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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:

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Pope Francis School 905-893-8782
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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. Nov. 21
5:00 pm +**Maria Mazzoli-Spadafora**
Sun. Nov. 22
9:15 am +**Sandra Romanelli**
10:30am +**Nicola & Stellina Barbieri**
12:00 noon For the People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 23
7:00pm +**Benjamin & Clotilde Cruz**
Tues. Nov. 24
9:00am +**Deceased members of the Visconti families**
Wed. Nov. 25
7:00pm +**Michele Carrano, +Giacchino Loquerico, +Vincenzo Virgilio, +Luciano De Luca**
Thurs. Nov. 26
7:00pm +**Deceased members of the Virgilio & Romanelli families, Rev. Nazzareno Coccia, +Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Fri. Nov. 27
9:00am +**In Thanksgiving**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Nov. 23 – **St. St. Clement I**, pope, martyr
St. Columban, abbot
Tues. Nov. 24 – **St. Andrew Dung-Lac**, priest and **Companions**, martyrs
Wed. Nov. 25 – **St. Catherine of Alexandria**, virgin, martyr

Christ the King – Today is the feast of Christ the King. This last week of the liturgical year is devoted to themes concerning end times: Christ the King will renew all creation and restore His kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new Heaven and a new earth; then we will be freed from the corruption of sin and death and sing God's glory with every creature through Christ our Lord.

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 will be launching 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 December 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. 6. 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.

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.

Baptism: We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized last week:

Santino Di Pasquale
Jessica Joanne Naccarato
David Paniccia

ShareLife – We have been able to raise \$49,618.53 to date for ShareLife. You can still donate to the drive at sharelife.org.

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

Advent begins Next Weekend

Memorial Christmas Tree – Next weekend in the Narthex, there will be a tree standing near the offices. This is a Memorial Christmas Tree. You are invited to place an ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one who has passed away. In this way, we can remember them during the Advent and Christmas seasons. After the Christmas season, you are asked to remove the ornament for safekeeping until next year. A suggested ornament would be one which has a small photo frame, or something that is symbolic of that person.

Paradise Tree – Next weekend, in the sanctuary, along with the Advent Wreath, there will be two Paradise Trees. A Paradise Tree was used as a prop in the Miracle Plays of the Middle Ages. These were religious plays, performed outside of churches, to teach people stories about the Bible. The Paradise Tree was used in the scene about the Garden of Eden and it was decorated with apples to represent Adam and Eve, roses to represent Mary, who would bear the future Messiah, and small white discs, like communion hosts to represent Jesus. The Christmas Tree eventually evolved from this custom.

Jesse Tree – It is a depiction in art of the ancestors of Jesus, shown in a tree which rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. It is found in stained glass, manuscripts, paintings and architectural carvings. In recent times, it has been adapted to be used during the season of Advent to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. Symbols are placed on the tree each day during Advent. By Christmas, the Jesse Tree is fully decorated and represents the Family Tree of Jesus. Next weekend, our Jesse Tree, a metal tree, will be on the right side of the sanctuary.

Chrismon Tree – A custom that was developed in the middle of the 20th century was to adapt the Christmas Tree to more strictly Christian uses. In many churches and homes, people began using only traditional symbols of Jesus on their trees. The word 'Chrismon' comes from two words, 'Christ' and 'monogram'. The ornaments can be made from wood, cloth beads or embroidery. Our Chrismon Tree will stand near the store next week.

Blessing of Trees – *'Holy Creator of Trees, by your abundant grace help me to see all Christmas trees as sacred symbols of joy. May their evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises. May their colourful lights and ornaments call me to decorate with love my home and my world.' May the gifts that surround the tree be symbols of the many gifts we have received from the Tree of Christ's Cross. May Joy and Peace come and nest in the branches of Christmas trees within every home and within every heart.'*

Nativity Scenes – Beginning on Saturday, Nov. 28, 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.

The Outdoor Nativity Scene will open on Saturday, Nov. 28th.

Sacraments for 2021 – Registration: Teaching preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for 2021 will begin shortly. However, because of the uncertain situation regarding possible vaccines etc. in early 2021, dates for the actual celebrations of these sacraments may not be given at this time. But registration will begin now. If your child attends one of the Catholic schools in our parish, a letter and registration form have already been sent home. If your child attends one of the public or private schools, you must go to the parish website, www.stpp.church, for registration information. The registration forms along with a copy of the baptism certificate must be returned as soon as possible. For any further information, please call the parish at 905-893-7879.

A Guide to St. Padre Pio Church SHRINE OF ST. PADRE PIO

"I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb."

The statue of St. Padre Pio, revealing the glory of the stigmata, reminds us of all the saints in heaven who are interceding for us on our pilgrimage to the New Jerusalem. The actual Relic-Glove of St. Padre Pio is displayed in the stand. Prayer intentions may be placed there, and candles may be lit. Near the statue are a number of relics of St. Padre Pio, including a chalice and paten that he used in celebrating the Mass. The stained glass window surrounding St. Padre Pio depicts the major shrines associated with him – Our Lady of Grace Church, Italy and St. Pio of Pietrelcina Shrine, Italy. The two side windows depict St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua, part of St. Padre Pio's Franciscan family. A relic of each saint is also embedded in each window.

Gift Store -Will be opened after the 10:30Mass on weekends. Only one person at a time please.

Carol Concert – Because of the pandemic, there will not be a live Carol Concert this year. However, we are working on a Virtual Carol Concert on Sunday, Dec. 13th.

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