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Tuesday to Friday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr/May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
29 9am	NO MASS	
30 Tues, 9am	Nancy Ingrouville +	Legion of Mary Holy Cross Praesidium
May 1 Wed, 9am	Thanksgiving – Sacred Heart of Jesus	Incoronata Ambrosini
2 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Incorporonata Ambrosini	Incoronata Ambrosini
3 1 st Fri 9am 6pm 7pm	Tita Climacosa + Holy Hour Fr. James Reposkey + Socorro Jarabe + Alexander Teves Sauco + Nancy Ingrouville +	Mila Benedicto CWL – Holy Cross Elena & Vinda Carmela Maureen McKeena
4 Sat 9am	All Parishioners Thanksgiving – Padre Pio & Pope John Paul Thanksgiving – Manuel & Teresita Garcia Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel Ethel Paciente Gasis + Incoronata Ambrosini Garcia Family Beth & Connie Escabarte CWL – Holy Cross
5pm	Dionisia Claudio +	Myrna Ramos
5 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Fr. John Pak	Claudette Wilson
11 am	97 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Maria Boudreau	Karin Doumouras

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection

5th Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15.1-8 – Jesus the True Vine

Abiding in Christ

In today's Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.


Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

Summary


In today's Gospel Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.


If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

Renovation Update

We're glad to inform everyone that our renovation is progressing well and on schedule! It's exciting to see improvements take shape. As we continue with our church renovation project, we want to share some important updates regarding the allocation of funds. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to adjust our original plans. After careful consideration, the **Finance Council, His Excellency Most Rev. Robert Kasun, & John Mulhall, Chancellor of Temporal Affairs approved** the change of plan and to reallocate the budget to address critical areas that require immediate attention. Here are the revised priorities:

- Leaky Roofs** - Our church building has been experiencing leaks (sacristy, small room where our Lady of Fatima is, kitchen in the church hall) during heavy rain, which poses a risk to the interior and the safety of our congregation. A dry and secure environment for worship is our top priority.
- Broken Door Replacement:** The side entrance door has been broken for more than 6 years. A new side door will be installed, and replacement of the front door. A functional side door is essential for everyone's convenience and safety. This upgrade will enhance security and aesthetics
- Storm Window Installation:** To improve energy efficiency and insulation, as well as protection, storm windows will be installed to all stained-glass window (total of 14 in the south side and 13 on the north side)
- Church Hall:** Refresh the church hall with a fresh coat of paint, new flooring in the kitchen hallway.
- Restoration of the Stations of the Cross:** Preserving and revitalizing the sacred artworks.
- Sound System Upgrade:** We recognize the importance of a high-quality sound system for presentations and meetings. Therefore, we'll be upgrading our existing system to provide better audio clarity.

Considering these necessary repairs, we have revised our renovation budget. While we initially planned for air conditioning, we believe it is crucial to prioritize the immediate needs of our church building. The reallocated funds will ensure that our facilities remain in good condition and continue to serve our community effectively. We understand that these changes may come as a surprise, but we trust in your understanding and commitment to our parish. Your continued financial support is vital during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our parish office. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our church family. Together, we can overcome these challenges and create a welcoming and safe environment for worship. As our church renovation progresses, we'll keep you informed every step of the way.

	<p>The Special Devotion Candle In memory of Fr. John Reposkey "Our priests carry not only the full weight of our burdens but their own as well, please pray to them." as requested by: Claudette Wilson Apr 23 to 30</p>
<p>Special Devotion Candle (Sanctuary Lamp in the Tabernacle) is available to burn for your intention for one week for \$20.00. Please call the parish office to book your lamp.</p>	

Important Notice for Confirmation & First Holy Communion

As we continue with the preparations for the upcoming Confirmation and First Holy Communion, we would like to share an important update regarding the venue.

Due to ongoing renovations at our church, we have made the decision to change the venue. The ceremony will now take place at St Brigid's Church.


Confirmation		First Holy Communion	
Ceremony May 10 Friday 6pm	St Brigid's Church	Ceremony May 26 Sunday 2pm	St Brigid's Church

St Brigid's Church: 300 Wolverleigh Blvd Toronto, ON M4C 1S6


We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause and appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this time. We look forward to celebrating these special moments with you and your children.

We want to express our **gratitude to Fr. Shibil** for his generosity and kindness in allowing us to use St Brigid's Church for these sacramental ceremonies.


To our **Pastor Fr. Godofredo Claudio**, for his unwavering dedication and selflessness. He spends his day off driving around searching for a church that would allow us to celebrate the sacramental ceremonies truly commendable. THANK YOU for going above and beyond to make these sacraments memorable for all of us.



Know Your Faith:
Do you ever wonder what the **BOOK OF REVELATION** is all about?
Come and join us as we start our study on this intriguing Book.
Four Tuesday evenings: **May 14, 21, 28 + June 4** from **7-9 p.m.** in the hall.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of eligible children from families in need who want an opportunity (no fees) to attend the society's camps - Mary Grove Camp for Girls aged 5 to 13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 to 12. Please call us 416.421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, Telephone, Child's name and age. A member of the Society will get back to you to arrange an interview and completion of forms. Please register as soon as possible for more chances of spots.



Today is ShareLife Sunday
A special occasion for generosity and compassion. It's an opportunity for the community to come together and support those in need. By giving **generously**, you're helping those in need and spreading kindness. Thank you for your compassion!

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