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PARISH TEAM:

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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Parish email: info@stpp.church

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday - 8:30am - 7:30pm
Saturday - 10:00am - 6:00pm

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Sat. January 7

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

Sun. January 8

8:00 am - +Carmelina & +Diamante De Lisi,
+Assunta Iafrate

9:15 am - +Maria Del Duca

10:30 am – +Giuseppe Miceli

12:00 pm – +Cecilia Ramos and the Deceased
Members of the Ramos Family

Mon. January 9

7:00 pm – +Antonio Branco

Wed. January 11

7:00 pm - +Adelino & +Albina Jorge, +Sergio
Durante, Thanksgiving Blessings for Raj
Vijayakumar

Thurs. January 12

7:00 pm - +Elena Antonali

Feast Days This Week

Sat. Jan. 7 – **St. Andre Bessette**

Sun. Jan. 8 – **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Mon. Jan. 9 – **The Baptism of the Lord**

Thurs. Jan. 12 – **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Offertory Collection

December 25, 2022

Weekly Offertory \$7,398.10

Christmas Offertory \$14,127.85

\$21,525.95

January 1, 2023

Weekly Offertory \$5,687.10

New Year's Day Offering \$3,554.45

\$9,241.55

Website Prayer Line – Our parish receives many prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the parish office at 905-893-7879 or info@stpp.church and complete the prayer form.

Parish Registration – The office is continuously working on updating the parishioner database. If you/family are not registered and would like to be registered with St. Padre Pio Parish, please see one of the Ushers following Mass and they will provide you with a Parishioner Registration Form. Weekly Offertory Envelopes are available for parishioners who wish to use them and who wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

2023 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex beside the office. Envelopes are sorted numerically; a list has been printed alphabetically to help you find your box number. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please see one of the ushers following mass and they will be happy to help you.

On the first few 2023 envelopes, please write your name and complete address so that the office can ensure your correct information when sending out tax receipts. Please note: All donations received after December 31, 2022 will be included in your 2023 tax receipt. 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.

Missals for 2023 –are available for purchase in the Narthex for \$7.

Prayer Group - Our parish will resume weekly prayer meetings every Wednesday following the 7:00pm Mass beginning **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**. All are welcome to join us.

Memorial Tree Ornaments

Please remember to pick-up your Christmas Ornaments from the Memorial Tree of your loved ones.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Help us start a conference (branch) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Padre Pio Parish! St. Vincent de Paul helps so many marginalized people, including the poor, elderly shut-ins, those with addiction and people in our community who have no where to turn. This is YOUR opportunity to answer Christ's call to serve your neighbors in need and respond to the less fortunate. Please join our information meeting on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM at St. Padre Pio church**

For more information, please contact Margaret Tersigni at stpadrepio.stvincentdepaul@gmail.com

Procedures for Marriage Arrangements

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan law and applies to all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish. 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 Archbishop's office has been consulted. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall etc., can be made. In preparation for the marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple will also receive personal preparation for entering marriage through a Marriage Preparation program. Finally, the couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever!

CWL Meeting

The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on **Monday, January 16 at 7:30** after the 7 Mass. We will be bringing forward some important dates and issues so please try to attend. All ladies 16 years and older are welcome to attend.

Epiphany – January 8

This feast comes from the East and may date back to the second century. Like the later Western feast of Christmas, it celebrates the Incarnation and work of the Son of God among us. In the East, it is not limited to the visit of the wise men, but involves the Incarnation, Birth, Manifestation and Baptism of the Lord. During the fourth century, the West adopted this feast and the East accepted Christmas. On the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that God makes to the world in Jesus Christ. He is the image of the God whom we cannot see. He is the light of the world and leads us back to the Father.

The Epiphany concludes the Christmas cycle as we celebrate the ways in which God's love is manifested or revealed to us through His Son Jesus. As His Church, we are to continue to be the light of the nations, revealing God's love in Christ through our lives as His followers. The Christmas cycle ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

Baptism of the Lord – January 9

At the beginning of His public life, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan: The Father proclaimed that Jesus was the beloved Son, the Spirit was poured upon Him to send Him on His mission; to free us from sin and to save the world. The Church sees our Lord's baptism as a model of our own, particularly of adults. In the blessing of baptismal water at the Easter Vigil His baptism is referred to as one of the signs of God's

power at work among us. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord completes the work of the Christmas season. We have recalled God's marvelous deeds in the incarnation and birth of the saviour. We have answered His call to conversion and are ready to continue working with Him for the glory of God and the salvation of His people. With this feast we end the Christmas season and begin Ordinary Time.

On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is fitting to give thanks to God for the gift of our own baptism.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, ruler of all creation; You have made us your beloved children, brothers and sisters of Jesus our saviour and temples of Your Spirit. Father, we thank you for making us, Christians; give us your help to continue dying to sin and to live with Christ for you. Lead all people into your Kingdom of light. All praise and glory be to you, Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit, now and forever."
Amen.

Thank you to Longo's for their continued support and donation of the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias for the Church.

Marriage Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of February 11/12. There will be a special archdiocesan Mass on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 pm. With His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2023 are welcome to attend the Mass to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. All those not able to attend in person are encouraged to join the celebration via livestream. Registration, online resources and other helpful material can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>



In loving Memory

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Rita Camilleri
Amedeo Ruberto
Maria Di Felice
Attilio Traverso

May they rest in peace. Amen

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