

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / B

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or Epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021 JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 25

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Monday, January 18th to Monday, January 25th. The theme this year is: ***Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9)***. This calls on us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JAN. 24

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This year, the celebration will be held on Sunday, January 24th – the Mass will be live streamed at 11:00 am.

From the Vatican: This day reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the Word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2021 THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13 & 14

From Cardinal Collins: Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. With the uncertainty of large gatherings in early 2021 due to COVID-19 and recognizing the vulnerable in our community, the traditional annual Archdiocesan Mass will be cancelled in 2021. Nonetheless, local parishes are encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate wedding anniversaries in a variety of ways.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2021?

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2021 (25th, 40th, 50th 60+) we ask you to please email the Parish office. The Office of Formation for Discipleship is facilitating an order process where a personalized and signed certificate will be sent to our Parish. We will distribute the certificates according to the proper protocols stipulated by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The deadline for the Parish office to order certificates is Friday, January 15th. Don't delay!

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021; however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2021, this day will be celebrated in parishes on February 6th and 7th, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

ONLINE EVENT TO FOCUS ON FRATELLI TUTTI TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) is co-sponsoring an online prayer and panel discussion on “Consecrated Life Through the Lens of Fratelli Tutti” on February 2nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. central time.

FRATELLI TUTTI - POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL IS NOW AVAILABLE

Pope Francis' new encyclical titled “**Fratelli Tutti**” based on fraternity and social friendship is now available. In this encyclical, Pope Francis answers the questions - what are the great ideals and what are the tangible ways to advance for those who wish to build a more just and fraternal world in their ordinary relationships, in social life, politics and institutions? If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact the Parish office. **Each copy is \$25.**

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11

World Day of the Sick, is celebrated on February 11, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes** and is an important opportunity for those who

serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. **“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”** (Mt 11:28).

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS THE UPCOMING YEAR TO BE DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY

From the Associated Press – Vatican News: The Pontiff offers simple advice to help bickering families keep peace. **On Sunday, December 27th, Pope Francis proclaimed the upcoming year be dedicated to the family as he doubled down on one of his papal priorities and urged renewed attention to his 2016 document on family life.**

Pope Francis announced the upcoming year of the family would begin on **March 19th**, the fifth anniversary of his document “The Joy of Love.” Among other things, the document opened the door to letting divorced and civilly married couples to receive Communion, sparking criticism and even claims of heresy from conservative Catholics.

The Pope penned the document after summoning bishops from around the world to debate how the Catholic Church can better minister to families. While the divorce-remarriage issue dominated headlines during the back-to-back synods, the discussion also touched on ministering to gay people and other “non-traditional” families.

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).

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Your **2020 donation tax receipts** will be mailed out to you. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed your contact information.

Your **2021 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up. Please contact the Parish office to set up a time to pick up your donation envelopes. If you are unable to pick them up due to mobility issues and would like for us to drop them off at your home, please let us know. **In order to reduce waste and costs, we have issued new numbers for those who were previously in the 500 series. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on January 3rd was **\$1,475.00**. 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.).**

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE / B

Alla riscoperta del proprio battesimo. Nati e vissuti nella fede della Chiesa, i cristiani hanno bisogno di riscoprire la grandezza e le esigenze della vocazione battesimale. E’ paradossale che il battesimo, il quale fa dell’uomo un membro vivo del Corpo di Cristo, non abbia molto posto nella coscienza esplicita del cristiano e che la maggior parte dei fedeli non sentano l’ingresso nella Chiesa attraverso l’iniziazione battesimale come il momento decisivo della loro vita.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 3 Gennaio e’ stata **\$1,475.00**. **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

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY EVERY DAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Saturday, Jan. 9th

9:00 a.m. +Tom Richardson, req. by the Parish
5:00 p.m. +Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish

Sunday, Jan. 10th ~ *Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:45 a.m. +Michelo & Rosaria Visconti, req. by Rosa Visconti
11:00 a.m. +Teresa Cormack, req. by Monica Donovan
+Rene Tiangco, req. by Joven & Mida Fernandez & Family
+Carmelo Bernardo, req. by the Family
+Rocco & Rocchina Cornacchia, req. by Dattoli Family

Monday, Jan. 11th

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the St. Brigid’s Community

Tuesday, Jan. 12th ~ *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

12:00 p.m. +James Dalida, req. by the Family

Wednesday, Jan. 13th ~ *St. Hilary*

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the Former St. Catherine’s

Thursday, Jan. 14th

12:00 p.m. +Pietro (Peter) Angelone, req. by the Parish

Friday, Jan. 15th

12:00 p.m. For all those Suffering with Illnesses

Saturday, Jan. 16th

9:00 a.m. +Kenneth Joseph Bourque, req. by the Parish
5:00 p.m. +Luis Calleja Sr., req. by the Parish

***January 12th: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys is the Patron Saint against poverty; loss of parents; people rejected by religious orders.**

Prayer to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys: O Mother Bourgeoys, you, whose compassionate power is ever increasing, show us your way of Truth, Faith and Holiness. Make us humble enough to abandon ourselves to the Will of God, generous enough to find in the Cross the joy of the Loving Giver. May your fidelity to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lead us ever nearer to this source of light and peace. May your spirit of openness help us to be concerned for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Finally, may Our Lady of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bring us to this unity of eternal grace to which God has called you for all eternity. Amen.

Our St. Brigid’s Chapel was named in honour of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys.