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# The Parish Community of St. Padre Pio

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St. Padre Pio Parish

#### **PARISH TEAM:**

Father George Parayil - Pastor Deacon Gary Thibodeau - Deacon Assistant Deacon Curtis Boone - Deacon Assistant



**Epiphany of the Lord** 



#### Sat. Jan. 6

5:00pm - +Joan & John Strauss

#### Sun. Jan. 7

8:00am - For the Deceased Members of the Farina Family

9:15am - For the Deceased Members of the Mazzocco and Tomaselli Families

10:30am - +Cecilia Ramos and the Deceased Members of the Ramos Family

12:00pm - †Benedetta & Giovanni Del Mastro *Mon. Jan. 8* 

7:00pm - +Genoveff Inchingolo

#### Tues. Jan. 9

9:00am - +Faustina Frando, +Perfecto

Ragundo, †Marilou Acena Gegante, †Fractusa Ragundo

#### Wed. Jan. 10

7:00pm- +Donato D'Alfonso, +Domenico Martiniello

#### Thurs. Jan. 11

9:00am - + Bill & Dianne Antonini

#### Fri. Jan. 12

9:00am - +Frank Argiro

#### Feast Days This Week

Mon. Jan. 8 – **The Baptism of the Lord** Fri. Jan. 12 – **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys** 

#### **Offertory Collection**

<u>Dec. 24, 2023</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$10,817.00
Dec. 25, 2023	
Christmas Collection	\$18,328.00
Dec. 31, 2023	
Sunday Collection	\$4,619.00
Jan. 1, 2024	
New Year's Collection	\$2,175.00

#### **December Monthly Donations**

•	Weekly (Online)	\$10,582.82
•	Building Fund	\$11,135.76

Thank you for your continous support!



#### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume the regular schedule beginning next Sunday, January 14.

Website Prayer Line – Our parish receives many prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you wish to be added to the prayer line, please visit our website at <a href="www.stpp.church">www.stpp.church</a> to complete the prayer request form or email the parish office at <a href="mailto:stpadrepio@archtoronto.org">stpadrepio@archtoronto.org</a>

### LEAD ME TO THE CROSS: A Musically Immersed Passion Play

Following last year's highly successful inaugural debut, the Parish of St. Padre Pio is starting to work on the second annual Passion Play. This year's play is entitled **Lead Me To** 

The Cross, and the show will be performed on two evenings (Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM and Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 7:30 PM), at St. Padre Pio Church. Tickets will go on sale very soon, so stay tuned for further announcements. Currently, we are looking for volunteer actors for speaking and nonspeaking roles, as well as stagehands to help during rehearsals and shows. As this is a major fundraising event for our Parish, we require sponsors and advertisers for the souvenir program, as well as donors for our raffle. For more information or to get involved in this community project, please contact Liana Del Mastro at <a href="mailto:stpadrepiopassionplay@gmail.com">stpadrepiopassionplay@gmail.com</a>

#### **Procedures for Marriage Arrangements**

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan law and applies to all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish. 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 Archbishop's office has been consulted. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall etc., can be made. In preparation for the marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple will also receive personal preparation for entering marriage through a Marriage Preparation program. Finally, the couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever!

#### Epiphany - January 7, 2024

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org

#### St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30pm at the side entrance of the church. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please come to the meeting.



#### PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS as we have re-assigned offertory envelopes that have not been picked up. If you use an old number your donation

may not be attributed to your

name. Please remember to add your full name and address to your offertory envelopes to ensure your information is assigned to the correct offertory number.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

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#### Memorial Tree Ornaments

Please remember to pick-up your Christmas Ornaments from the Memorial Tree of your loved ones as we will be removing the trees this week. Thank you to Longo's for their continued support and donation of the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias for the Church.

#### **CWL Meeting**



The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on **Thursday**, **January 11 at 7:00pm.** We will be bringing forward some important dates and issues so please try to attend. All ladies 16

years and older are welcome to attend.

#### **Sacraments**

First Communion and Confirmation Sacrament Preparation Classes will begin next week. All classes will be held at St. Padre Pio Catholic Elementary School from 6:00 - 6:45 PM (First Communion) and 7:00 - 7:45 PM (Confirmation) on the dates listed below. Students were given the option to attend the Monday or Thursday session. If you have any questions, please contact stpadrepio.sacraments@gmail.com.

Monday, January 15, 2024 Monday, January 22, 2024 Monday, January 29, 2024 Monday, February 5, 2024 Monday, February 12, 2024

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Thursday, January 25, 2024 Thursday, February 1, 2024 Thursday, February 8, 2024 Thursday, February 15, 2024



#### In loving Memory

We extend our sympathy and prayers to all the families of our loved ones who have recently passed away.

Carol Ryan *Rose Burdi*Stephanie Caputo

May they rest in peace. Amen



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