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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.

OFFICE:

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. Apr. 17

5:00pm + **Agnes Gomes**

Sun. Apr. 18

8:00am + **Maria Vomiero & deceased members of the Vomiero family**

9:15am + **Antonio & Elisabetta Figliomeni**

10:30am **For the People of the Parish**

12:00 noon + **Expedito Martinez**

Mon. Apr. 19

7:00pm + **Esperance Al-Qassir**

Feast Days This Week

Wed. Apr. 21 – **St. Anselm**, bishop, doctor of the Church

Fri. Apr. 23 – **St. George**, martyr, **St. Adalbert**, bishop, martyr

Sat. Apr. 24 – **St. Fidelis of Sigmarinzen**, priest, martyr

Third Sunday of Easter - April 18, 2021

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

– *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Our Parish goal is \$85,400.00

Please give generously.

Archdiocesan Week of Prayer for Vocations – Monday, April 19-Saturday, April 24, 2021

During this week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take some time, as a community, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. At this time, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be-priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish office, or email the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Confirmation: (for those who missed in 2020)

Confirmation Masses will take place this week as follows:

Mon. Apr. 19 – St. Padre Pio School at 6pm

Tues. Apr. 20 – St. Stephen School at 6pm

Wed. Apr. 21 – St. Stephen School at 6pm

Fri. Apr. 23 – St. Stephen School at 6pm

Because of the limited capacity during the pandemic, only a small number of students at a time may take part in the Mass. This would also include 9 guests for each student, including sponsor and parents. The Mass will be very simple – no singing (as per the Archdiocese), no lectors, no offertory procession, no robes, and no group photos (as per the Archdiocese). Everyone including the students should be wearing masks for the entire celebration. This is a very difficult time and we are trying to do our best to serve the needs of our students and their families.

Weekday Masses – On Monday and Wednesday evening of this week there will be Confirmation Masses at 6pm. The 7pm Masses will continue as usual. However, because there will not be time to sanitize the pews after the Confirmations, parishioners are asked to use the side pews for the Parish Mass.

Church Capacity at 15% - during this present shut-down, church capacity is at 15%. When the two centre sections of pews are full, that is our full capacity, and no one else may enter the church BY LAW. It is strongly recommended that you come early for a seat during this difficult time.

Stories of the Resurrection – The stories of the Resurrection are told over and over again at Easter. They are to be found at the end of the four Gospels. The Gospels of Luke and John tell the stories in much more detail than the other two. You should read these stories as they are told in the bible. They appear in the following Gospels: Matthew 28, Mark: 16, Luke: 24, and John: 20, 21. There are differences in the way the Gospel writers relate the happenings and it must be said that there is something mysterious about the stories they tell. We should remember that the disciples could not fully understand the events themselves. They were dazed and bewildered. In putting these stories down they were telling of what went on inside their heads as much as what was happening outside. One thing does seem certain. At the beginning of these incidents all the disciples were convinced that Jesus was dead. At the end, the same disciples were quite sure that He was alive and that they had seen Him.

The Resurrection stories tell the great, central truth of the faith – Christ is risen. The Resurrection came on a Sunday, which is why, right from the start; the disciples changed their Sabbath day from the Jewish Saturday in order to celebrate it. The first disciples did not find the Resurrection easy to believe at first either. They

could never fully explain it. All they could do was celebrate it. This has been the experience of countless men and women over the centuries. They have, like the disciples, become convinced that Jesus is risen and they have tried to express their feelings in music and poetry and art. They express it in festival too – in the great annual festival of Easter, when these stories are told again and again.

The Time of Easter – The first Passover is commemorated each year by members of the Jewish faith, about March 21. For many years Easter was celebrated at the same time because Jesus was crucified during Passover. In 325AD a group of bishops meeting in Nicaea, a city in what we now call Turkey, decided that Easter should be on a different day. They chose the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Vernal means ‘spring’ and equinox means ‘equal night’. Thus, this is the 24-hour period in spring when both day and night last exactly 12 hours, usually on Mar 21 or 22. Full moons however, do not always come on the same date, so Easter may fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Sometimes it comes before Passover, and many Orthodox Christians wait until Passover to celebrate Easter.

Easter Water – In the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, the baptismal font, filled with water, is solemnly blessed. Many people take this water home in small containers to be used as holy water, to sprinkle on persons, houses and rooms during the Easter season. Some families sprinkle the food on the table with it. This marks the Easter dinner as a solemn and festive occasion upon which they ask God’s blessing.

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

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in the Narthex. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. Please do not touch all the boxes and please sanitize your hands after picking up our box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES.

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 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.

Parish Office will not be open to the public at this time. However, the telephones are answered daily if you require assistance with booking Mass intentions etc. Please call 905-893-7879.

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.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Felicia De Fina and her family on the death of her husband Venerando De Fina. May God grant him His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.

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