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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. Feb. 12

5:00 pm – +**Donato Ranieri**

Sun. Feb. 13

9:15 am - +**For the People of the Parish**

10:30 am - +**Rino Mazzuca**

12:00 noon - +**Roderick Martinez**

Mon. Feb. 14

7:00 pm - +**Cecilia Ramos, +Francisco Ramos**

Wed. Feb. 16

7:00 pm – +**Francisco Ramos, +Cecilia Ramos, +Domenico Serratore**

Thurs. Feb. 17

7:00 pm - +**Giovanna Arrizza, +Armelinda Bizzarro, +Maria Vomiero & the Deceased Members of the Vomiero Family**

Fri. Feb. 18

9:00 am +**Marie-Andre Vergis, +Cliff Mayo, +Nabil Zereik**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Feb. 14 – **St. Cyril**, monk, and **St. Methodius**, bishop

Thurs. Feb. 17 – **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

Marriage Sunday – Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of Feb. 12/13, 2020 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage enrichment, visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Blessing for Marriages

"Almighty and eternal God, you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church as His spouse. Look with favour on these married couples, whom you have united in marriage, as they ask for your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. They pray that in good times and in bad they will grow in love for each other; that they will resolve to be one of heart in the bond of peace. Lord, in their struggles, let them rejoice that you are near to help them; in their needs, let them know that you are there to rescue them, in their joys let them

see that you are the source and completion of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

Monday, February 14 – St. Valentine's Day

History tends to be confusing and vague, but despite several different possibilities for his identity, it is believed that the actual Valentine who inspired this holiday was a priest during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius II. Valentine, or Valentinus is credited, along with St. Marius and his family, with assisting the Christian martyrs during their persecution by Claudius. At that time it was a crime to provide aid and comfort to Christians. Claudius had also issued an edict forbidding marriage. He believed married men made poor soldiers because they grew attached to their families. Therefore, to guarantee a steady supply of soldiers for his empire, Claudius abolished marriage and cancelled all engagements.

Valentine invited young lovers to come to him in secret, where he joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. Claudius learned of this 'friend of lovers', and had Valentine brought before him. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's dignity and conviction, attempted to convert him to the Roman gods to save him from otherwise certain execution. Valentine refused to renounce Christianity and instead attempted to convert the emperor, thereby signing his death warrant. Thrown into a dungeon, and tended by a jailer named Asterius, the young priest had only the barest necessities of his life. His one comfort while awaiting execution was his friendship with Asterius' blind daughter. She befriended the kindly priest by bringing him food and delivering messages for him.

In the last days of his life, Valentine through his deep and abiding faith miraculously restored the sight of his jailer's daughter. He also converted Asterius and his daughter to Christianity, an act that would result in their eventual execution by Claudius.

On the eve of his execution the priest wrote a farewell message to the girl and signed it "from your Valentine," a phrase that would live long after the author died. He was beaten and beheaded on February 14th, 273 AD, outside the Faminian Gate (now the Porta del Popolo but known for a time as the Porta Valentini) in Rome. According to a legend, a pink almond tree, a symbol of abiding love, blossomed near his grave. In the 4th century, Pope Julius I built a church in honour of St. Valentine. In the 7th century, Pope Honorius I restored it and it became a very popular pilgrimage site.

The Valentine has become the universal symbol of friendship and affection shared each anniversary of the priest's execution – St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine has also become the Patron of those couples who are engaged to be married.

Rosary Group – we invite all parishioners to come together as a group to recite the Holy Rosary every Friday in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass.

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 12, at 12:00 noon and Sunday, February 13, at 1:00pm. Family and friends should be here 15 minutes prior to the ceremony.

Lent begins March 2nd in 2 1/2 weeks!

How am I going to observe Lent this year? How am I going to make this a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving, prayer and fasting? what attitudes that are not pleasing to God do I need to change? Lent is a time when Jesus wants to renew all the members of God's family and prepare others to be baptized into the Church. Two words describe the Lenten season clearly: Baptismal and Penitential

Baptismal: Lent is centered on baptism. For us who have been baptized into Christ, it is a time for renewing our baptismal covenant. We are to continue to die with Christ to sin and live with him for God. This renewal – which is an ongoing, lifelong task, is a time of final preparation.

Penitential: Lent is also a period of repenting and doing penance. It is a time when Jesus calls us to be serious in living out our baptismal promises. We are called to root out sin from our lives, to turn back to the ways of Jesus Christ. We are invited to fast and do penance as part of our daily carrying of the cross. We are also encouraged to build up God's Kingdom by placing God's will at the centre of our lives.

The York Catholic District School Board – provides a faith-filled, innovative Catholic Education rooted in Gospel values to approximately 51,000 students in its 101 schools across York Region. Children born in 2018 can now register for Junior Kindergarten. Visit www.ycdsb.ca to register for classes starting in September.

Project Rachel at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge – is offering a weekend retreat, April 1-3, 2022, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands and cares and have a chance to begin the healing from loss and grief. (We will follow health policy guidelines in effect then.) Phone 289-691-6840, or email

ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org. Project Rachel – private and confidential.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available for pick up at the back of the church. 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. THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEKEND THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Parish Office will not be open to the public at this time. However, we will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4:30pm by appointment only. Please ensure that you call ahead to make an appointment at 905-893-7879

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.

CWL 2022 Membership Drive

Next weekend, February 19th and 20th, the Catholic Women's League will be having their annual membership drive after all the Masses. The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is a national organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. A CWL member will be available after each Mass to collect the dues. For present members if you are leaving an envelope, please put your name on the envelope.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Giuseppina Sardone and her family on the death of her daughter Maria De Chiara. May God grant her His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn her passing.

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