# The Parish Community of

# St. Padre Pio

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#### **PARISH TEAM:**

Father George Paravil - Pastor Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday -5:00 pm

8:00 am Italian Sunday

9:15 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

Monday 7:00 pm (Italian)

9:00 am (preceded by the Divine Tuesday

Mercy Chaplet at 8:45am)

7:00 pm (preceded by the recitation Wednesday

of the Rosary at 6:45pm)

Thursday 9:00 am

9:00 am (Novena to St. Padre Pio, Friday

followed by the recitation of the Rosary)

#### **OFFICE:**

Parish Secretary: Liza De Sousa

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Youth Minister: Anna De Cicco

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#### Office Hours:

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

#### SOCIETY of SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

St Padre Pio Conference Phone: 289-216-2500 Email: stpadrepio.stvincentdepaul@gmail.com

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#### **OUR SCHOOLS:**

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#### **BAPTISMS:**

By appointment at least **two months in advance**. Instruction may be required.

#### CONFESSIONS:

Mondays - 6:30 - 7:00 pm (Italian)

Saturday - 4:00 - 4:30 pm 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.



#### Saturday, May 10

5:00 pm - + Manuel Ferreiro

**†** Thomas Ferreiro

#### Sunday, May 11

8:00 am - + Vincenzo Prospero

9:15 am - + Elisabetta Figliomeni

+ Caterina Belcastro

10:30 am - + John De Cotis

+ Domenico Pirruccio

12:00 pm - + Isabella Virgilio

+ Patricia Virgilio

+ Isa Virgilio

+ Sadie Romanelli

#### Monday, May 12

7:00 pm - + Immacolata Zollo

**+**Antonio Tersigni

+Cosimo Femia

+Andrea D'Amario

#### Tuesday, May 13

9:00 am - + Restituta Catallo

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:00 pm -+ Sivavthani Baptist

+ Vito Burdi

+ Santino Annisi

+ Giovanni Annisi
Intention of Alan & Joceyln Bensley
Intention of Julie Kaczorowski & Sons

#### Thursday, May 15

9:00 am - Giuseppe Molinario

Friday, May 16

9:00 am - +Higney Family

#### **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 the requests. If you

wish to be added to the prayer line, please visit our website stpadrepio.archtoronto.org/ to complete the prayer request form.

#### **SHARELIFE**

# **SL** ShareLife

The next Sharelife special collection will be held June 7/8, 2025. ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. This year, to date, we have raised \$22,495.00 for ShareLife. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, found in the narthex, online through our website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

#### **CWL FUNDRAISER-KRISPY KREME DONUTS**

Support the Catholic Women's League (CWL) by treating yourself to some delicious Krispy Kreme donuts! Pre-sales will take place after all Masses on May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Donuts are \$15.00 per dozen. Cash or e-transfer accepted (stpadrepiocwl@gmail.com). Pick up your orders after all Masses on May 24-25. All proceeds go to support St. Padre Pio Parish through the CWL. Thank you for your support!

#### **PRO-LIFE ROSARY IN MAY**

The CWL will be praying the rosary after the 10:30 Mass every Sunday in May. We will begin promptly at 11:35 am. Please join us as we pray for our precious unborn and for the dignity of all human life.



#### **CWL ANNUAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Catholic Women's League of St. Padre Pio Parish invites all women of the parish to join us for the annual Women's Breakfast on May 24th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at Roma's Hospitality Centre, in Mississauga. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$50 for young ladies 12 and older. It is a wonderful opportunity to get together and enjoy a morning together as sisters in Christ, to honour our Holy Mother. Tickets will be on sale May 11th and May 17 & 18 the in the narthex after all the Masses. Hope you can make it.

#### FOOD DRIVE FOR VAUGHAN FOOD BANK

St Vincent de Paul is collecting food to help the Vaughan Food Bank better serve struggling families in our community. All non-perishable food items can be dropped off this weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, before and after all the masses.



Please place all your donated food in the bins located in the narthex beginning Saturday May 10th until Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>. We

will no longer be accepting food donations after this weekend. Thank you for your support, as remember our neighbours in need.

#### PILGRIMAGES TO ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

St. Padre Pio Parish has been identified as a holy place of worship by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Our church will serve as a pilgrimage destination during the Jubilee Year, and with the relics of St. Padre Pio, the church has already established itself as a Holy place of interest for Catholics, as well as those with a devotion to our Patron Saint. We are scheduling pilgrimages and visits to the church for small and large groups. If your parish or religious group would like to book a visit, please contact Liana Del Mastro, Lay Pastoral Associate at stpadrepioLPA@archtoronto.org

#### PROCEDURES FOR GETTING MARRIED

Couples planning to be married must contact the Church at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan rule across all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish or live within our church boundaries. Sacraments should always be celebrated at the church that you frequent or live within the boundaries of. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall, can be made. In preparation for your marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever! For further information, contact the Lay Pastoral Associate, Liana at stpadrepioLPA@archtoronto.org

#### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MOTHER MARY

An Excerpt From Cardinal Francis Leo's Special Message Dear Brothers and Sisters, during the entire month of May - the month of Mary - I encourage you to take the time to get to know Our Lady better by reading about her, talking to her, seeking her help and celebrating with us. When we call Mary "Our Mother", we simultaneously acknowledge her as the Mother of God, and as our mother. Mary is the favoured one who bore the Second Person of the Trinity in her heart and in her womb. With these three simple words, Our Blessed Mother, we recall both the Annunciation and The Crucifixion. There is an undeniable profundity and simplicity that accompanies authentic Marian spirituality and devotion, that I am inviting you to take up with greater vigour this month.

