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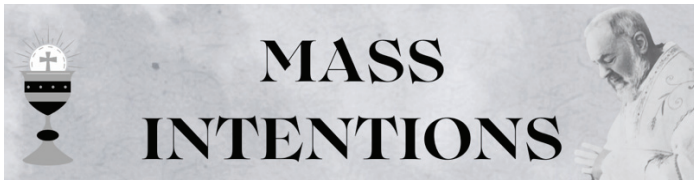
Father George Parayil - Pastor

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Feast of the Holy Family



Sat. Dec. 28

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

Sun. Dec. 29

8:00am –

9:15am – **+Rita Muzzati, +Maurizzio Muzzati, +Antonio La Penna, +Rosa La Penna**

10:30am – **+Primo Di Renzo**

12:00pm – **For the Deceased Members of the Virgilio and Romanelli Families.**

Mon. Dec. 30

7:00pm – **+Luigina Catalli, +Nino Catalli**

Tues. Dec. 31

9:00am –

5:00pm –

Wed. Jan. 1

9:00am –

10:30am –

12:00pm – **+Manuel De Melo**

Thurs. Jan. 2

9:00am –

Fri. Jan. 3

9:00am – **+Teresa Vijayaratnam**

7:00pm – **+Bill Antonini, +Diane Antonini**

Feast Days This Week

Sat. Dec. 28 – **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Sun. Dec. 29 – **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Thurs. Jan. 2 – **St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

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

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed on:

Tuesday, December 31 at 12:00noon

Wednesday, January 1

Gift Store

St. Padre Pio Gift Store will be closed for Christmas and New Year's beginning Monday, December 23, 2024 - Sunday, January 5, 2025. 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 Years is the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Masses will be celebrated:

Tues, Dec. 31 at 5:00pm

Wed, Jan. 1 at 9:00am (Italian), 10:30am, 12:00pm.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's Liturgy from Sunday, December 29 – Sunday, January 5. We will resume our regular schedule on Sunday, January 12. We wish you and your families a Blessed New Year.

First Friday

Friday, January 3rd, is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, 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 6:00 pm with Benediction, during An Hour with Jesus, followed by the 7:00 pm Mass.

An Hour with Jesus

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? What would you talk about? Come and find out every First Friday at 6PM, 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.

Thank You

We would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Christmas celebrations, especially those who decorated the church, our Musicians and Singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Banner Bearers and Altar Servers.

HOLY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

October 6 – 17, 2025

\$5,190.00

Under the spiritual direction of our Pastor, Fr. George Parayil, we will be embarking on a 12-Day Pilgrimage to Italy. Price includes Flight, Hotel, 2 Meals Daily, Sightseeing as per itinerary, Tips, Guides, Restaurants and Hotels. For more information and registration, visit the website at:

<https://www.ihtours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-italy-27/> or contact Stan at 647-463-9057 or the parish office at 905-893-7879. Flyers can be found in the narthex for more details.

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Weekly Novena to St. Padre Pio

Every Friday morning, we will be praying a one-day Novena to our Patron Saint, St. Padre Pio. The Novena will happen after the 9:00am mass.

Passion Play 2025: A Musically Immersed Experience

We are excited to announce that Passion Play rehearsals will be starting in January. Following the success of the last two years, the 2025 Passion Play is highly anticipated. This year's musically immersed production will be performed on two evenings (Friday, April 11, 2025, at 7:30 PM and Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 7:30 PM), at St. Padre Pio Church - and you won't want to miss it! Tickets go on sale February 1, so stay tuned for further announcements. Currently, **we are looking for Volunteer Actors for Speaking and Non-Speaking Roles, as well as Sponsors, Advertisers for the Souvenir Program and Donors for Raffle and Silent Auction Prizes.** As this is a major fundraising event for our Parish, (last year's production raised over \$78,000), we hope that our community supports this important event. For more information or to get involved in this community project, please contact Liana Del Mastro, Director, at stpadrepiopassionplay@gmail.com.

Tip Tap Pay

St. Padre Pio, through the Archdiocese of Toronto, has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support the parish through a convenient and easy method. Simply tap and hold your debit or credit card to the TipTap device to donate to your parish.

We have installed the kiosk in the narthex. You will see three devices and denominations - \$5, \$10 & \$20. To donate using this method, all you have to do is tap your credit or debit card on the amount you wish to donate. You can also tap more than once to customize the amount of your donation. Your card will be charged only the amount indicated on the device each time you tap using your card.

You can also receive a tax receipt. After your first tap, scan the QR code available at the stand right away using your smart phone and register your payment card. You only need to register once.

We are happy to provide this new way of giving to parishioners and visitors who no longer carry cash or prefer to use digital giving to support the Parish.

Thank you for your kind heart and for supporting our church! Should you have any questions, please contact Liana, our Lay Pastoral Associate – stpadrepiolPA@archtoronto.org.

Happy New 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 and Blessed New Year!
- Fr. George Parayil, *Pastor*

Please do not use envelopes from previous years

as we are continuously, re-assigning offertory envelopes that have not been picked up. If you use a previously assigned number your donation **may not** be attributed to your donations. Please remember to add your full name and address to your offertory envelopes to ensure your information is assigned to the correct offertory number.

Offertory Donations

All donations received after December 31, 2024, will go towards your 2025 tax receipt.

Parish Mission

What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?

Join us as we begin the new year for a powerful three-day parish mission led by Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

Monday, January 20, 2025, 7PM: The Saints

How are they the heroes of our faith? Am I a saint in training?

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7PM: Prayer

Is it worth it? Does God listen to me? Answered or unanswered prayers – which do I believe in?

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7PM: The Family of Faith

Do I consider my Parish a family? How do I build up my family of faith? I want to belong – how do I do it?

Please Mark your Calendars and join us to deepen your faith!



We offer the following couple who will celebrate the sacrament of marriage this coming week our best wishes and ask God to bless them and grant them happiness, peace, joy and strength in trials, all the days of their lives together.

Gabriele Gagliano and Julia Rita Occhiuto

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