

ST. BRIDE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Matthew 5:3-11

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Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
Ms. Laura L. Zbella,
Administrative Manager
Mr. Terry Rose, Youth Minister
Mr. Tommy Slay, Facilities Manager

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any

illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us!

Please be sure to sign our guest book.

**The Fourth Sunday of the Church Year
January 29, 2017**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Fourth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Blanche Vedral

For the Intention of Larry Franzen

For the Intention of Chester and Jean Zurek

For the Intention of Stanley and Theclis Sroka

For the Intention of the Dedowicz Family

Monday: **THE FEAST OF ST BRIDE**

MASS AT AM IN THE CHURCH

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Wednesday: Weekday

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar

Saturday: Weekday

The Fifth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Blanche Vedral

For the Intention of Larry Franzen

For the Intention of Chester and Jean Zurek

For the Intention of Stanley and Theclis Sroka

For the Intention of the Dedowicz Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-
14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-
18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.



Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$10,000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at www.st-bride.org.



Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week, September to June! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church! Gift cards for groceries are also welcome!

Upcoming Dates and Events 2017

February 26th - Mardi Gras Party

February 28th - Annual Revival Night

March 1st - Ash Wednesday

March 19th - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Dinner

April 9th - Palm Sunday

The start of Holy Week

April 16th - Easter Sunday

May 21st - Annual Spring Luncheon

Dynasty Banquets in Hammond

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THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!



Saint Brigit of Ireland, FEAST DAY, FEBRUARY 1st. Brigit also spelled Bridget; also called Bride (born , [according to tradition] Fochart, near Dundalk, County Louth, Ire. – died c. 524, -528, Kildare, County Kildare), virgin and abbess of Kildare, one of the patron saints of Ireland.

Little is known of her life but from legend, myth, and folklore. According to these, she was born of a noble father and a slave mother and was sold along with her mother to a Druid, whom she later converted to Christianity. On being set free she returned to her father, who tried to marry her to the King of Ulster; impressed by her piety, the King removed her from parental control. According to the *Liber Hymnorum* (10th century), the Curragh, a plain in Kildare, was granted by the King of Leinster to St. Brigit. At Kildare she founded the first nunnery in Ireland. Their community became a double abbey, for monks and nuns, with the abbess ranking above the abbot. Her friend St. Conleth became, at Brigit's beckoning, bishop of her people. She is said to have been active in founding other communities of nuns. She appears in a wealth of literature, notably the *Book of Lismore*, the *Breviarium Aberdonense*, and *Bethada Náem n-Érenn*. One of the loveliest and most gently profound legends of Brigit is the story of Dara, the blind nun, for the restoration of whose sight Brigit prayed. When the miracle was granted, Dara realized that the clarity of sight blurred God in the eye of the soul, whereupon she asked Brigit to return her to the beauty of darkness. Brigit's feast day is observed as far away as Australia and New Zealand. In early times she was celebrated in parts of Scotland and England converted by Celtic churchmen. The Church of St. Bride's in Fleet Street, London, is dedicated to her.