

February 7, 2021 – “Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.”

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

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.**

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.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH SIGNAGE VISIBLE ON THE DANFORTH



After months of working with the City of Toronto, we are pleased to announce that we now have directional signage visible on the Danforth at Glebe Mount – east/west.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11

The Universal Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on Thursday, February 11th. We are encouraged to use this as an opportunity to recognize the sick and those who care for them. We especially remember and pray for all those who have suffered and continue to suffer the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE ON MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2021 – FEBRUARY 14

Please join us for our livestream Mass on our Facebook page, next **Sunday, February 14th at 11:00 am**. Fr. Carlos Sierra will offer a solemn blessing to all married couples.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WITH COMMUNION FEB. 17, 18, 19 & 20

From Cardinal Collins: “Anticipating that there will still be significant restrictions, at least for the beginning of Lent, I wish to provide guidance to parishes regarding Ash Wednesday. After consultation with the Council of Priests and the Episcopal Board, I am granting permission for parishes to conduct modified Ash Wednesday services. I am also granting permission for parishes to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 17) as well as Thursday, February 18, Friday, February 19 and on Saturday, February 20 (until noon that day), recognizing the challenges facing parishes with a large number of parishioners that may wish to attend...”

We would like to offer Ashes along with Communion on the days and times listed below. **Please contact the Parish office to sign up. We will be adhering to the 10-person capacity at each service.**

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, 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.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

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

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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.

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 will be providing an online Lenten program that will foster the sacrifices we are called to do during the period of Lent. More details will follow next week.

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).

POPE ESTABLISHES WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on January 31st was **\$2,140.00**. 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.).**

V DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

A mano a mano che la fede di Israele diventa più profonda, affiorano interpretazioni più complesse. La malattia non è necessariamente legata ad un peccato personale, può essere anche una prova provvidenziale mandata da Dio per rinsaldare la fedeltà dei suoi amici. E' il caso di Giobbe. Più profondamente ancora: la malattia apparirà come mezzo di purificazione delle colpe, e sovente come mezzo di affermazione dello spirito sulla materia.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 31 Gennaio e' stata **\$2,140.00**. **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. 6th ~ St. Paul Miki and Companions

9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Members of St. Catherine of Siena

5:00 p.m. +Luisa Berti, req. by the Parish

Sunday, Feb. 7th ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:45 a.m. +Rosaria & Giuseppe Lopez, req. by Rosa Visconti
+Nicola & Pasqualina Grosso, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Salvatore De Angelis, req. by Connie De Angelis & Family
+Carmine Di Riano, req. by Connie De Angelis & Family

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for Susanna Kim, req. by the Family*

+Antonia Orlandi, req. by the Family
+Rocco Cornacchia, req. by the Family
+Sagar Somwaru, req. by the Parish

Monday, Feb. 8th ~ St. Josephine Bakhita

12:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Francesco Rampino

Tuesday, Feb. 9th

12:00 p.m. +Pasqualina & Leonardo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
+Reynaldo & Leonilda Diego, req. by Cheryl Diego & Family

Wednesday, Feb. 10th ~ St. Scholastica

12:00 p.m. +Ermenia & Rocco Lombardi, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Thursday, Feb. 11th ~ Our Lady of Lourdes / World Day of the Sick

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for all those Suffering with Illnesses*
+Mrs. Calista Selvanayagam, req. by the Xavier Family

Friday, Feb. 12th

12:00 p.m. +Alfred Busutil, req. by the Parish

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

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 12 NOON MASSES WILL BE
LIVESTREAMED THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

"If I was to meet those slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them to kiss their hands, because, if it had not have been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman." ~ St. Josephine Bakhita