

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus (John 12:20-22).

Previously called “Passion Sunday”, this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

Dear Parishioners of St. Brigid's Catholic Church, I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during the ongoing pandemic. Know that you have been close in prayer during daily private Mass. We also pray for the sick, those who have been called home to the Lord, and our front-line health care and essential workers.

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to write a letter to our MP through the “Place of Worship” campaign. Following the leadership of our Cardinal and his auxiliary Bishops, their voices as well as ours were heard! More than 13,000 letters were written. A diverse group of faith leaders had the opportunity to meet virtually with Premier Ford, Minister Elliott, and Dr. Williams to discuss the concerns.

We are delighted that we are able to re-open our churches once again. Be assured that we are following the WorshipSafe Health and Safety protocols. Our joy of re-opening churches is measured with the restrictions that will be required. However, returning to sacramental life and gathering as a community is sustenance essential for our faith community. I joyously welcome you back.

I invite you to consider how you might share your time and talents as a volunteer. The many tasks required for re-opening are significant and we need more volunteers than ever to help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish office by calling us: (416) 696-8660 or by emailing us at: stbrigid@rogers.com.

SHORT-TERM SABBATICAL FOR FR. CARLOS

Starting on Monday, April 5th, Fr. Carlos will be taking a three-month sabbatical to nourish spiritual growth. We will welcome him back on the first week of July. We wish Fr. Carlos all the best on his journey – we continue to pray for him as he will be praying for us.

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us *in person*, this Friday, March 26th at 7:00 pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian. This will be the last service before entering into Holy Week. **The next service will take place on Good Friday (April 2nd) at 11:00 am.** If you would like to join us, please know that we are following the WorshipSafe Health and Safety protocols outlined by the Archdiocese of Toronto. If you would like to watch one of our **Stations of the Cross** services on YouTube, please click: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGdoBi3TymM

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

“THIS IS A SPECIAL YEAR TO BEAR WITNESS TO FAMILY LOVE”

From Vatican News: On March 19th, 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation ‘Amoris Laetitia’, on the joy and beauty of familial love, Pope Francis inaugurated the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family,” which will conclude on June 26th, 2022 on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. The Holy Father will be present for the Meeting.

“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,” the Dicastery said in a statement announcing the Year. “Through the spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives planned in the Year ‘Amoris Laetitia Family,’ Pope Francis intends to address all ecclesial communities throughout the world, exhorting each person to be a witness of family love.”

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME: MAR. 28

8:30 am - 9:45 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

The ushers will hand out the blessed palms at the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday Morning Masses

HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO: APR. 1

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

8:30 pm Holy Hour and Adoration until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO: APR. 2

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

1:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Italian)
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO: APR. 3

11:00 am Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation

8:30 pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA: APR. 4

8:30 am - 9:45 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA: APR. 5

9:00 am Daily Mass

ADORIS ANGELUS / ADORER ANGELS

Many years ago, our altar was adorned with two beautiful angels. Unfortunately, they were removed due to damage and were never replaced. Recently, we were presented with an opportunity to purchase two angels at an exceptionally low cost to our Church. In the past, many of you have

expressed an interest in bringing back the two angels to the altar and in helping us with the associated costs. If you would like to make a donation to assist us in purchasing these two angels, we invite you to contact the Parish office. Your donation will be eligible for a tax receipt.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

APRIL 17 & 18 – JUNE 19 & 20 – OCTOBER 2 & 3

From Arthur Peters, Executive Director of ShareLife: As we begin the 2021 campaign, I wanted to provide you with an update on some preparations and logistics taking place for the annual appeal. The pandemic has significantly impacted the needs of those suffering within our community, creating an increased demand for the work of our agencies, and more funding is required from the annual ShareLife appeal. It is the greatest need we have ever witnessed, and we are being called to rise to the challenge to support them. We know that you care about those in need and that every day you bear witness to the pain and suffering of those within your community. We thank you in advance for all that you currently do and all that you will do to promote the work of ShareLife-funded agencies this year.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on March 14th was **\$2,118.70**. 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.).**

