

SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA MONTREAL - QUEBEC

1847-2026

A Welcoming and Reconciling Community



SAINT BRIGID OF IRELAND

Brigid was probably born at Faughart near Dundalk, Louth, Ireland. Her parents were baptized by St. Patrick, with whom she developed a close friendship. According to legend, her father was Dubhthach, an Irish chieftain of Lienster, and her mother, Brocca, was a slave at his court. Even as a young girl she evinced an interest for a religious life and took the veil in her youth from St. Macaille at Croghan and probably was professed by St. Mel of Armagh, who is believed to have conferred abbatial authority on her. She settled with seven others at the foot of Croghan Hill for a time, and about the year 468, followed Mel to Meath. About the year 470 she founded a double monastery at Cill-Dara (Kildare) and was Abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland. The foundation developed into a centre of learning and spirituality, and around it grew up the Cathedral city of Kildare. She founded a school of art at Kildare and its illuminated manuscripts became famous, notably the Book of Kildare, which was praised as one of the finest of all illuminated Irish manuscripts before its disappearance three centuries ago. Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, and despite the numerous legendary, extravagant, and even fantastic miracles attributed to her, there is no doubt that her extraordinary spirituality, boundless charity, and compassion for those in distress were real. She died at Kildare on February 1. The Mary of the Gael, she is buried at Downpatrick with St. Columba and St. Patrick, with whom she is the patron of Ireland. Her



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1st, 2026

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13 – *I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26- 31 – *God chose what is weak in the world.*

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12 – *Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

For further reflection on the Readings and Gospel, visit:

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

We have started anew our list of the sick. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

Please pray for our sick: André Marcil, Alyssa Morelato, Lorenzo Modafferi, Bala Doss, Armando Chan, Rosaria Salpietro and José Manuel Salas.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Katrina Kardash and Alex Slusar will be married at Saint Patrick's Basilica on February 14th, here at Saint Patrick's.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals for 2025-2026 are available at the West Door. The cost is \$8 each.

BOXED SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2026

The Boxed Sets of Sunday Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the west door of the Basilica. If you are not using envelopes and would like a set please call the Parish Office 514-866-7379.

AN INVITATION TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult? The Saint Patrick's Young Adult Group welcomes you to our next faith meeting. Join us in the sacristy after the 5pm Mass **this Sunday, February 1st** For more information call the Parish Office at 514-866-7379 or email info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

'MANNA' BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting for Bible study will take place on Thursday February 5th, in Congress Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

It is important to stay connected to the Parish. One way is to be registered in Saint Patrick's parish database. It is not difficult to do, there are registration forms in the Parish Bulletin that can be mailed in, faxed in, dropped into the collection basket; or by calling the office at (514) 866-7379. Remember, we cannot know who you are unless you make yourself known to us.

PEWS

The pews of St. Patrick's were installed during Fr. Quinlivan's renovations in the 1890s. The pews are made of hand carved Red Indiana Oak and were described as comfortable and commodious. All the pews were stripped and re-finished between 1986-1993. The delicate carving on the aisle ends of the pews is easily damaged. We ask that you resist hanging coats and bags on them despite the obvious convenience. Thank you.

SAINT PATRICK'S RESTORATION FOUNDATION

The Foundation was created in 1988, to finance special projects that are outside of the religious nature of the Basilica. 100% of donations made to the Foundation are used for its projects, all administration expenses are carried by the Fabrique.

Saint Patrick's Restoration Foundation enjoys a special tax status and large donations or pledges may qualify for considerable tax benefits as cultural donations or patronage.

Donation envelopes are available; please make sure that you state that the donation is for the St. Patrick's Restoration Foundation. For more information on our Foundation and of other ways of donating please contact the parish office at 514-866-7379; info@stpatricksmtl.ca

VIGIL LIGHTS

When you light one of our vigil candles, offer a prayer or intention along with it. You may pray for a special request, for loved ones, those who are sick or suffering or have recently died, you may offer your prayer to a particular Saint, to the Virgin Mary or simply to thank God for His blessing.

"By lighting the candle our prayer is physically represented, and we join our prayers to the light of Christ allowing that light to burn on and on in our souls, even when we have left the church.

"My prayer is in my heart," Father Alar, director of the Association of Marian Helpers, explained.

"How do I show this internal prayer? The votive candle is the way we can express in a physical, tangible way our inward prayer. Our prayer is symbolized by the candle."

[Lights of Faith: Candles Keep Vigil, Become Votive Offerings | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](http://ncregister.com)

It's customary to make an offering to the Church when you light a candle.

SAINT BRIGID.

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,

and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

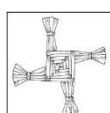
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.



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Mass intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	January 31st Colleen Brady <i>requested by</i> Ladies Auxiliary of Mtl Council 284 Knights of Columbus
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	February 1st ~ Feast of St. Brigid ~ Marion MacDonald <i>requested by</i> Robert Flynn ~ <i>Pro Populo</i> ~ Cecilia MacIsaac D'Agostino <i>requested by</i> her family
Monday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	February 2nd Donal O'Sullivan <i>requested by</i> his sister Mary Margaret Healy <i>requested by</i> the family
Tuesday, 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	February 3rd Jim O'Higgins <i>requested by</i> Anthony Kirby Gino Elisio <i>requested by</i> Anna & Emile
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	February 4th Marion MacDonald <i>requested by</i> Jack MacDonald
Thursday 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	February 5th Lorraine Boyce <i>requested by</i> the Estate Sandiren Ramasamy <i>requested by</i> Lovenia & Eveena Musette
Friday 12:10 p.m. <i>and</i>	February 6th Daniel Rochette <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc Sherif Shams <i>requested by</i> the family
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	February 7th Charles Lemire <i>requested by</i> Carol, Brian, Kimberly & Robert

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Clergy at your Service

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Coyle, C.S.S., Pastor
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Choir and Music

Music Director: John Guzik
Music Director Emeritus: Kevin Savor

Baptism

The parents must be registered members of the parish. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

Marriages

Couples wishing to marry at St. Patrick's are asked to contact the Parish office for further information. The future bride and/or groom must be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months prior to reserving a date for their marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Heard after mass.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

If you or a member of your family wish to have a priest or Eucharistic minister visit, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Green-Room Coffee

Coffee after the 11 a.m. mass.

Legion of Mary

Lisa Dalyop, President
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Room

Soup Kitchen

Served in the Green Room every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to those in need.

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharistic Celebration

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday: 12:10 p.m. mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, with mass at 12:10 p.m.

Wardens

Lynn Lonergan Doyle, John Galic, Olga Hrycak, Peter O'Brien, Robert Raizenne, Lorna Telfer

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for anyone considering conversion to Catholicism, or who as an adult wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The program is offered at St. Patrick's beginning in the **Fall**. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Catechism: Registration in September

Religious instruction for children, which also involves sacramental preparation: please contact Adam Pywowarczuk at 514-866-7379 or adamp@stpatricksmtl.ca

Young Adult Discussion Group

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Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Montreal City Council meets monthly on Saturdays. If you would like to attend and learn about our efforts in faith, service, and social justice, please contact esinyademaume@gmail.com

Hearing-Impaired Worshippers

St. Patrick's Basilica's sound system is equipped so that it enables hearing-impaired worshippers to listen through a digital device set to **88.1 FM**



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