committed in the body and make it possible for the Lord to save us while there is time. When we have left this world, we shall no longer be able to repent and confess our sins. We must do the will of the Father, keep our bodies pure, and observe the commandments of the Lord, for this is the way to obtain eternal life."*

We will be hearing Confessions throughout Lent every other Saturday in the Chapel from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

The next session will take place on Saturday, March 6th. We are 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.**

THE SEASON OF LENT

From Fr. Carlos Sierra: We are about to start this great journey of Lent. I do believe this season is one the busiest for the Holy Spirit, moving all the unbaptized and the baptized sons and daughters of God to go back to the original state of creation, and, mostly, after the fall of our ancestors, Adam and Eve, to go back as well to our original state of creation acquired at baptism through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For this season, we will be listening once again to the call that is being said now at the imposition of ashes: Repent and believe in the Gospel! We can say that believing and having faith, leads us to repentance; and repentance becomes a visible sign of our faith. Thus, faith without true repentance is nothing. Comparatively, apostle James says: "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds (James 2:18). In the same way, faith and repentance intertwine so intimately that one cannot exist without the other.

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.

ST. BRIGID'S 2021 ONLINE LENTEN PROGRAM

Due to COVID-19, we will not be moving forward with our annual Purple Lenten Bag Program. Instead, we are providing an online program that will foster the sacrifices we are called to do during the period of Lent. This online program is a humble exercise of spirituality for the journey of Lent that we propose to our parishioners. We hope it will inspire us to say 'yes' to repentance as a true sign of our faith. May this program be an instrument to help us in knowing what we need to do and to not procrastinate on our personal need to change through a deep contrition. **Click:** https://issuu.com/mariafrassica/docs/st_brigid_s_2021_lent_en_program. If you would like a PDF version emailed to you, please contact the Parish office.

February 21, 2021 – “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”

PRAYER CARDS TO COMMEMORATE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared this year (until December 8, 2021) as **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 during daily private prayer or by contacting the Parish office.

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).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 5

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together yearly on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer. Please visit: www.wicc.org

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

We will be celebrating a Solemn Mass in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Friday, March 19th** at **12:00 Noon**. The Mass will be livestreamed through our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stbrigidchurch

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY: MARCH 19

On March 19th we will be starting the annual celebration in honour of **The Year of the Family** as declared by Pope Francis on December 27th, 2020. We will be offering reflections and prayers throughout this year through our bulletin, website, and social media sites.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 14th was **\$1,335.00**. **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.).**

PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA/ B

Un altro cammino verso la Pasqua è iniziato. La meta che sta dinanzi alla Chiesa significa rinnovamento e storia nuova. Per raggiungere un traguardo, lo sappiamo per esperienza, non è sufficiente un entusiasmo epidermico o una volontà generica: occorre un impegno preciso, una lunga e laboriosa preparazione. Il rinnovamento della propria vita non è affare di un momento, ma è frutto di sacrificio, di costanza, di pazienza.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 14 Febbraio e' stata **\$1,335.00**. **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. 20th

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 21st ~ First Sunday of Lent

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

9:45 a.m. +Albino & Maria Angelica Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso

+Teresa & Matiela Doto, req. by the Doto Family

+Antonio Ammirato, req. by Maria Ammirato & Family

+Giovannina & Tomasso Morlando, req. by Maria Distasio

+Nick Ruscigno, req. by Lucy D'Ingillo & Family

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for John McLeod, req. by Gloria Bernard*

+Giovannina & Santo Dattoli, req. by the Dattoli Family

+Giuseppe, Domenica & Agatina Rubera, req. by Melino Rubera

+Rosie Spataro, req. by Franco & Crocetta Paladino

+Robert James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabec,

req. by Maria Quintana-James & family

Monday, Feb. 22nd ~ The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

12:00 p.m. +John Cafferky, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd ~ St. Polycarp

12:00 p.m. +Mary O'Shea, req. by Michael & Cormack Monaghan

+Joachim Francis Xavier, req. by the Xavier Family

Wednesday, Feb. 24th

12:00 p.m. +Frank Rodriguez, req. by the Parish

Thursday, Feb. 25th

12:00 p.m. +Chrissie Monaghan, req. by Michael & Cormack Monaghan

Friday, Feb. 26th

12:00 p.m. For all the Living & Deceased Members of our Community

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

Saturday, Feb. 27th

9:00 a.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Joe Galea & Gaetano Di Pietro, req. by the Parish