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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sat. Apr. 30

5:00 pm – +**Domenico & Andreana DeCiantis,**
+**Alberto Barillari**

Sun. May 1

8:00 am - +**William & Regina Ciot**

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

10:30 am - +**Tony Di Zio**

12:00 noon - +**June Pazder**

Mon. May 2

7:00 pm – +**Olga Battaglia**

Wed. May 4

7:00 pm – **For the Intentions of the Parish**
Prayer Line, +Deacon Kevin Brockerville

Fri. May 6

9:00 am– +**Pederupillai & Cecilia Asirvatham**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. May 2 – St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church

Tues. May 3 – **St. Philip & St. James**, apostles

Wed. May 4 – **Bl. Marie-Léonie Paradis**, virgin

Fri. May 6 – **St. Francois de Laval**, bishop

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Today is ShareLife Sunday - "ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins Thus far we have raised \$23,717 toward our goal of \$75,000. Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday 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.

First Communion – We offer our congratulations to the students of St. Padre Pio School who are receiving their First Communion this Sunday at 2:00pm. Thank you to the teachers and parents for helping to prepare the children for this sacrament.

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

Weddings – will be celebrated on May 7th for Victoria Marsala and Francesco Stiso; and Teresa Mazza and Pietro Cioffi. 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.

Baptisms will be held on Sunday, May 8, at 1:00pm, family and friends should be here 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

First Friday – Friday, May 6 is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm. Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9:00am Mass.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

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

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.

Catholic Education Week — April 30/May 1, 2022 — "Rebuild, Renew, Restore Together"
During Catholic Education Week (April 30/May 1, 2022), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province.

Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world.

Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

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.

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.

The Catholic Women's League extends their grateful "thank you" to all parishioners who contributed to the CFFC food drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We collected 200 crates of food (6 skids) and delivered them to the CFFC warehouse on Tues., March 29. Plus 366 pairs of prescription eyeglasses. The staff and warehouse volunteers were very appreciative to see the amount of food they received. This was only possible due to your very generous response. The food was shipped to Peru and Angola. May God bless you for your continued support for this cause.

**Prescription eyeglasses are collected throughout the year. Just bring them to the church office. **

Offertory Envelopes - PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as we recently did a clean-up with unused Offertory Envelopes and have re-assigned numbers. Once you receive your new box, please make sure to write all your information (Name, Address, Phone Number as well as email) for the first few weeks. We also ask that when writing a cheque please do not add multiple collections into one lump sum as we are not able to separate them when entering it into our data system. There is no need to leave multiple envelopes if a week(s) was missed, simply use the one envelope for the week you are attending, and you may add the missed weekly donation(s) into the same envelope to avoid using multiple envelopes. Thank you.

Sanctity of Life Rosary for May – the CWL will be praying the rosary every Sunday in May for the sanctity of all human life. They will begin at 11:40am following the 10:30am Mass. Please try to come to Mass early to join them.

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