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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.

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Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:00am to 4pm

5:30pm to 8:30pm

OUR SCHOOLS:

St. Andrew School 905-893-1968
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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sat. Dec. 5
5:00 pm +**Nunzio Varricchio**
Sun. Dec. 6
8:00am +**Alfonso Tontodonato**
9:15 am +**Patricia Virgilio**
10:30am **For the People of the Parish**
12:00 noon +**Tecla Tarantino**
Mon. Dec. 7
7:00pm +**Maria Palleschi**
Tues. Dec. 8
9:00am +**John DeCotis**
Wed. Dec. 9
7:00pm +**Flora Palladini, +Marie-Andree Vergis**
Thurs. Dec. 10
7:00pm +**Souls in Purgatory**
Fri. Dec. 11
9:00am +**Luciano DeLuca**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Dec. 7 – **St. Ambrose**, bishop, doctor of the Church
Tues. Dec. 8 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Wed. Dec. 9 – **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlaloatzin**
Thurs. Dec. 10 – **Our Lady of Lourdes**
Fri. Dec. 11 – **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas

Christmas Set-up – On Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6pm, we will be setting up the two large trees in the sanctuary, and the indoor Nativity scene in the church. We will also be bringing up other decorations from the church basement. If you can help, please just be at the church at 6:00pm that day.

Rejoice Sunday – Next Sunday is Gaudete Sunday or Rose Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice'. On that Sunday, the Church changes from its traditional Advent colour of purple to the colour rose. As a sign of joy, why not wear something rose-coloured to Mass next weekend.

Baptisms – will be celebrated next Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1pm. Family and friends should be here by 12:45.

Christmas Together: A Carol Concert – Normally, our annual Carol Concert is held on the First Sunday of Advent, but this year, because of the pandemic, it will be held virtually and livestreamed to your home [on Sunday, December 13](#), which is Gaudete or Rose [Sunday, at 6pm](#). Our talented musicians and singers look forward to sharing their special talents

and gifts with you, bringing the community together and relaying messages of hope, joy and inspiration through the power of music.

Christmas Angel Drive – This year has been especially challenging for those living in poverty. For this reason, St. Padre Pio Parish has decided to go forward with the annual Christmas Drive but in a modified, safe format. In partnership with Family Services of York Region (FSYR), we have launched a Christmas Angel Drive which will consist of **monetary and gift card donations only**. No Frills, Walmart, or Canadian Superstore Gift Cards are preferred. Please come visit us in the Narthex after weekend masses until Dec. 6. 100% of all donations will be given to families identified by FSYR who are living below the poverty line. As the Angel who proclaimed the good news of great joy to the shepherds, let us work together as a community of faith to bring hope and blessings to those who are in most need!

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Panettone and Torrone this year until Dec. 13. These make excellent gifts for your family, friends or employees. The money raised allows the Knights to assist many charities, like Coats for Kids. This year the sales will be done in a safe and contactless way. Parishioners will be able to choose from a small array of samples in the Narthex. After you place your order, drive to the front of the church, pop your trunk, and allow the Knights to place the product in your car.

A Reminder that the 10:30am Mass on Sunday is available to watch on our website: www.stpp.church

Longo Gift Cards Christmas Drive – the Parish Office will be taking orders for our annual Longo Card Christmas Drive. Cards are available in any denomination. Just drop off your cheque to the office and pick up your cards the following weekend. Please consider giving Longo cards to charities, friends, families, clients or employees this Christmas. Your gift will also support our Mortgage Fund. Please call the Parish Office to place your order. 905-893-7879.

Nativity Scenes – St. Padre Pio presents its tenth Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled 'Joy to the World.' Because of the pandemic, no new nativities will be displayed this year. Nativities from the previous nine years will be displayed again. They represent 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 Sun. Jan. 10/21, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in the Narthex. Envelopes are sorted alphabetically. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please ask one of the Ushers to get you a new box. Please do not touch all the boxes and sanitize your hands after picking up your box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES

An Advent Service for the Home

A member of the family lights two purple candles on the Advent wreath.

Leader: Rejoice the Lord is at hand.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

(A family member reads the suggested bible passage for the day)

First Week of Advent:

Sunday - Isaiah 40:1-5

Monday - Genesis 3:1-7

Tuesday - Genesis 3:8-13, 22-23

Wednesday - Hosea 11:3-4

Thursday - Psalm 130

Friday - Micah 6:6-8

Saturday - Jeremiah 14:8-9

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of all people and send Your Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Leader: May the almighty and merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

All: Amen.

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 Office – Will not be open to the public at his time. However, we will open on Tuesday from

10:00am to 12:00pm and Wednesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, by appointment only.

A Guide to St. Padre Pio Church THE AMBO

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it."

The ambo is the place from which the scriptures are read, and the Gospel proclaimed. It is the table of God's Word from which the essence of the Christian proclamation is made, "Christ is Risen." Because readings from the ambo prepare us for the Eucharist, both the ambo and the altar are made of the same material, in this case, golden Jerusalem limestone.

THE BOOK OF GOSPELS

"Grouped around the throne were four living creatures...The first was like a lion...the second like a bull...the third had a human face...and the fourth was like an eagle."

These four living creatures from the Book of revelation have come to represent the four evangelists, and their symbols are found on the cover of the Book of Gospels, enthroned at the front of the ambo, from which the Word of God is proclaimed. For the Sunday liturgies, a special book of Gospels, with a gold and silver cover is used.

Christmas Joy! Christmas Mass Schedule

The following schedule is tentative as restrictions for the churches can change very quickly. All Masses will have musicians and a cantor only. There will be no choirs, brass or banner ministry. This year, because of the pandemic, and as per the Archdiocese, the congregation may not sing at these Masses, since droplets from singing can travel over 10 feet. Since we can only have 30% capacity, the Masses will be much smaller this year. For these reasons, there will not be a Midnight Mass this year. This will be a very difficult Christmas this year, but we want to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Christmas Eve – Thursday, Dec. 24

(note: there will not be a 7pm Italian Mass)

6:00pm

8:00pm

10:00pm

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

8:00am Italian

9:15am

10:30am

12:00pm

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