

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate.

ST. BRIGID'S & ST. ANN'S JOINT VENTURE FOOD BANK - CHRISTMAS DINNER COLLECTION DECEMBER 12 & 13

For over 30 years, we have hosted over 200 guests from the Out of the Cold Program for the annual Christmas Dinner. The generosity of our parishioners has allowed us to feed our guests by serving a warm, delicious Christmas dinner. Even with the current lockdown restrictions, our plans to feed our guests will continue even if our plans will require some change. With your generosity we will continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need. God bless you.

Due to the lockdown, we will be accepting your donations at the Parish office through a contactless drop off at our mailbox located at the front and/or back of the Rectory.

If you have not picked up the recent Food Bank donation envelope, simply place your donation in an envelope with your full name, your donation amount, and your donation envelope number.

LIGHTING CANDLES ON OUR PATH TO CHRISTMAS – SEASON OF PREPARATION

Recently, the Catholic Register wrote an article on how Churches are preparing for the Season of Advent amongst the pandemic. As the Covid numbers increased, we were required to go into lockdown; however, this did not dampen our spirits at St. Brigid's. Along with Fr. Carlos Sierra and our team of volunteers, the annual nativity scene was installed in front of the Rectory – just east of the Church. While we are in lockdown and public Masses cancelled, we are happy to share with the community a visual representation of the Nativity during this Advent season.

www.catholicregister.org/faith/guest-faith-columns/item/32423-lighting-candles-on-our-path-to-christmas

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 REGISTRATION

Registration is still open for those who wish to register their children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Please visit our website: stbrigids.archtoronto.org/About-Us/sacramental-programs/first-holy-communion/information-forms

All preparation classes will be held virtually through Google Classroom. Class details and a classroom code will be sent to all parents/guardians that have registered their children for each Sacrament.

1. First Communion classes start on: December 6th.
2. Confirmation classes start on: December 13th.

ST. BRIGID'S COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIRS GIFT GIVING IN SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH

When you purchase a commemorative souvenir, you are supporting St. Brigid's Church. Avoid the crowds and delivery delays this Christmas. Quality items and great prices. Please contact the Parish office!

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).

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LIVESTREAM MASS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Due to the lockdown, our Mass in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be livestreamed on **Tuesday, December 8th at 12 Noon**. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can still watch us live by clicking on this link: www.facebook.com/st.brigidschurch/live/

COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 2 - 23

Due to the lockdown, we have changed the day for the Community Confessions to accommodate our parishioners. Fr. Carlos will be available to hear Confessions every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon and again from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We will be adhering to the strict 10-person rule as stipulated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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.

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS REV. IVAN CAMILLERI AS AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

From the Archdiocese: Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Ivan Camilleri, *Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs* as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Following his episcopal ordination, the new bishop will join three auxiliary bishops currently assisting the Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal

DECEMBER 6, 2020 – “WE WAIT FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH.”

Thomas Collins, in serving the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. On behalf of Fr. Carlos, we wish Fr. Ivan the absolute best in his new appointment!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection centres on the theme *Healing of the Earth*. “Together we share one common home, Mother Earth, and we are all dependent on her for our existence. We continue to face very real threats to our ecology and way of life, which has never been more apparent as we live through the present Covid-19 pandemic.”

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

ST. SYLVESTER / NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

5:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

8:30 am ~ 9:45 am ~ 11:00 am

Please Note: we are hopeful that the above Christmas and New Year Masses will take place as we have done in previous years. Should the lockdown continue past December 21st, we will be sure to update the schedule here and, on our website, and social media platforms.

We continue to pray for a healthy and happy Christmas Season & New Year. May God bless you and your families.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Church Bulletin: Due to the upcoming Christmas season, our Church bulletin will be submitted digitally and for printing sooner than our regular schedule. We ask all parishioners wishing to add a Mass intention in December and early January to please contact the office soon to better serve your requests.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 29th was **\$1,485.00**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of November was **\$4,702.82**. **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 DI AVVENTO / B

Agli Ebrei del VI secolo rimasti in Palestina o deportati in Babilonia, la parola del profeta ridà speranza e invita alla fiducia: Dio viene, e cammina alla testa del suo popolo per riportarlo, libero, dal paese di schiavitù verso la propria terra. Pastore buono, ha cura di chi è debole e piccolo; Dio forte, trova la sua gioia nel perdonare e nel rifare tutto nuovo. Salvezza, gioia, amore, verità, giustizia, costituiscono il corteo del Signore Dio.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 29 Novembre e' stata **\$1,485.00**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Novembre è stata **\$4,702.82**. **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 MASS PRIVATELY EVERY DAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Saturday, Dec. 5th

9:00 a.m. +Eric Meyer, req. by Vanessa Coxson

5:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the Romano Family

Sunday, Dec. 6th

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

9:45 a.m. +Pietro Liscio, req. by Nicolina Grosso

+Carlo & Michelo Doto, req. by the Family

+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family

+Antonia, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family

+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family

+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family

+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by the Wife & Children

+Maria Sacco Domes, req. by the Parents

+Maria Mastromartino, req. by Felicetta & Fabio Colella

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

Special Blessing for Donald Boman, req. by Tom & Sheila Johnston

+Michelle Dattoli, req. by the Family

+Tom Richardson, req. by Janet Richardson

Monday, Dec. 7th ~ St. Ambrose

12:00 p.m. +Angelo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

+Arcadius Ferreira, req. by the Family

Tuesday, Dec. 8th ~ The Immaculate Conception

12:00 p.m. +Paolo & Maria Calo, req. by the Children

+Frances Gatto Gennaro, req. by the Gennaro Family

Wednesday, Dec. 9th ~ San Juan Diego

12:00 p.m. +Giuseppa Calvo, req. by Cian Malloy & Family

Thursday, Dec. 10th ~ Our Lady of Loreto

12:00 p.m. +Theresa Courtney Cornack, req. by Vivian Bryan

Friday, Dec. 11th ~ St. Damasus I

12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Lobozzo, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Saturday, Dec. 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m. In Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, req. by Lucia Del Grande
+Nolene Cerff, req. by Vanessa Coxson

5:00 p.m. For all the Souls in Purgatory, req. by the Calo Children

+Joseph & Rocchina Ruggiero, req. by the Family

+James Dalida, req. by the Family

+Robert Edward James, Santiago Quintana & Paul Strabec, req. by Maria Quintana-James