

# The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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## PARISH TEAM:

Father George Parayil - Pastor

Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant

Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant



## Feast of the Holy Family

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Sat. Dec. 30

5:00pm – +Alfieri Digiusto

### Sun. Dec. 31

9:15am – +Antonio La Penna. +Rosa La Penna,  
+Maurizio Muzzati, +Rita Muzzati

5:00pm - +Sarhad Sadiq

### Wed. Jan. 3

7:00pm- Maria Zamparo

### Thurs. Jan. 4

9:00am – + Bill & Dianne Antonini

### Fri. Jan. 5

9:00am – Leonora Ramos and the Deceased

**Members of the Ramos Family**

7:00pm – Michele & Irene Morabito

### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Jan. 1– **The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

Tues. Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Thurs. Jan. 4 – **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Fri. Jan. 5 – **St. John Neumann**

**Reminder** that Mon. January 1 the Office will be closed and will be back to regular office hours on Tues. January 2.

### **New Year's Day**

*"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker and ruler of the universe; you have brought us to the beginning of another year in service.*

*Remember your love for us in Jesus Christ and help us to live for your honour and glory for the salvation of all. Jesus Christ hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever."*

### **Children's Liturgy**

There will be no children's Liturgy from Sunday, December 24 – Sunday, January 14. We wish you and your families and Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

### **Gift Store**

St. Padre Pio Gift Store will be closed for Christmas and New Year's beginning Monday, December 18, 2023 - Friday, January 5, 2024. During this time, if you wish to purchase items, please visit the Parish office between Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

### **Masses for New Year's**

New Year's is the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a major feast. Masses will be celebrated:

Sunday, December 31 at 5:00pm

Monday, January 1 at 8:00am (Italian), 9:15am, 10:30am and 12 noon.

### **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!

**Nativity Scenes** – St. Padre Pio presents its Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World. You will find displays, representing many different countries and cultures, artistic styles and materials. All of them present the different ways that artists have interpreted the birth of Jesus through the ages. Jesus was born for all people, so his birth is depicted reflecting the different artistic styles found in many cultures. The display, in the cabinets at the side entrance of the church, will continue until Sunday, January 7, 2024 the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

### **Re-Direction of the PILGRIMAGE TO France, Spain & Portugal**

**APRIL 7- 18, 2024**

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Under spiritual direction of Fr. George Parayil, Pastor he will be leading a group on a 12 Day Marian Pilgrimage to France, Spain & Portugal. Price includes Flight, Hotel, 2 Meals Daily, Sightseeing as per itinerary, Tips to driver, guides, restaurants and hotels. For more information and registration call:

Stan – 647-463-9057 [stan@ihtours.com](mailto:stan@ihtours.com)

Please see the flyer that can be found in the narthex for more information.



**PICK UP YOUR 2024  
Weekly Offertory Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2024 envelopes as soon as possible. The offertory envelopes have been made available for pick-up since the end of October and will soon be removed from the narthex. As you have been previously informed

there was a re-organization of all unused envelopes that had not been picked up or used over the past couple of years. Due to the cost of printing envelopes, we have now reassigned any unused envelopes that have not been picked up and we will continue to reassign them to parishioners wishing to use weekly offertory envelopes.

Please see an usher or volunteer that will be able to assist you with your envelopes. Thank you for your generous donations and understanding.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

**A Blessing for Families**

*Blessed are you, Eternal God, King of the Universe;  
You have called us in Jesus to be your beloved people,  
Living pure and blameless lives in your sight.  
Bless our family who ask for your grace.  
Let your Spirit guide our words and deeds,  
so that our light may shine before all and lead all who  
know us to give you praise.  
May our home be filled with the Spirit of Love, with  
obedience and the strength of hope.  
Father all-holy, we praise your name, and ask  
this blessing through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**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 wish to be added to the prayer line please visit our website at [www.stpp.church](http://www.stpp.church) to complete the prayer request form or email the parish office at [stpadrepio@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpadrepio@archtoronto.org)

**First Friday**

Friday, January 5 is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, followed by the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration will be available for personal prayer time until 6:30 pm with Benediction, followed by the 7:00 pm Mass.

"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest". (Mt 11:28)

First Friday of the Month Adoration Adorers needed for the hours from 2:30pm - 5:00pm. For more information, please contact Anna 416.471.6585.

**An Hour with Jesus**

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? What would you talk about? Come and find out. Beginning at 6:00pm on every first Friday the month, you can come and spend an hour with Jesus in praise and worship music, meditation, reflection and adoration – all in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. At the heart of Eucharistic Adoration is our Lord Jesus Christ – so come and spend some time with him. No formal prayer is needed. Just a willingness to meet with Jesus. People of all ages are welcome to attend, to sing, praise and have a dialogue with Jesus straight from their hearts.

**Best Wishes** for the coming year! Deacon Curtis, Deacon Gary the Office Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to everyone for a very happy New and Blessed New Year! We, also thank you so much for the kind Christmas greetings that we received over the holidays. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George Parayil



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