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Father George Parayil - Pastor
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Italian
9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 7:00 p.m. (preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 6:45 p.m.)
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. (preceded by the recitation of the Rosary @ 6:45 p.m.)
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Italian)
Friday - 9:00 a.m. (followed by the recitation of the Rosary)

OFFICE:

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday - 8:30am - 7:30pm
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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sat. November 26

5:00 pm – For the People of the Parish

Sun. November 27

8:00 am - +Luigi & Gelsoma Reda,
+Francesco Reda and the deceased members
of the Reda Family

9:15 am – +Delfino Rossetti

10:30 am – +Giuseppe Miceli

12:00 pm – +Manuel Rolo, +Joao Rolo,
+Gloria Rolo

Mon. November 28

7:00 pm – +Alda De Persis

Tues. November 29

9:00 am – +Antonio Ferro Vecchio

Wed. November 30

7:00 pm – Mass of Life and Hope

Thurs. December 1

7:00 pm – +Patricia Virgilio, +Giuseppe
Giuliano

Fri. December 2

9:00 am – +Ada Pasquale Iafrate

7:00pm - +Domenico Abate

Feast Days This Week

Wed. December 30 – **St. Andrew, Apostle**

Offertory Envelopes for 2023 – are now available in the narthex. Please, pick up your box as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Collection for Nov. 20th

Weekly Offertory:	\$5,181.00
PAG (Pre-Authorize Giving)	<u>\$2,850.00</u>
	\$8,031.00

Thank you for your support!

Longo Gift Cards Christmas Drive – the Parish Office will be taking orders for our annual Longo Card Christmas Drive. Cards are available in any denomination. Just drop off your cheque to the office and pick up your cards the following week. Please consider giving Longo cards to charities, friends, families, clients or employees this Christmas. Your gift will also support our Mortgage Fund. Please call the Parish Office to place your order. 905-893-7879.

Wedding - will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 3 for Maurizio Calabreta and Jessica Martire. 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

Mass of Life and Hope - The St. Padre Pio Side by Side Support Ministry will be hosting a Mass on Wed. November 30, 2022 at 7:00pm all are invited to attend.

Anniversary Memorial Mass – There will be no monthly Anniversary Memorial Mass on Wed. November 30. The next Mass will be held on Wed. December 28, 2022 at 7:00pm

Christmas Angel Drive – In partnership with Family Services of York Region (FSYR), we will be holding a Christmas Angel Drive again this year. This charity drive will consist of **monetary and gift card donations** which will be delivered to families living in poverty. No Frills, Walmart, Canadian Superstore, and ToysRus Gift Cards preferred. The gift cards not only help to provide the families with basic necessities but also help parents bring joy to their children at Christmas. Please come visit us in the Narthex after weekend masses from November 19 – December 11. 100% of all donations will be given to families identified by FSYR who are struggling financially. These past years have been especially difficult for those living in poverty. As the Angel who proclaimed the good news of great joy to the shepherds, let us work together as a community of faith to bring hope and blessings to those in most need!

First Friday – Friday, Dec. 2 is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, and Eucharistic Adoration will be exposed until 6:30pm with the Benediction, followed by the 7:00pm Mass. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the narthex for those who wish to spend quiet time in prayer with our Lord.

Baptism – There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, November 28 at 7:30pm in the Church for parents and Godparents of the children being baptized in December.

Children's Nativity Story Play

This year, the children of St. Padre Pio Parish will be putting on a Nativity Story Play at the 5:00pm mass on Christmas Eve. We are looking for children and adult volunteers to participate in the telling of the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Please sign up in the Narthex after all masses this weekend.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this week we are entering in to the season of Advent.

Advent, a season of four Sundays, opens the church year. **The word "advent" is derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival."**

This coming may be:

1. A past experience. God did come in Christ at Christmas. The prophets' promise was fulfilled in the Christ child.
2. A present experience. God may come to you this Christmas in terms of re-birth, either for the first time, or a renewed birth in deeper dimensions of reality.
3. A future experience. Christ will return unpredictably at the end of the world. "He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead."

The mood of Advent is expressed in the liturgical colour, violet. It depicts a feeling of quiet dignity, royalty, and repentance. Violet was the traditional colour of a king's robe; the coming Christ is King of kings. Advent, like Lent, is a time for solemn and sober thought about one's sins leading to repentance. It denotes a quiet time for watching, waiting, and praying for Christ to come again, either personally or universally. Many people asked me about the *Symbolism of the Advent Wreath*

There are four candles in the Advent Wreath. The first candle is the Prophecy candle, announcing the period of waiting. The second candle is the Bethlehem Candle, symbolic of the preparations being made to receive and to cradle the Christ child. The third is the Shepherd's Candle, which typifies the act of sharing Christ. This third candle is usually a pink colour for joy. The fourth candle is the Angels' candle of love and final coming.

Since Advent promises the sure coming of the Lord, its message is "prepare". The Lord is coming whether the world is ready or not. For those unprepared, his coming means judgment. For those ready for his coming, it means salvation. How does Advent suggest that we prepare?

1. Repentance - forsake the sins of the world for a godly way of life.
2. Prayer - pray for the coming of Christ, for he shall save.
3. Patience - his coming may be delayed. Watch and wait, for his coming may be sudden.



Advent

Annual Christmas Concert

Sun. December 4 at 7:00pm – The St. Padre Pio music ministry along with our pastor Fr. George, invites you to our Annual Christmas Concert, it's a wonderful way to bring the Christmas season, festively gather with our community, and support the needs of the church. We are asking for a "Pay What You Can" donation at the door. Even a small donation will help offset the many needs of the church expenses.

Advent Confessions

Wed. December 14 at 7:30pm – Advent Confessions. Following the 7:00pm mass, many priests will be available to hear confessions.

Fr. Siro will be available throughout the season of Advent every Saturday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Confessions will be heard both in English and Italian.

Christmas Schedule

Sat. December 24

5:00 pm – Families and Children
9:00 pm
12:00 midnight

Sun. December 25

8:00 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm



Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Loreta Ieriti and her family on the death of her husband Renato Ieriti. May God grant them His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his passing.

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