

The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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Father George Parayil - Pastor

Father Nicetus Nicodemus Tairo - Associate Pastor

Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant

Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant

prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm - † John Carlos Santos

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am - † Luis Ridoutt

† Maria Louisa Marreros

9:15 am - † Nick Bertucci

10:30 am - † Giuseppe Miceli

12:00 pm - † Manuel Barbosa

Monday, December 22

7:00 pm - † Maria Vomiero

† Rachelina Ambrosio

Tuesday, December 23

9:00 am - 65th Birthday Blessing for
Anna Marchelletta

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

9:00 pm - † For the Deceased Members of the
Amahan, Coloma & Cajuday
Families

12:00 am - † Vincenzo Prospero

Thursday, December 25

8:00 am - † Vittoria & Domenico Congiusti

† Benedetta & Giovanni Del Mastro

9:15 am - For the People of the Parish

10:30 am - † Paolo Morresi & Connie Morressi

12:00 pm - † Vincenzo Prospero

Friday, December 26

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Blessings for
Madelyn

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 25:

The Nativity of the Lord

Friday, December 26:

Saint Stephen



MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

There will be no Monthly Memorial Mass for the month of December. Our next mass to honour our deceased loved ones will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7PM.

CLOSING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Frank Cardinal Leo invites all to attend the closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, December 28/25 at 5PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30–4:45 PM.

St. Padre Pio Parish was honoured to be chosen as a Jubilee Pilgrim Church and we will be closing the Jubilee Year on December 28 at the 12PM Mass. All are welcome to join us.

PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group will begin on Wednesday January 14, 2026. We will gather every week in the chapel at 7:45pm, following the Wednesday evening mass. All are welcome to come and gather joyfully in prayer, music, praise and worship.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy Program from December 28, 2025 to January 4, 2026. We will resume the program on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the 10:30 & 12 masses.

GIFT STORE

The St. Padre Pio Gift Store will be closed for Christmas and New Year's beginning Monday, December 22, 2025 to Sunday, January 4, 2026. During this time, should you need to purchase items, please visit the Parish office.

VOCATION SEED: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

All registered donors receive a tax receipt for the giving year. Please note that all donations received after December 31, 2025 will be acknowledged on your 2026 tax receipt.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on:

- Wed. December 24 at 12 noon
- Thursday, December 25
- Friday, December 26
- Wed. December 31 at 12 noon
- Thursday, January 1

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

PASSION PLAY 2026

We are excited to announce that we will start working on our 2026 Passion Play the beginning of January. This year's musically immersed play will be performed on Friday, March 27 and Palm Sunday, March 29 at 7:30 PM, right in St. Padre Pio Church. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of February 1st. Stay tuned for more info.

We are inviting adults, young and old, who want to be part of the Passion Play to contact us. We are looking for actors for both speaking and non-speaking parts. No experience necessary. We are also calling out for those who are interested in sponsorship and advertising opportunities. For more information or to get involved, contact Liana Del Mastro, Director at stpadrepiopassionplay@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Last chance to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful Christmas Nativity.

THE DRAW TAKES PLACE ON

DECEMBER 21 AT 1PM. Tickets are 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25, 10 for \$70 and 15 for \$100. Prizes include a Santini Nativity (Value \$820), A House Nativity Set (Value \$230) and a Baby Jesus on a Pillow (Value \$60).



St. Padre Pio Parish

Christmas MASSES

PARISH CONFESSIONS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday, December 24
* 5:00 PM (Children's Nativity Play to follow Homily)
* 9:00 PM * 12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday, December 25
* 8:00 AM (Italian)
* 9:15 AM * 10:30 AM * 12:00 Noon

BOXING DAY
Friday, December 26
* 9:00 AM (Church closed following the mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31
* 5:00 PM
Thursday, January 1
* 9:00 AM (Italian) * 10:30 AM * 12:00 Noon

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As we gather to celebrate the wondrous birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am reminded once again of the profound simplicity of that holy night in Bethlehem. In the quiet of a stable, God chose to enter our world—humble, vulnerable, and full of love. This mystery of the Incarnation invites each of us to welcome Christ anew into our hearts, our homes, and our daily lives.

Christmas is not merely a remembrance of an ancient event; it is a living reminder that God continues to dwell among us. He comes to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is discouragement, and peace where there is division. In a world that often feels hurried and uncertain, the message of the Christ Child calls us to slow down, to listen, and to rediscover the joy that comes from knowing we are deeply loved by God.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who give life to our parish community—through your prayers, your service, and your generosity. This season, may we renew our commitment to being a people of compassion and kindness, echoing the love we first received from the manger.

May the blessings of Christmas fill your families with warmth and grace, and may the New Year bring renewed faith, hope, and unity. Know that you are in my prayers, and may the peace of Christ be with you always.

On behalf of Fr. Nicetus, our Deacons, and the entire parish staff, I wish each of you a blessed and beautiful Christmas season. Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Fr. George Parayil



Baptisms



We congratulate the family of the baby who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Padre Pio Parish. May God bless her!

Aria Rose Pugliese

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