



Sat. Dec. 15

5:00pm +**Claudio Martellacci**

Sun. Dec. 16

8:00am +**Maria Vomiero**

9:15am +**Angelo Nonis**

10:30am +**Loretta & Sam Sammut**

12:00 noon **For the people of the Parish**

Mon. Dec. 17

7:00pm +**Clotilde & Benjamin Cruz**

Tues. Dec. 18

9:00am +**Guido & Ines Palombo**

Wed. Dec. 19

7:00pm +**Antonino Comella, +Frank Lippa**

+**Marielisa Colicchio, + Paulose Pullan, +Reynaldo Riego, +deceased members of the Serna family, In thanksgiving**

Fri. Dec. 21

9:00am +**Lidio Iacobelli**

Feast Days This Week

Fri. Dec. 21 – **St. Peter Canisius**, priest, doctor of the Church

Rejoice Sunday – The third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called 'Gaudete Sunday' or 'Rose Sunday'. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice' and today the Church rejoices that Advent is half over and the coming of Jesus is closer. The rose-coloured vestments are used at Mass – a further sign of our rejoicing at the nearness of our Saviour.

Archdiocesan Week of Confessions –

Confessions will be heard in all the churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto this week. Dates and times may be found on the bulletin board. Our Confession times will be Mon. Dec. 17 from 11:30am to 12pm, 2:30 to 3:00pm, 5:30 to 6:00pm, and 7:30pm to 8:00pm.

An Advent Service for the Home

A member of the family lights three candles on the Advent wreath – two purple and one pink.

Leader: Rejoice the Lord is at hand.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Third Week of Advent:

Sunday - Isaiah 9:6-7

Monday - Isaiah 7:10-14

Tuesday - Isaiah 11:1-6

Wednesday - Isaiah 40:10-11

Thursday - Isaiah 52:7

Friday - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Saturday - Malachi 3:1-2

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who sent prophets to prepare the way for the coming of Your Son, help us to hear their warning and their measure of joy which was given for all people; so that at the birthday of Your Son, our Redeemer, we may receive Him more joyfully into our hearts. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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

All: Amen.

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

Missals for 2019 have been donated by Vescio Funeral Home and are to be left in the pews to be used by everyone. Please do not take them home.

St. Padre Pio Parish Annual Christmas Drive –

Thank you to all those who participated in the St. Padre Pio Christmas Drive! The Christmas Drive was a HUGE success! With the help and support of our generous parishioners, we were able to sponsor many families in need. A total of over 1,000 Angel Tags were prepared, selected and returned with purchased gifts. Also, each family received grocery gift cards to use for their Christmas dinner. Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas by reaching out to help those in need.

Children's Liturgy – ends this weekend and will resume on January 12/13, 2019.

Catechism classes end this weekend and will resume on Saturday, January 12. Public and Private School confirmation classes will begin on Monday, January 21, 2019 at Pope Francis

SUNDAY

CES. You must be registered to attend. We have two classes. Class one runs from 7pm to 8pm and class 2 runs 8pm to 9pm. Please contact stpadrepiocatechism@gmail.com if unsure of your time.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are ready for pickup in the Vestibule. 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.

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.

Large Crowds are expected to attend the Christmas Masses. Please come early for the scheduled masses if you expect to get a seat. Please remember to observe parking regulations. Please be reminded that there is **NO PARKING** on the North side of St. Padre Pio Gardens. It is strongly recommended for safety reasons that you do not park on the South side of the street. There are 400 parking spots on the church grounds.

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.

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.

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.

Development Office – If you have appreciated publicly traded securities that you don't want to pay capital gains tax on, consider using them to make your offertory gift for 2018. The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto can assist you on this. You can also use securities to consolidate all of your other Church giving. If you make an annual gift to ShareLife, for example, we will arrange to have your parish credited with your gift.

To learn more or to ask for a donation form, please call the Development Office at 416-934-3411 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development/ to download the form. To ensure that you received a 2018 charitable tax receipt, the completed form should reach our office by 10am on Friday, Dec. 21 – by e-mail: development@archtoronto.org

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!