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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:15, 10:30 & 12:00 noon
- 8:00 a.m. Italian

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Italian)
Friday - 9:00 a.m.

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Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:00am to 4pm

5:30pm to 8:30pm

OUR SCHOOLS:

St. Andrew School 905-893-1968
St. Padre Pio School 905-893-7082
Pope Francis School 905-893-8782
St. Stephen School 905-893-7557

BAPTISMS:

By appointment at least **two months in advance**. Instruction may be required.

CONFESSIONS:

Thurs - 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (Italian)
Sat - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Any other time by appointment.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:

We are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. Please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest **one year in advance**. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage.

If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

Customs of Lent

Ash Wednesday – A Day of Fasting and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting means one small meal during the day and a little nourishment at two other times of the day. The law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. Abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older. Christian fasting and abstinence obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness to the depth of our faith.

Ash Wednesday – Because of the pandemic, Ash Wednesday will be very different this year. Since Christmas, we have been having short Communion Services each Saturday and Sunday. We are going to do the same on Ash Wednesday. At each Communion Service ashes will be given in a safe manner. The services will take place in the Chapel and only 10 people at a time may attend. The Ash Wednesday services will be held between:

- 9am to 10am**
- 11am to 12 noon**
- 1pm to 2pm**
- 5pm to 6:30pm**
- 8pm to 8:30pm**

The church will close at 6:30pm in preparation for the Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm, which will be livestreamed. It will open again from 8pm to 8:30pm

Farewell to the Alleluia - On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday we say farewell to the 'Alleluia'. God's people do not sing 'Alleluia' during Lent until the believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning during the Easter Vigil. In the 15th century choir boys marched in procession with a cross, tapers and holy water, carrying a small coffin with an 'Alleluia' banner inside. In Paris a straw figure bearing an 'Alleluia' of gold letters was carried out and burned in the churchyard. It was always a solemn, emotional farewell to a well-loved song. In our church the Alleluia banners in the Sanctuary are carried out at the end of the Mass, not to return until the Easter Vigil.

Family Day Holiday – The church and office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, due to the Family Day holiday.

Carnival – from the fourteenth century on, the days before Ash Wednesday turned into a time of general feasting and worldly celebration of eating, drinking, dancing etc. The word "carnival" comes from two Latin words, 'carne', which means 'meat', and 'vale' which means farewell. So the celebration was a farewell to meat and all other enjoyments that people would give up during the Lenten period. Today carnival is still held in many countries including the famous Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Shrove Tuesday – In medieval times the faithful used to go to confession on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday in preparation for Lent. That's why it was called 'Shrove Tuesday' (the day in which people were shriven or forgiven for their sins).

Pancake Tuesday – The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is also called Pancake Tuesday. In the Roman Empire the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and of course, no meat. A lot of these products had to be used up before Ash Wednesday. And so the custom began of having a meal of pancakes the day before.

Lenten Penance – Lent begins this week. It's time for penance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. We do penance during Lent for a variety of reasons. We are freely taking on suffering with Jesus for the salvation of the world in order to build up the Body of Christ. (see Col. 1:24) We express our sorrow for our own sins and offer prayer for others by the penance we undertake. By our penances God purifies our hearts and helps us to control our desires and so serve him in love. As we do our penitential actions during Lent, we are praising God and proclaiming that we are indeed God's people, brothers and sisters of the Suffering Servant. The following penances are found in scripture or in the traditional practices of Christians.

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| Giving Up Sin | Praying |
| Fasting | Doing good works |
| Giving Alms | Meditative |
| reading | |
| Carrying out our duties of state | |
| Controlling our desires for possessions | |
| Abstaining from meat and other foods | |
| Controlling our desire for entertainment | |

Tax Receipts are being mailed from the Archdiocese this year, due to the pandemic.

Envelopes – Please destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number, this will ensure that you receive proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

A Reminder that the 10:30am Mass on Sunday is available to watch on our website: www.stpp.church. One half hour after Mass is over; it will be available for playback for one week.

The church will be open at the following times:

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm for private prayer.

Saturdays – 4:30pm to 5:00pm – Confessions

5:00pm to 6:00pm for Communion Services

Sundays – 11:30am to 1:00pm for Communion Services

Only 10 people at a time allowed in the church, and 10 people allowed in the waiting area before the Communion services.

Parish Donations - you can now make your weekly envelope donation on the church website at www.stpp.church/home.html by using the *Parish Donations* blue donor box. Please indicate your envelope number on the form. A receipt will automatically be e-mailed back to you. Thank you for your generosity.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). It is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations, such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations can be directed to your weekly or building fund offering or both and will be deducted from your bank account on the 20th of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

Parish Office will not be open to the public at this time.

Stations of the Cross – Because of the pandemic restriction, there will NOT be any Stations of the Cross at this time.

First Communions - The State of Emergency is scheduled to end on February 19th. First Communions are supposed to begin on February 23rd. As long as the State of Emergency or lockdown do not continue past February 19th, the First Communion Masses for

February and March will continue as scheduled. We will continue to update you as the situation evolves. You can check on our website www.stpp.church or Instagram. Announcements will also be made at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass which is livestreamed.

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels and Electrical Room to be completed
Back Sacristy: Upper Storage Room with stairs
Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette
Washrooms
Hall and Stage
Kitchen
Storage
Outside: Outdoor Amphitheatre at rear of church
Top coat for paving
Two wells at sides of church – rocks
Landscaping (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers)

If you or someone you know would like to assist in any way with these projects, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893- 7879.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus pandemic

*O Mary,
You always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.*

You, Salvation of the People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of your children, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Fosca Nonis and her family on the death of her mother, Elda Nonis. May God grant her His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.

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