



Sat. Dec. 8
 5:00pm **John DeCotis**
 Sun. Dec. 9
 8:00am +**Alfonso Totodonato**
 9:15am **For the People of the Parish**
 10:30am +**Alberto & Paola Palladino**
 12:00 noon + **Domenico & Vittoria Congiusti**
 Mon. Dec. 10
 7:00pm +**Giuliana Nebiolo**
 Tues. Dec. 11
 9:00am +**Mathew Cabraja**
 Thurs. Dec. 13
 7:00pm +**Maria-Daniela Verre**
 Fri. Dec. 14
 9:00am **Intentions of Daniel and Summer Hunter**

Feast Days This Week

Tues. Dec. 11 – **St. Damasus I**, pope
 Wed. Dec.; 12 – **Our Lady of Guadalupe**,
 Patroness of the Americas
 Thurs. Dec. 13 – **St. Lucy**, virgin, martyr
 Fri. Dec. 14 – **St. John of the Cross**, priest,
 doctor of the Church

Healing Mass – Our next Healing Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm, in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. St. John Paul II declared her to be the Patroness of the Americas. She is also Patroness of the unborn. Her image will be displayed at the Mass. It is very fitting to have our next Healing Mass in her honour. Prayer teams will be available after Mass to pray with people. For those who have a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered.

Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens – Candidates who have completed the period of precatechumenate declare their intention to the church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. The ceremony takes place at the 10:30 Mass. The new Catechumens are:

Yang (Ocean) Jiang
Preeti Singh
Rahoul Singh
Wing Hung (Iris) Tang
Zhendong (Richard) Zhang
Weirong (Tony) Zhu

Nativity Scenes -St. Padre Pio Parish presents its Eighth Annual Display of Nativity Scenes, entitled

'Joy to the World'. This is an entirely new display from previous years, representing 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 Sunday, January 13, 2019, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the end of the Christmas season.

Carol Concert Thank you – Last weekend our Parish held its 16th Annual Carol Concert. Thanks to all who contributed to its success – all our Choir directors, Choir members, soloists, musicians, Liturgical Dance Ministry, St. Padre Pio CWL and the Parish of St. Padre Pio. And we thank the Knights of Columbus, especially Steve Gatti, for the construction of the life size outdoor Nativity scene. It is a constant reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Rejoice Sunday – Next Sunday is Gaudete Sunday or Rose Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice'. On that Sunday, the church changes from its traditional Advent colour of purple to the rose colour. As a sign of joy, why not wear something rose-coloured to Mass next weekend.

An Advent Service for the Home

A member of the family lights two purple candles on the Advent wreath

Leader: Rejoice the Lord is at hand.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Second Week of Advent:

- Sunday - Isaiah 40:1-5
- Monday - Genesis 3:1-7
- Tuesday - Genesis 3:8-13, 22-23
- Wednesday - Hosea 11:3-4
- Thursday - Psalm 130
- Friday - Micah 6:6-8
- Saturday - Jeremiah 14:8-9

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of all people and send Your Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY

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

All: Amen.

Christmas Panettone Sale – The Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettone in the Narthex after all Masses until Dec. 9. Proceeds from events held by the Knights go to projects happening in our very own community

Advent School Masses are as follows:

Tues. Dec. 11 – St. Padre Pio @ 1pm

Wed. Dec. 12 – St. Andrew @ 10:30am.

St. Padre Pio Parish Annual Christmas Drive -

Our Angel Tree will be on display in the Narthex after every mass until Dec. 8/9. The tree will have angel ornaments which correspond to items of need for registered members of Family Services of York Region (FSYR) and Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR). Family numbers, ages, clothing sizes, and other necessary information will be listed on the angel ornaments. To donate new items to the drive, please select an angel ornament from the Angel Tree, purchase the gift, and **return the angel ornament visibly attached to the unwrapped gift.** As this holiday season approaches, let's work together as a community of faith to help those in need by keeping Christ in Christmas! The Christmas Drive ends this weekend.

Longo's 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 a committee member and pick up your cards the following weekend. Please consider giving Longo cards to charities, friends, family, clients or employees this Christmas. Your gift will also support our Mortgage Fund. Please call the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 to place your order.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are ready for pickup in the Narthex. Envelopes are sorted by envelope number. If you don't know or remember your envelope number, there are lists available by the envelope boxes. The lists are in alphabetical order with your envelope number beside your name. Please note that if your envelope box number was over 1800 it has been changed. Please pick them up as soon as possible. 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.

Winter – Please note that we have been notified by Landscape Ontario that there will be a shortage of salt this coming winter. We will do our best to keep the snow and ice away from all steps and walkways. Please be careful when walking on the property and be safe!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

6:00pm – A children's nativity pageant (in song) will take place after the homily of the Mass.

9:00pm

12:00 midnight

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

8:00am (Italian)

9:15am

10:30am

12:00 noon

Stained Glass Windows

Teaching the Multitudes -1 portion available

Feeding the 5,000 – 4 portions available

Each window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. The entire window is \$65,000. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the office at 905-893-7879.

Baptisms will be celebrated next Sunday, December 16th at 1:15pm and family and friends should be at the church by 1pm.

Items for Completion of the Church

Narthex: Acoustical Ceiling Panels

Back Sacristy: Upper Storage Room with stairs

Basement: Meeting Rooms and Kitchenette

Washrooms

Hall and Stage

Kitchen

Storage

Outside: Outdoor amphitheatre at rear of church

Top coat for paving

Two wells at sides of church – rocks

Landscaping (trees, shrubs, plants, flowers)

If you or someone you know would like to assist in any way with these projects, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893- 7879.