The Parish Community of

St. Padre Pio

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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 - 8:30am – 7:30pm

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.



Sat. Mar. 19

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

Sun. Mar. 20

9:15 am -+Lorenzo & Vincenza Cosentino

10:30 am - +Livio Breda

Mon. Mar. 21

7:00 pm - +Rev. Vito Marziliano

Tues. Mar. 22

9:00 am - +Marcaria & Salvador Ramos

Wed. Mar. 23

7:00 pm - +Rev. Edwin D'Sousa, +Ines Scaini

Fri. Mar. 25

9:00am - +Theresa Luyen Tran

Feast Days This Week

Wed. Mar. 23 – **St. Turibius of Mogrvejo**, bishop Fri. Mar. 25 – **The Annunciation of The Lord**

Change in Covid Restrictions

Indoor mask requirements end on Monday, March 21st. This includes churches, parish halls and offices. Restrictions on choir activities also end. The protocols for Holy Communion end too. Some people may want to continue wearing masks in churches and offices, and they may do so. Also, any Eucharistic Ministers who want to continue wearing masks while serving, may continue to do so. Slowly, we are getting back to normal.

Ukrainian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a relief appeal to support the Ukrainian people, who are suffering from widespread violence and a humanitarian crisis. Your gift will fund relief projects through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and refugee resettlement efforts through the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). The link for the Archdiocese can be found on our parish website, www.stpp.church, or you can make a cheque out to St. Padre Pio Parish – Ukrainian Relief. Let us continue to pray for an end to the hostilities there, and for peace and justice to be established.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that You will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide
their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Baptisms

We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized on Sunday of last weekend.

Gio Arangio Isla Emma Costa Valentina Assunta Pietromonaco

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, March 26, at 12:00noon. Family and friends should be here 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

ShareLife

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday. Our parish goal this year is \$85,400.00. As we approach our collection next weekend, please reflect upon your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year. The pandemic placed many of ShareLife agencies funded by ShareLife under stress as they continue to support the needs of clients. The needs are great. Please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. You can also make your donation online via the parish website or at sharelife.org. Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. You can learn more about this at sharelife.org. However you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

RCIA – This weekend the First Scrutiny will take place for those taking the RCIA program. This rite takes its name from the action of God in scrutinizing the hearts of those preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good, and to give then the strength that is in Christ who is our way, our truth and our life. This is also an opportunity for us to join in with the Elect in their spiritual journey by also scrutinizing our own life. The Elect are:

Stephen Graham Lilian Msigwa Sarah Tullio Knights of Columbus are selling Easter Colomba and chocolate in the Narthex after all Masses up to and including Palm Sunday. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish projects and initiatives. Please support the Knights.

Stations of the Cross – will be celebrated this coming Friday evening at 7pm in the church.

Canadian Food for Children - The CWL are hosting their next food drive for Canadian Food for Children continuing until March 26/27. The food items requested by CFFC are: Rice, Oatmeal, Flour, Bagged Dry Beans, Lentils and Chickpeas. We thank all parishioners who contributed in the past and hope that you continue to support this mission to help feed our brothers and sisters in need.

In addition to the food items, we will be collecting <u>eyeglasses</u>. If you have any used eyeglasses that you have no use for, please bring them to the church. We will have a collection box available throughout the food drive and throughout the year. Let's help our brothers and sisters to see and put a smile on their faces.

Altar Servers – we would like to extend an invitation to all students within our community who are considering becoming an Altar Server at our parish. By becoming an altar server, young people will have the opportunity to be involved in service to God and His Church. All are welcome to be Altar Servers, they must be in the fourth grade or higher and must have received their First Holy Communion. All those who are interested please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Ushers – are needed for all the Masses. Their role is to greet people, help with the Offertory Procession and Communion lines, take up the collection and give out the parish bulletin. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Children's Liturgy – needs volunteers so that it can begin again as soon as possible. Lessons and direction are provided so that children, ages 4-9, can understand the readings of the Mass at their level. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

A Father's Prayer to St. Joseph (Patron of Canada) St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, grant me the spiritual gifts and virtues I need to fulfill my duties as head of the family entrusted to me by God. With the help of my wife, may I discharge the God-given responsibilities with devotion and respect, with faith and charity. Following your example may I bring to my daily task the care and respect that will really make it collaboration to God's work and a true service to men, my brothers.

In spite of social conditions and spells of sickness, may I earn enough to supply my family with food, lodging, clothing and education, in the joy of a heart safe from distress.

Teach me the true virtues of a husband and Christian educator. As you went to great pains to feed and educate Jesus, the child of God entrusted to your care, grant that I may bring up my children with love and firmness, with intelligence and tact; that I may pray with them and explain to them when and how I must, their obligations as Christians by word and act; may I stay calm and patient when they fail or err, without fear of admonishing and correcting them when I must. May I give each one, according to his or her character and personality, the necessary incentives with special attention and affection. May I not be too often absent from home, since my wife and children require my presence. O St. Joseph, grant that I may always live as a true Christian, and observe the fidelity, the love and devotion I owe to my wife and children, since I have received from God the difficult and wonderful mission of leading them all to His Kingdom. Amen.

Laetare Sunday – Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, the halfway point of Lent. The Latin word 'Laetare' means 'to rejoice,' and the Church calls us to rejoice that Lent is half over. As a sign of rejoicing, the vestments change from the colour of purple to the colour of rose. Flowers may decorate the altar and solo musical instruments may be played. So why not wear something rose-coloured next weekend to express your joy.

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.

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