

# The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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## Epiphany of the Lord



God whom we cannot see. He is the light of the world and leads us back to the Father.

### Epiphany Blessing

*God has called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light. May you experience His kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, hope and in love. Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may He make you a light to all your sisters and brothers. The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.*

**Offertory Envelopes for 2022** are available for pick up at the back of the church. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please ask one of the Ushers to get you a new box. Please do not touch all of the boxes and sanitize your hands after picking up your box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES

**Church Bulletin Advertising** – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

**Website Prayer Line** – Our parish receives on average 10 prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the parish office at 905-893-7879 or [info@stpp.church](mailto:info@stpp.church) and complete the prayer form.

### Procedures for Marriage Arrangements

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan law and applies to all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish. 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 Archbishop's office has been consulted. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall etc., can be made. In preparation for the marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple will also receive personal preparation for

Sun. Jan. 2

9:15 am - **+For the People of the Parish**

10:30 am - **+Luigi Gatti & Giuseppe Miceli**

12:00 noon - **+James Solomon, +Matthew Costar & Alfred Costar**

Tues. Jan. 4

9:00 am - **+Teresa & Constantine Vijayaratam**

Wed. Jan. 5

7:00 pm - **Intentions of the Parish Prayer Line**

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Jan. 3 – **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Fri. Jan. 7 – **St. Andre Bessette, religious**

Sat. Jan. 8 – **St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest**

### Advent-Christmas-Epiphany

The four weeks of Advent that we have celebrated have two main stages: up to December 15, the main emphasis in the Liturgy was on the coming of Christ in final judgment, and on our preparation in joyful hope. The closing days of Advent directed us toward the coming of the Son of God among us as one of us. Truly God and truly human, Jesus has come in love to save us, to make us the people of God, and through us, to continue His work of praising the Father and saving the world.

Our celebration of Christmas centres on the great truth of the incarnation; God loves us so much and sent the Son to be one of us, that we might believe and love and have eternal life. The eternal Son of God, our brother, crucified and risen, seated at the right hand of the Father, sending His Spirit to us, and living among us; this is the Lord we celebrate at Christmas. The Epiphany concludes the Christmas cycle as we celebrate the ways in which God's love is manifested or revealed to us through His Son Jesus. As His Church, we are to continue to be the light of the nations, revealing God's love in Christ through our lives as His followers. The Christmas cycle ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

### Epiphany

This feast comes from the East and may date back to the second century. Like the later Western feast of Christmas, it celebrates the Incarnation and work of the Son of God among us. In the East, it is not limited to the visit of the wise men, but involves the Incarnation, Birth, Manifestation and Baptism of the Lord. During the fourth century, the West adopted this feast and the East accepted Christmas. On the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that God makes to the world in Jesus Christ. He is the image of the

entering marriage through a Marriage Preparation program. Finally, the couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever!

### The Mysteries of the Rosary

#### The Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding in the Temple

#### The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The First Eucharist

#### The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scouring at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

#### The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday and Saturday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Crowning of Mary

**Christmas Angel Drive** - The committee would like to extend tremendous appreciation to all those who gave generously to the Christmas Angel Drive. A total of \$18,460 was raised in gift cards and monetary donations. Grocery gift cards were purchased with the monetary donations and all were delivered to Family Services of York Region. FSYR distributed the gift cards to families identified to be in most need.

Donations go a long way to support and also give hope. The families are forever emotionally impacted by the generosity of this parish. Thank you, also, to those who gave their time to help make this drive such a success. **THANK YOU** all for coming together as a community of faith to bring hope and share your blessings during this Christmas season!

### First Communions – 2022

All dates are TENTATIVE, depending on the direction of the pandemic. If social-distancing is still in place at that time, the First Communions will be held on weekdays, by class. We will have to wait and see. For now, these are the TENTATIVE school celebrations:

**Sunday, May 1 – St. Padre Pio School, 2 pm**  
**Sunday, May 15 – Pope Francis School, 2pm**  
**Sunday, May 22 – St. Andrew School, 2pm**  
**Sunday, May 29 – St. Stephen School, 2pm**  
**Sunday, June 12 – Public & Private School, 2pm**

### Confirmations – 2022

All dates are TENTATIVE, depending on the direction of the pandemic. If social distancing is still in place at that time, the Confirmations will be held by class. We will have to wait and see. For now, these are the TENTATIVE school celebrations:

**Monday, May 30 – St. Stephen School, 7pm**  
**Wednesday, June 1 – St. Padre Pio School, 7pm**  
**Friday, June 3 – Pope Francis School, 7pm**  
**Monday, June 6 – Public & Private Schools, 7pm**  
**Wednesday, June 8 – St. Andrew School, 7pm**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

**Synod on Synodality** - Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:  
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