

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi..., where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see” (John 1:35-37).

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 & 24**

Cardinal Thomas Collins has granted permission to parishes that wish to offer Holy Communion services. We would like to take this opportunity to invite the faithful to take part in this service on Sunday, January 17th and Sunday, January 24th. If you are interested in taking part in this service, we ask you to please contact the Parish office so that we can add your name on a list. Due to the current restrictions, we are following every protocol as outlined by the Government of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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

This week 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 next Sunday, January 24th – the Mass will be live streamed at 11:00 am on our St. Brigid’s Church Facebook Page.

**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. 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

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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).**

### YEAR OF THE FAMILY: MARCH 19, 2021 TO JUNE 26, 2022

**From Vatican News:** The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is proposing spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives to accompany families in the face of contemporary challenges. The project is intended to support parishes, dioceses, universities, and ecclesial associations in celebrating the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family,” which has been announced by Pope Francis. On Friday, March 19, 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family,” which will conclude on Saturday, June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the *X World Meeting of Families in Rome*. Pope Francis intends to address all ecclesial communities throughout the world, exhorting each person to be a witness of family love. *“The pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church and has shown the importance of community ties between families.”*

### POPE FRANCIS AMENDS CANON LAW

**From Vatican News:** Recognizing “the gifts of each baptized person” -- women and men -- Pope Francis ordered a change to canon law and liturgical norms so that women could be formally installed as lectors and acolytes. The updated canon will say, “Laity who possess the age and qualifications established by decree of the conference of bishops can be admitted on a stable basis through the prescribed liturgical rite to the ministries of lector and acolyte.”

### 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](mailto: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 January 10th was **\$3,545.00**. 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.).**

### II DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

**Camminare insieme.** Anche se l’appello di Cristo si fa sentire come invito personale e si chiarisce nel cuore di una intimità sempre nuova e irripetibile, esso apre sempre la strada a una esperienza comunitaria. L’incontro personale con Gesù suscita l’incontro personale e comunitario con tutti coloro che hanno fatto l’esperienza di questo incontro, e dà l’avvio alla costituzione di una comunità nella quale il vivere insieme e il «seguire» insieme Gesù diventa una caratteristica essenziale.

### COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 10 Gennaio e’ stata **\$3,545.00**. **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. 16th

9:00 a.m. +Kenneth Joseph Bourque, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Luis Calleja Sr., req. by the Parish

#### Sunday, Jan. 17th

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

9:45 a.m. +Francesco & Adelina Casciaro, req. by Ita Spada  
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family  
+Rosie Spataro, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing to Joven & Mida Fernandez  
Special Blessing for Healing for Fatima Mendoza,  
req. by Joven & Mida Fernandez  
+Eileen Plouffe, req. by Jim & Julie Barnes

#### Monday, Jan. 18th

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 19th

12:00 p.m. +Malcolm & Viola MacIsaac, req. by the Parish

#### Wednesday, Jan. 20th ~ St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

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

#### Thursday, Jan. 21st ~ St. Agnes\*

12:00 p.m. Special 65th Birthday Blessing for Maria Camilleri  
+Luigi & Giuseppe Melino, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

#### Friday, Jan. 22nd ~ St. Vincent

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

#### Saturday, Jan. 23rd

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

5:00 p.m. +Gaetano Magri, req. by the Parish

**\*St. Jerome writes:** “All nations, especially their Christian communities, praise in word and writing the life of St. Agnes. She triumphed over her tender age as well as over the merciless tyrant. To the crown of spotless innocence, she added the glory of martyrdom.”