

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him (Mark 1:16-19).

The feast of St. Francis de Sales, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

TODAY IS THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY A DAY OF AWAKENING

From the Vatican: The Word of God Sunday 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”.

The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people **“reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God.”**

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 & 31 9:30 AM & 10:00 AM

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 24th and Sunday, January 31st. 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

This week we celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which ends on Monday, January 25th. The theme this year was: **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.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF FR. IVAN CAMILLERI: MONDAY, JANUARY 25 VIRTUAL CELEBRATION AT 2:00 PM

From Cardinal Thomas Collins: As previously announced, the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-designate Camilleri will take place on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Monday, January 25th at 2:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. While our preference would be to welcome a large number of attendees for this joyful occasion, I invite you to mark **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm** in your calendar. We will livestream the ordination at: **www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live** and hope you can join us virtually. When it is safe to do so, we look forward to a more public Mass of Celebration and reception to welcome Bishop-designate Camilleri to the episcopate. In the interim, I invite your prayers as he prepares for this new chapter of ministry.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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 **Tuesday, February 2nd, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

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.**

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. **Please join us at our 11:00 am Sunday livestream Mass as Fr. Carlos will offer a special blessing on this special occasion.**

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).**

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.”*

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 January 17th was **\$1,925.00**. **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.).**

III DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

Il tempo di chi «non ha tempo» La vittoria di Cristo sulla morte è superamento dei limiti del tempo e dello spazio. Cristo opera una demitizzazione del tempo contro le concezioni che avevano divinizzato, cosificato l'incessante e incontrollabile flusso delle stagioni. La vittoria sulla morte crea un tempo per l'uomo ed uno spazio per l'uomo: tempo e spazio di costruzione della propria identità e della identità di tutta la comunità umana.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 17 Gennaio e' stata **\$1,925.00**. **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. 23rd

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 24th ~ Word of God Sunday

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

9:45 a.m. +Giuseppe, Rosaria & Carmelo Cornacchia,
req. by the Doto Family

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing to Giuseppe Frassica
For all the Deceased Members of the Romano & Dwyer
Families, req. by Lisa and Brian Dwyer
+Domenico Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini
+Giuseppe Morale, req. by Nella Infanti
+Prospero Filardi, req. by Donato & Rosa Filardi
+Robert York, req. by Tom & Sheila Johnston

Monday, Jan. 25th ~ The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

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

Tuesday, Jan. 26th ~ St. Timothy & St. Titus

12:00 p.m. +Melinda Modica, req. by the Family
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso

Wednesday, Jan. 27th ~ St. Angela Merici

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

Thursday, Jan. 28th ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

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

Friday, Jan. 29th

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

Saturday, Jan. 30th

9:00 a.m. +Immacolata Alfieri, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish