

MARCH 7, 2021 – “DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the moneychangers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of scripture, “Zeal for your house will consume me (John 2:12-14).”

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY: MARCH 8

International Women's Day is annually held on March 8th to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. This day celebrates women's achievements worldwide. This year's theme is: ***Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World.***

THE SEASON OF LENT

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.

From Archbishop George Stack: *Fasting and Abstinence has nothing to do with hating or despising the world and its material goods. Fasting is one way in which we deepen our awareness of God. By denying ourselves food or a luxury what else do we do except to say, “I do not depend on these things.” It enables us to step back from the usual habits and distractions and give particular attention to God. An outward restraint can be a sign and symbol of an inner attention and help towards it. This is the meaning of the great symbol of ashes given on Ash Wednesday, on the first day of Lent. This is also the prayer that lies at the heart of Lent. Reminding ourselves to give time to God so that God may speak to us in the silence of our heart.*

ST. BRIGID’S 2021 ONLINE LENTEN PROGRAM

Instead of the annual Purple Lenten bag program, we are offering an online Lenten program. Please visit: 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.

ST. BRIGID’S 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.

ST. BRIGID’S OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

From the Out of the Cold Team: We wanted to share the following information with the St. Brigid’s Community. With the guidance of Fr. Carlos Sierra, the St. Brigid’s Out of the Cold program is back and has initiated a new “Take Away Hot Meals” program. This bi-weekly program will serve families in need by providing a hot meal, a snack, juice, or water between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm at St. Ann’s Parish through the De Grassi Street entrance. This program started on Thursday, February 18th. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners and members of the community for your ongoing donations. They are going a long way to support this new initiative.

We would also like to recognize the outstanding and generous support of Trustee Angela Kennedy, her husband Al, Trustee Frank D’Amico, Dr. Brendan Browne, Principal Anna Garabotti and the students and staff at St. Gerald’s Catholic School, and Principal Anthony Pauk (former vice principal at St. Brigid’s School), students and staff at St. Denis Catholic School for all the fundraising initiatives for this program. Over 75 personal bags were assembled consisting of warm socks, toiletries, snacks, and food.

The hot meals are prepared and served by a wonderful team of volunteers: Jackie Rodriguez, Gino and Edie Di Pede, Pearl Badali, Lucy Hugh Chin, Julie Barnes, Laura Colantoni, Ignacio Uriarte, Rick Nyman and David Atwell. We would like to thank Steve McDonald and Jim Barnes for all their hard work and determination in ensuring that this program continues. May God bless you.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY DURING THE LOCKDOWN

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 - LIVESTREAMED EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT - 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 12th:** <https://www.facebook.com/stbrigidschurch>

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CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT LENT SATURDAY, MARCH 20 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Fr. Nicetus Tairo will be hearing Confessions at our Chapel on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. 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.**

CELEBRATING SOON-TO-BE ORDAINED PRIESTS

On Tuesday, March 2nd, seven Ordinandi from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Matis Seminary were presented at the 31st Annual Ordinandi (virtual) Dinner. They are: Walter Flynn, Arthur Lee, Michael Quenneville, Andrew Taylor, Patrick Salah, Christian Lindenbach, and Kevin Adriano. To view this presentation, please visit the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube Page.

PRAYER CARDS IN HONOUR 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/stbrigidchurch

FAMILY OF FAITH SUBSIDY

We are delighted to announce that we have been approved to receive a subsidy from the Family of Faith office at the Archdiocese of Toronto. This subsidy will go towards updating our sound system that is quite old and in need of updating so that our livestream Masses and online programs can run without interruptions. We are very thankful and grateful to receive this subsidy.

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.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 28th was **\$3,130.00**. The February P.A.G. collection was **\$4,904.82**. **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.).**

TERZA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA/ B

Con il gesto clamoroso, anche se storicamente poco appariscente, della purificazione del tempio (vangelo), Gesù mette in discussione l'istituzione più sacra della tradizione giudaica. Soprattutto è posto sotto accusa il modo comune di interpretare il rapporto con Dio. Il fatto che Dio abitasse nel tempio conduceva Israele alla presunzione di possedere Dio in modo definitivo, anche se la vita quotidiana non si lasciava trasfigurare dal rapporto unico e singolare che Dio aveva stabilito con il suo popolo.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 28 Febbraio e' stata **\$3,130.00**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Febbraio è stata **\$4,904.82**. **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 ALL MASSES PRIVATELY,
EVERY DAY, FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.**

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

Sunday, March 7th ~ Third Sunday of Lent

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

9:45 a.m. +Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Antonio, Assunta, Paolo & Maddalena Romagnuolo,
req. by Concetta Romagnuolo

+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family

+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family

+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family

+Antonina, Carmelo, Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family

+Angela Maraio e Tutti I Defunti, req. by the Schiavo Family

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

Special Blessing for Lorne Waywell, req. by the Parish

+Damiano Calia, req. by the Family

+Joe Galea, req. by the Family

+Virginia & Pasqualina Distasio, req. by Maria Distasio

+Giovanni & Agnese Granata, req. by Tina Morlando

+Santiago Quintana, Robert James, Paul Strabec, Maria

Socorro Salas & Gloria Salas, req. by Maria Quintana-James

+Antonio Caravaggi, req. by the Parish

+Giulia Milillo, req. by the Parish

Monday, March 8th ~ St. John of God

12:00 p.m. +José Signorelli Sr., req. by the Parish

Tuesday, March 9th ~ St. Frances of Rome

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Healing for Norman Myers,
req. by Mary Anne Hunter

Wednesday, March 10th

12:00 p.m. +Joe Virelli, req. by Anna Galati & Family

Thursday, March 11th

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing and Prayers for Bishop Ivan Camilleri,
req. by Paul and Nancy Crawford

Friday, March 12th

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing to all Clergy on this Lenten Day of Reflection

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

Saturday, March 13th

9:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Rosa Puopolo Spizzirri

5:00 p.m. For all the Living & Deceased Members of our Community