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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 - 8:30am – 7:30pm

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.



Sat. Dec. 11

5:00 pm +Domenico & Giuseppina Sardella, +Liberato & Ersilia Marinelli

Sun. Dec. 12

8:00 am +Franco Coniglio

9:15 am Isabella Virgilio

10:30 am + Maria Vomiero & Deceased Members of the Vomiero Family

12:00 noon +For the People of the Parish

Mon. Dec. 13

7:00 pm +Marie-Andre Vergis, +Cliff Mayo +Nabil Zereik

Wed. Dec. 15

7:00 pm +Isabella Virgilio, +Ida Cavallo, +Franco Coniglio, +Rev. P. Wallace Platt,

+Deacon Michael Quirke

Thurs. Dec. 16 +Maria Vomiero & Deceased Members of the Vomiero Family, +Marie Danielle Verre

Fri. Dec. 17

9:00 am +Livia Celetano

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, virgin, martyr

Tues. Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor

of the Church

Rejoice Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called 'Gaudete Sunday' or 'Rose Sunday'. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice' and today the Church rejoices that Advent is half over and the coming of Jesus is closer. The rose-coloured vestments are used at Mass – a further sign of our rejoicing at the nearness of our Saviour.

Archdiocesan Week of Confessions: Confessions will be heard in all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto this week. Dates and times may be found on our bulletin board. Our confession times will be Wednesday. Dec. 15 from 11:30am to 12pm, 2:30pm to 3:00pm, 5:30pm to 6:00pm, and 7:30 to 8:00pm.

An Advent Service for the Home

A member of the family lights three pink candles on the Advent wreath – two purple and one pink.

Leader: Rejoice the Lord is at hand.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

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

Third Week of Advent:

Sunday Isaiah 9:6-7 Monday Isaiah 7:10-14 Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-6 Wednesday Isaiah 40:10-11 Thursday Isaiah 52:7 Friday Jeremiah 33:14-16

Saturday Malachi 3:1-2

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All**: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who sent prophets to prepare the way for the coming of your Son, help us to hear their warning and their measure of joy which was given for all people; so that at the birthday of your Son, our redeemer, we may receive Him more joyfully into our hearts. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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

All: Amen

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples – December 12- The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 9Dec. 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their indigenous brothers and sisters in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

Baptisms

We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized on Saturday of last weekend.

Kennedy Nicole Iatzko
Sebastian Anthony Federici Lue Pann
Emily Medeiros
Luca Daniel Montanaro
Jonathan Nicki Rossit

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at 12:00noon and on Sunday, December 12th at 1:00pm. Family and friends should be here 15 minutes prior to the ceremony

Christmas Angel Drive –In partnership with Family Services of York Region (FSYR), we are holding a Christmas Angel Drive again this year. This charity drive will consist of monetary and gift card donations which will be delivered to families living in poverty. No Frills, Walmart, and Canadian Superstore Gift Cards are preferred. This year we will also be requesting ToysRus Gift Cards to help parents bring joy to their children at Christmas. 100% of all donations will be given to families identified by FSYR who are struggling financially. These past two years have been especially difficult for those living in poverty. 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 in most need! This is the last weekend for the drive.

The Knights of Columbus – are selling Panettone, for every \$25 spent, you will receive a free cheese. Please support our charities and buy your Christmas Panettone from the Knights. This is the last weekend that they will be selling the Panettone.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 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 of the boxes and sanitize your hands after picking up your box. PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE THE BOXES

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.

Christmas Joy! Christmas Mass Schedule

This is the first time in two years that we will have Christmas Masses with a congregation. Because of the growing number of people who are returning to church, we will have 8 Christmas Mases this year. Our capacity is still limited because of social distancing. This means that once all four sections in the church are full and with a limited number of people in the narthex, the church will have reached full capacity and the doors will be closed and no one else may enter. So please come early if you expect to get a seat. The Masses will be very simple, with musicians and soloists only, however, the brass will play at the midnight Mass. Another sign of good news, we will be able to start singing again. The Archdiocese has given us the go-ahead, a sign that the pandemic is slowly winding down, but we will still have to wear masks. It will be wonderful to hear everyone singing the Christmas Carols and all the parts of the Mass.

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24

6:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

8:00 am Italian 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon

(Please note that there will **not** be a 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 25)

The midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas morning will be livestreamed on our website: www.stpp.church

Advent December 17 to 24 – The Advent days from Dec. 17 to 24 are intended as a direct preparation for Christmas. There are special readings from Scripture for the Masses. And Dec. 17 also marks the beginning of the "O" Antiphons, an ancient part of our liturgy, dating back to the 4th century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These Antiphons which are used at Evening Prayer and in the Gospel Acclamation, address Christ with seven Messianic titles, bases on Old Testament prophecies. They are also found in the ancient hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. During this same period, some cultures have very early morning Masses and Las Posadas, a reenactment of the journey to Bethlehem.

The Gift Store has reopened, however, only one person at a time is allowed in to make a purchase.

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 by using *Donate Box*. Please indicate your envelope number on the form. A receipt will automatically be e-mailed back to you. Thank you for your generosity.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Jessica Torres and her family on the death of her mother Rosa Edith Torres. May God grant her eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.

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