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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 - 8:30am – 7:30pm

OUR SCHOOLS:

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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.

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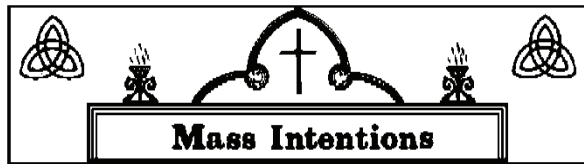
We are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sat. Apr. 23

5:00 pm --+**William and Leyta La Mere**

Sun. Apr.

9:15 am --+**Anges & Domenic Gomes**

10:30 am - +**Peter Piccione**

12:00 noon - +**Antonino Comella**

Mon. Apr. 25

7:00 pm -- +**Theresa Luyen Tran**

Tues. Apr. 2

9:00 am -- +**Domenic Romanelli**

Wed. Apr. 27

7:00 pm -- **General Intentions, +Samuel & Margaret Alfred**

Thurs. Apr. 28

7:00 pm - +**Gaetano Loschiavo, +Anna Malizia**

Fri. April 29

9:00 am-- **Special Intentions of the Stanislaus Family**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Apr. 25 -- **St. Mark**, evangelist

Tues. Apr. 26 -- **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, Patron of the Catholic Women's League of Canada

Thurs. Apr, 28 -- **St. Peter Chanel**, priest, martyr

St. Loius Grignon de Montfort, priest

Fri. Apr. 29 -- **St. Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor of the Church

Sat. Apr. 30 -- **St. Marie de l'Incarnation**, religious

Divine Mercy Sunday – The origins of this feast are found in the apparitions of Jesus to a Polish nun, called Sister Faustina. She was born in 1905 in Glogowiec near Lodz, Poland, to a large peasant family. After a few years of service with affluent families, she entered the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In the convent she zealously discharged the duties of cook, gardener and doorkeeper. She led an extraordinary rich, spiritual life, which abounded in a variety of mystical gifts. Her mission consisted in reminding the world of the truth of God's merciful love, transmitting new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy, and inspiring a religious renewal in the spirit of that devotion. She died in Krakow in 1938 and was canonized a saint in April 2000. She left behind a spiritual diary, which is numbered among the outstanding works of mystical literature. In various apparitions, Jesus asked St. Faustina to celebrate God's Divine Mercy. In response to that, Pope John Paul II, in 2001, declared the second Sunday at Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday, April 24 is the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a Divine Mercy Celebration at 2:30pm on Sunday afternoon. There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture and the Diary of St. Faustina, as well as a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Laying Aside of the White Robe – This Sunday, the newly baptized, now called Neophytes, go through the ceremony of the Laying Aside of the White Robe. At the Easter Vigil, the Neophytes received a white robe which they wore as a symbol of becoming a new creation and being clothed in Christ. In the early Church, the Neophytes proudly wore this robe for an entire week and on the Sunday after Easter, at the end of Mass; they went through this ancient ceremony. Today, our Neophytes, **Stephen Graham, Lilian Msigwa, Sarah Tullio** lay aside their white robes and are given a figure of the Lamb of God, an Easter symbol of Jesus.

Last Weekend – Stephen Graham's two sons, Aiden Zander and Jaxon Theodore were also baptized and one adult, Leidy Osorio was Confirmed.

The Prayer Meeting resumes next Wednesday at 7:30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this praise-filled evening.

Wedding – will be celebrated on April 30 Megan Niessener and Stefano Voci. We offer them our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace, and joy and strength in trials, all the days of their lives together.

ShareLife is next weekend - When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your support makes a difference for the work of this agency: "Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite." Thus far we have raised \$10,277 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give generously.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

The next CWL meeting will take place Monday, May 2nd at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.

All women and young women of the parish 16 and older are welcome to attend. Come and join us for a prayerful, friendly, and informative evening.

Items in the Store – the gift store in the Narthex of the church is now selling items for First Communion.

Parish Donations - you can now make your weekly envelope donation on the church website at www.stpp.church by using *Donate 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.

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Children's Liturgy – has resumed at the 5:00pm, 10:30am & 12:00noon Masses. Children ages 4-9, leave the church at the beginning of Mass so that they may understand the readings of the Mass at their level. They return to their parents at the Offertory of the Mass.

Celebrating the Easter Season

Spring Festival – In ancient times people used to celebrate the return of spring to the earth. As the trees burst into leaf and the birds began to sing, it seemed to them that the darkness and death of winter had been defeated. We still observe some of the customs that go back to that earlier age. But for the past two thousand years, Christians have kept a new kind of spring festival. For us, Easter is the most important celebration of the whole year because it was at Easter time that Jesus died for the sins of the world and rose to a new life and is alive forever. On the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday he won the war against darkness and death, once and for all. For

many centuries before Jesus' birth, the Jewish people had their own special spring festival, called Passover. Passover commemorates the time when God rescued the people of Israel from slavery and Moses led them out of Egypt. Jesus was crucified during Passover time and the first Christians, who were all Jews, turned Passover into the even greater celebration of God's deliverance through Jesus. Of course, Easter and springtime do not always go together. In the southern hemisphere, Easter falls in autumn, at the beginning of winter. But because of Jesus' resurrection, it is still a time of new life and new beginnings.

The Name for Easter – In many European languages, the name for Easter comes from the word Passover, as the following shows: Denmark – Passke, France – Pacques, Holland – Pasen, Italy – Pasqua, Spain – Pascua, Sweden – Pask, Wales – Pasg. In English, the word 'Easter' is not a Christian word at all. It comes from the name of a pagan goddess Eostre or Eastre. Her name meant 'the dawn' so that her festival, which took place every spring, was also about light and waking up to new life. It was the great St. Bede (673-735A.D.) from Jarrow in the northeast of England who first joined the two festivals together. It was one way of converting the pagans to Christianity. The name 'Easter' was kept, but it was the Risen Christ who was worshipped. However, old customs die hard and some of the symbols of our modern Easter probably came from Eostre's festival even if they have long since been given Christian meanings.

Easter Lilies – The Easter Lily, which originated in Japan, was brought to North America in 1882. Since it flowers around Easter time in this part of the world, it soon came to be called an "Easter Lily". Churches began using it as a decoration on Easter Sunday. Although the Easter lily did not originate from a religious symbolism, it has acquired that symbolism. Its radiant whiteness, the delicate beauty of its shape and form, its joyful and solemn aspect, certainly makes it an eloquent herald of the Easter celebration. Besides, lilies have always been symbols of beauty, perfection and goodness as found as found in both the Old and New Testaments.

A special thank you to all those who helped make our Holy Week celebrations so beautiful: Our Choirs, Soloists, Musicians, Hands of Praise Ministry, Lectors, Ministers of Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers, the RCIA team, Banner Bearers, Knights of Columbus, CWL, our Youth Group, and all who helped in any way. A very special thank you to Longo's for their generous donation of the Easter flowers.

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