QUINTA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

«Vogliamo vedere Gesù!». La richiesta espressa con tanta speranza dal gruppo dei Greci traduce un'aspirazione che percorre i secoli. La figura di Gesù domina l'orizzonte della storia ed esercita un fascino indiscutibile. Anche chi vorrebbe cancellarne la memoria, ne confessa implicitamente la grandezza. Ma il mistero di Gesù sfugge a chi vuole accostarlo mosso da curiosità, da interesse storico o etico. Per Giovanni «vedere Gesù» indica lo sguardo della fede e l'apertura del cuore: condizioni indispensabili per cogliere l'identità di Gesù ed entrare in comunione con lui.

MESSAGGIO DA PAPA FRANCESCO DURANTE LA QUARESIMA 2021

Da La Voce e Il Tempo: «Carità per chi soffre a causa della pandemia». Papa Francesco, nel messaggio per la Quaresima 2021, afferma che il cammino di conversione deve portare alla riscoperta del vincolo di comunione con l'altro, soprattutto con i poveri: «La carità non è sterile, è necessario digiunare anche dalla saturazione di informazioni, vere o false». Ricorrente è il richiamo all'enciclica «Fratelli tutti» (3 ottobre 2020). Un'iniziativa originale è lanciata dai vescovi europei: una messa a turno nei paesi dell'Europa soprattutto per le vittime della pandemia.

«La via della povertà e della privazione (il digiuno), lo sguardo e i gesti d'amore per l'uomo ferito (l'elemosina) e il dialogo filiale con il Padre (la preghiera) permettono di incarnare una fede sincera, una speranza viva e una carità operosa». La verità di Cristo non è una costruzione

dell'intelletto «riservata a poche menti elette, superiori o distinte», ma è un messaggio da capire con l'intelligenza del cuore. Per leggere di più, segui questo link <https://vocetempo.it>

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 14 Marzo e' stata **\$2,118.70**. 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

Saturday, March 20th

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for all Families
5:00 p.m. +Robert James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabec, req. by Maria Quintana-James
+Emilia Frassica, req. by the Family

Sunday, March 21st ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
In Onore di Suor Carmelina, Tutti i Santi, Gesù, e Maria, Madre di Dio, per una Grazia Ricevuta, req. by Rocco Delle Fave, Marta Grande Delle Fave & Famiglia
+Giuseppe, Rosaria & Carmelo Cornacchia, req. by the Doto Family
+Concettina & Ottino Puzo, req. by the Schiavo Family
+Emanuele Infanti, req. by Nella Infanti
11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for Healing for Linda Blohm During Difficult Times, req. by Ignacio Uriarte*
+Judi Quann, req. by Valerie Quann & Family
+Giuseppe Lorefice & Joe Cirone, req. by the Family
+Carmela Fiorino, req. by Marie, Francesco & Joseph

Monday, March 22nd

- 12:00 p.m. +Deacon Jerry Godsoe, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, March 23rd ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 12:00 p.m. +Pietro & Rocco Iacoviello, req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino

Wednesday, March 24th

- 12:00 p.m. +Elena Rodaro Bonfanti, req. by Agata Toso

Thursday, March 25th ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing and Prayers for Fr. Frank Portelli, req. by Paul & Nancy Crawford

Friday, March 26th

- 12:00 p.m. +Aurelio Fernandez, req. by Ignacio Uriarte
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Last One Before Holy Week**

Saturday, March 27th

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Members of our Community
5:00 p.m. +Frank & Marry Harris, req. by Peter & Theresa Buchner
+Hans Buchner, req. by Peter & Theresa Buchner

God our Father, we bring before you today those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are profoundly affected by their illness. When they feel fragile and broken, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **We pray for all those suffering from illnesses, for their family, their friends, and for those who care for them. We pray to the Lord.**

March 25th: Annunciation, also called Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary or Annunciation of the Lord, in Christianity, the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus (Luke 1:26–38). The angel's pronouncement is met with Mary's willing consent ("Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"), and thus precipitates the Incarnation of Christ and his redemption of the world.