# REGISTERING WITH THE PARISH & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you attend mass at St. Padre Pio Parish, or live within Parish boundaries, we kindly suggest that you register with the church. Parishioner registration forms can be obtained from the Parish office or are also available in the narthex. Should you wish to receive a box of envelopes for your donations, you must come and pick it up from the Parish office. Boxes are not automatically distributed upon registration. All donations that are received once you register are eligible for tax receipts.



Congratulations to the following couples who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Padre Pio Parish.

Marina Mostaert Locio & Anthony Mattei Juliana Cerato & Anthony Buccella Julia Ferrari & Robert Rocchetti Jamille Narag & John-Paul Spina

May the Lord bless them and fill their lives with happiness.



#### Congratulations To Fr. Alvin

On behalf of St. Padre Pio Parish family, I would like to congratulate our newly ordained priest, Rev. Fr. Alvin Joy.

#### ABOUT FR. ALVIN

Rev. Fr. Alvin Thevalakkara Joys, 29, Archdiocese of Toronto, was born in India and moved to Canada with his family in 2000 at the age of four. Raised in a devout Catholic household, he grew up with a deep connection to his faith thanks to the formation of his parents. He is the eldest child in the family and has two younger sisters. Alvin served as an altar server and parishioner at both St. Padre Pio



Parish in Kleinberg and St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Cathedral in Mississauga. His spiritual journey was greatly influenced by his involvement with Jesus Youth, a lay missionary movement he joined in grade eight which began to shape in him a desire to serve God. Alvin pursued a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from the University of Waterloo, working in various software roles during his studies. Though the priesthood crossed his mind as a child—partly inspired by his uncle who is a priest in India—it was in his final year of university that he felt a profound call to discern the priesthood.

In 2018, he entered formation and he completed his studies of Philosophy and Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. Over the past few years he has experienced God's love and mercy in great ways. He eagerly anticipates sharing this love, and working for the people of God as a priest in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

#### News About The Rectory

Brothers & Sisters, while I was away on holiday last January for two weeks, I reached out to one of our devoted parishioners—a very dear family friend, Mr. Joe Pinto (Luxor Homes)—to discuss the possibility of adding an attached washroom to the Church rectory. My intention was simply to create a more suitable space, particularly in anticipation of welcoming an associate pastor who would need such a facility.

To my amazement, when I returned from my holidays, I found that not only had the washroom been completed, but the entire rectory had been beautifully renovated, completely transformed into a brand-new home. Remarkably, this was all done without charging the church a single dollar. The Pinto family generously invested nearly \$350,000 into this project. The rectory, which was almost 25 years old, is now a fresh, welcoming space thanks to their immense kindness.

I truly believe this was the hand of God at work—sending a generous heart at just the right time. Our entire parish has been deeply blessed by this extraordinary act of love and service.

On behalf of St. Padre Pio Parish I extend my heartfelt thanks to Joe Pinto (Luxor) and his family for their generous support. May God richly bless you for your kindness and generosity.

#### Special Thanks For Our Parking Lot

Dear friends, as many of you have seen, our church parking lot has been beautifully paved—safe, accessible, and welcoming. What you may not know is that this project, which cost a substantial \$430,000, was entirely funded by four incredibly generous individuals within our church family. These donors, who have chosen to give so selflessly, have made a lasting impact not just on the property of this church, but on its mission and ministry.

To our four donors: Domenic Gurreri and Family of Forest Group (\$65,000), Sam Di Gregorio of Dig Con International (\$65,000), Saverio Di Mondo and Family (\$150,000) and Ben Virgilio and Family (\$150,000), your generosity is a testimony of faith in action. You saw a need, you believed in the vision, and you stepped forward in trust and love. Because of your kindness, we now have a parking space that reflects the spirit of excellence and hospitality we strive for in all that we do. We are reminded in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that "God loves a cheerful giver." Today, we thank God for each of you—for your cheerful hearts, your vision for the future of this church, and your willingness to invest in a legacy that will serve generations to come.

On behalf of the entire church, thank you. May God return your kindness a hundredfold and may the fruits of your generosity continue to multiply in this place. Let us continue to walk forward gratefully, united, and inspired. Thank you, and God bless you all.





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