

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

Between Moses and Elias, Jesus shows forth His divine glory, thus foreshadowing His resurrection. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end of all things. Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward whom we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combating our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass. — *Excerpted from Cathedral Daily Missal*

THE SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offense against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. — *Excerpted from the Ordo 2020-2021*

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – CODE OF CANON LAW

Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252 All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

ST. BRIGID'S 2021 ONLINE LENTEN PROGRAM

Due to COVID-19, we will not be moving forward with our annual Purple Lenten Bag Program. Instead, we are providing an online program that will foster the sacrifices we are called to do during the period of Lent. This online program is a humble exercise of spirituality for the journey of Lent that we propose to our parishioners. We hope it will inspire us to say 'yes' to repentance as a true sign of our faith. May this program be an instrument to help us in knowing what we need to do and to not procrastinate on our personal need to change through a deep contrition. **Click:** https://issuu.com/mariafrassica/docs/st._brigid_s_2021_lenten_program. If you would like a PDF version emailed to you, please contact the Parish office.

WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

St. Brigid's Church will be open for Private Prayer every Monday to Friday from 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon and on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY DURING THE LOCKDOWN

8:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

We would like to invite the faithful to take part in Holy Communion services every Sunday morning at 8:30 am, 9:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. We will be adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Please contact the Parish office to sign up.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT

LIVESTREAMED EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

Please join us on our **Facebook Page live every Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. **The next service will take place on Friday, March 5th:** <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidschurch>

CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 & SATURDAY, MARCH 20

From the Homily written in the second century: *"We should repent of our sins while we are still on earth. When a potter is making a vessel and it becomes misshapen or breaks in his hands, he shapes it again; but once placed in the oven, it is beyond repair. Now the clay in the craftsman's hands is an image of ourselves and it teaches us that, while still in this world, we must wholeheartedly repent of sins committed in the body and make it possible for the Lord to save us while there is time. When we have left this world, we shall no longer be able to repent and confess our sins. We must do the will of the Father, keep our bodies pure, and observe the commandments of the Lord, for this is the way to obtain eternal life."*

We will be hearing Confessions throughout Lent every other Saturday in the Chapel from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The next session will take place on Saturday, March 6th. We are adhering to the 10-person limit mandated by the Province of Ontario and the Archdiocese of Toronto. **Please contact the Parish office to sign up.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 5

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together yearly on the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer. Please visit: www.wicc.org

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.



PRAYER CARDS TO COMMEMORATE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared this year (until December 8, 2021) as **The Year of St. Joseph**. We are offering prayer cards that can be returned to the Church with your special intention(s) stated on the back. All intentions will be prayed over at every Mass until December 8th of this year. Prayer cards can be picked up at the Church during daily private prayer or by contacting the Parish office.

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

We will be celebrating a Solemn Mass in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Friday, March 19th at 12:00 Noon**. The Mass will be livestreamed through our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stbrigidschurch

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 21st was **\$1,628.95**. 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.)**.

SECONDA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA/ B

«Questi è il Figlio mio prediletto; ascoltatelo!»: sono le parole — accompagnate dai segni di una manifestazione gloriosa. Lo splendore della trasfigurazione lascia trasparire, dietro le umili sembianze della condizione umana, l'identità più profonda di Gesù e quello che egli sarà in modo definitivo quando il Padre lo assumerà nella gloria.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 21 Febbraio e' stata **\$1,628.95**. 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 ALL MASSES PRIVATELY, EVERY DAY, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Saturday, Feb. 27th

9:00 a.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish

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

Sunday, Feb. 28th ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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

9:45 a.m. +Fr. Amedeo Nardone, req. by the Parish

+Sebastiano Cormaggi, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for John McLeod, req. by Gloria Bernard*

For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

For All the Deceased Members of the Selvaggio Family

+Giuseppe, Sebastiana & Salvatore Selvaggio,

req. by the Family

+Giuseppe & Rosa Cozzi, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande

+Mary Antonia Xavier, req. by the Xavier Family

+Nick Lamacchia, req. by Maria Valentini

Monday, March 1st

12:00 p.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by the Parish

Tuesday, March 2nd

12:00 p.m. For all the Living & Deceased Members of our Community

Wednesday, March 3rd ~ St. Katherine Drexel

12:00 p.m. +Frank Rodriguez, req. by the Parish

Thursday, March 4th ~ St. Casimir

12:00 p.m. +Luisa Berti, req. by the Parish

Friday, March 5th

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

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (livestreamed)**

Saturday, March 6th

9:00 a.m. +Luis Calleja Sr., req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Yolanda & Nick De Sante, req. by the Parish

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March: **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.