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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Italian)
Friday - 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE:

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Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00am to 4pm
5:30pm to 8:30pm

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:

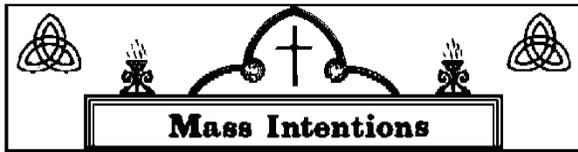
We are available to visit the sick in the home or hospital and to bring communion. Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sat. Apr. 9
7:30pm **For the People of the Parish**
Sun. Apr. 10
9:15am +**Rino Mazzuca**
12:00 noon + **Vittoria & Domenic Congiusti**
Mon. Apr. 12
7:00pm +**Alberto Pitton**
Wed. Apr. 14
7:00pm +**Filomena Savelli, +Mary Althea Holt, +Antonio Tersigni, +Agnes Gomes**
Thurs. Apr. 15
7:00pm +**Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Fri. Apr. 16
7:00pm +**Lidio & Elena Iacobelli**

Feast Days This Week

Tues. Apr. 13 – **St. Martin I**, pope, martyr
Sat. Apr. 17 – **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, virgin, Protectress of Canada

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday

The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is \$85,400.00

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

– *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Confirmation: (for those who missed in 2020)
Confirmation Masses will take place this week as follows:

Mon. Apr. 12 – St. Andrew School at 6pm
Tues. Apr. 13 – St. Andrew School at 6pm
Wed. Apr. 14 – St. Padre Pio School at 6pm
Fri. Apr. 16 – St. Padre Pio School at 6pm

Because of the limited capacity during the pandemic, only a small number of students at a time may take part in the Mass. This would also include 9 guests for each student, including sponsor and parents. The Mass will be very simple – no singing (as per the Archdiocese), no lectors, no offertory procession, no robes, and no group photos (as per the Archdiocese). Everyone including the students should be wearing

masks for the entire celebration. This is a very difficult time and we are trying to do our best to serve the needs of our students and their families.

Weekday Masses – On Monday and Wednesday evening of this week, and on Monday and Wednesday evenings of next week, there will be Confirmation Masses at 6pm. The 7pm Masses will continue as usual. However, because there will not be time to sanitize the pews after the Confirmations, parishioners are asked to use the side pews for the Parish Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday – The origins of this feast are found in the apparitions of Jesus to a Polish nun, called Sister Faustina. She was born in 1905 in Glogouneo near Lodz, Poland, to a large peasant family. After a few years of service with affluent families, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In the convent she zealously discharged the duties of cook, gardener and doorkeeper. She led an extraordinary rich, spiritual life, which abounded in a variety of mystical gifts. Her mission consisted in reminding the world of the truth of God's merciful love, transmitting new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy, and inspiring a religious renewal in the spirit of that devotion. She died in Krakow in 1938 and was canonized a saint in April 2000. She left behind a spiritual diary, which is numbered among the outstanding works of mystical literature. In various apparitions, Jesus asked St. Faustina to celebrate God's Divine Mercy. In response to that, Pope John Paul II, in 2001, declared the second Sunday at Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Celebration – Since the Divine Mercy may not be sung because of the pandemic, and the Divine Mercy booklets may not be given out and returned, again because of the pandemic, there will NOT be a Divine Mercy Celebration this year.

Baptisms will take place next Sunday, April 18th at 1pm. Families should be at the church by 12:45pm.

Church Capacity at 15% - during this present shut-down, church capacity is at 15% until the end of April. When the two centre sections of pews are full, that is our full capacity, and no one else may enter the church BY LAW. It is strongly recommended that you come early for a seat during this difficult time.

Celebrating the Easter Season

Spring Festival – In ancient times people used to celebrate the return of spring to the earth. As the trees burst into leaf and the birds began to sing, it seemed to them that the darkness and death of winter had been defeated. We still observe some of the customs that go back to that earlier age. But for the past two thousand years, Christians have kept a new kind of spring festival. For us, Easter is the most important celebration of the whole year because it was at Easter time that Jesus died for the sins of the world and rose to a new life and is alive forever. On the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday he won the war against darkness and death, once and for all. For many centuries before Jesus' birth, the Jewish people had their own special spring festival, called Passover. Passover commemorates the time when God rescued the people of Israel from slavery and Moses led them out of Egypt. Jesus was crucified during Passover time and the first Christians, who were all Jews, turned Passover into the even greater celebration of God's deliverance through Jesus. Of course, Easter and springtime do not always go together. In the southern hemisphere, Easter falls in autumn, at the beginning of winter. But because of Jesus' resurrection, it is still a time of new life and new beginnings.

The Name for Easter – In many European languages, the name for Easter comes from the word Passover, as the following shows: Denmark – Passke, France – Pacques, Holland – Pasen, Italy – Pasqua, Spain – Pascua, Sweden – Pask, Wales – Pasg. In English, the word 'Easter' is not a Christian word at all. It comes from the name of a pagan goddess Eostre or Eastre. Her name meant 'the dawn' so that her festival, which took place every spring, was also about light and waking up to new life. It was the great St. Bede (673-735A.D.) from Jarrow in the northeast of England who first joined the two festivals together. It was one way of converting the pagans to Christianity. The name 'Easter' was kept, but it was the Risen Christ who was worshipped. However, old customs die hard and some of the symbols of our modern Easter probably came from Eostre's festival even if they have long since been given Christian meanings.

A special thank you to all those who helped make our Holy Week celebrations so beautiful: Our soloists, musicians, lectors, ministers of Communion, ushers, altar servers, RCIA team, Knights of Columbus, CWL, and all who helped in any way. A very special thank you to Longo's for their generous donation of the Easter flowers.

Tax Receipts have been mailed from the Archdiocese this year, due to the pandemic.

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in the Narthex. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. Please do not touch all the boxes and please sanitize your hands after picking up our box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES.

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.

Parish Donations - you can now make your weekly envelope donation on the church website at www.stpp.church/home.html by using the *Parish Donations* blue donor box. Please indicate your envelope number on the form. A receipt will automatically be e-mailed back to you. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office will not be open to the public at this time. However, the telephones are answered daily if you require assistance with booking Mass intentions etc. Please call 905-893-7879.

A Reminder that the 10:30am Mass on Sunday is available to watch on our website: www.stpp.church. One half hour after Mass is over; it will be available for playback for one week.

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels and Electrical Room to be completed
Back Sacristy: Upper Storage Room with stairs
Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette
Washrooms
Hall and Stage
Kitchen
Storage
Outside: Outdoor Amphitheatre at rear of church
Top coat for paving
Two wells at sides of church – rocks
Landscaping (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers)

If you or someone you know would like to assist in any way with these projects, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893- 7879.

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