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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Sat. Mar. 26

5:00 pm – **For the People of the Parish**

Sun. Mar. 27

9:15 am – +**Giovannina Scricca**

10:30 am - +**Giuseppe Miceli**

Mon. Mar. 28

7:00 pm – +**Michelina Borgo**

Tues. Mar. 29

9:00 am - +**Jim Gamez**

Wed. Mar. 30

7:00 pm – +**Theresa Luyen Tran, +Rev. Antoni Mendrela**

Fri. Apr. 1

9:00am - +**Francesco Greco, +Giuseppe Greco, +Maria Greco**

Laetare Sunday – This 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.

Banns for Ordination – St. Augustine’s Seminary is happy to announce that **Roy Clifford Mayo** is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on June 18, 2022 at St. Michael’s Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

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 \$75,000.00. Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

A Prayer for the Poor and Homeless

When one suffers, we all suffer. When one is hungry, we are all hungry. When one is homeless, we are all homeless. When one is clothed inadequately, we are all naked. Holy One, you call us to be people of faith, hope, love, and peace. But we cannot be at peace when so many languish in poverty, in the cold, on the streets, without work. Forgive our society’s failure to make real your compassion, your justice, your sharing in the lives of all the earth’s children who go hungry. Forgive us when we turn our eyes from encountering the poor. We place before you the people who are

forced into public shelters because they were evicted from their homes, because they have no money to rent adequate space, because they are ill and help is remote.

Sow the seeds of justice in the hearts of all people of faith. Let hope flourish where there is despair. Let compassion bring charity and a real sharing of the good gifts of the earth. Humble the powerful and the rich. Give courage single parents and those who are alone.

Archdiocesan Week of Confessions –

Confessions will be heard in all churches in the Archdiocese this week and next week. Our confession times will be on Wednesday, March 30th from 11:30am to 12:00 pm, 2:30pm to 3:00pm, 5:30pm to 6:00pm, and 7:30pm to 8:00pm

First Friday – Friday, April 1st, is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9am only. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after Mass.

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

Baptisms

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

**Siena Loredana Kokorian
James Nanos
Mila Amanda Rotundo**

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

Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:30pm, at the church, for Baptisms being celebrated in April 2022.

Canadian Food for Children - food drive, ends this weekend. 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 eyeglasses. 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.

Knights of Columbus are selling Easter Colomba, chocolates and chocolate Easter eggs after all masses beginning this weekend up to and including Palm Sunday. With the purchase of \$25 or more you will receive a free cheese. Profits in the past have contributed in supporting parish projects and initiatives. Please support the Knights.

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.

RCIA – This weekend the second 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 them 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**

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.

Next Sunday – crosses and statues are covered with purple cloths as a sign of penance and mourning. The first half of Lent deals with our need for conversion and repentance. The second half of Lent centres on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Life-size Shroud Replica – a 14 ½ foot full size cloth replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display in the church from next weekend until Holy Saturday. The original Shroud is believed to be the burial Shroud of Jesus. It shows the front and back of a man who had been scourged and crucified. This replica is produced from high resolution digital scans taken by the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project that made a full extensive examination of the Shroud. This is the most accurate rendition of the Shroud and reproduces every detail of the original, including bloodstains, scorches and image areas. A license granting permission for public display has also been given. The Shroud replica is now owned by the Church of St. Padre Pio.

Replicas of the Passion – Along with the replica of the Shroud of Turin, other replicas, relating to the Passion, are also on display at the same time. These include the Crown of Thorns, three iron nails and hammer, a Roman spear, the Flagellum (the whip used for scourging), an alabaster jar with ointment, Roman dice, the sponge on a stick, thirty silver coins, the Titulus Crucis (the sign placed on the Cross, "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews"), and the Great Chalice of Antioch – The Holy Grail, and other items. These will continue to be on display throughout the Easter season.

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