

No Masses (No Mass Intentions) until otherwise indicated by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Mar. 23 – **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**, bishop

Wed. Mar. 25 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Baptisms - We offer our congratulations to the parents of the children baptized last weekend:

Alesso Angelo Caira
Serena Josephine Calamia
Aurora Camilli-Riccelli
Valentina Juliet Dos Santos
Nicolas William Pinto
Olivia Francesca Plati

ShareLife - How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign. The Parish goal for this year is \$85,400.00.

The Rosary in Lent - For those who use the rosary as a focus for their prayer in Lent, keep in mind that the events meditated upon at this time of year are, especially the Sorrowful Mysteries. We can pray the decades of the rosary alongside the Scripture passages, which they reflect. Take one mystery each evening, read the Scriptural background and meditate on it while saying the prayers of the decade. These are:

The agony in the garden: Matthew 26:36-46 Psalm 1-15

The scourging at the pillar: Matthew 26:67-68; Isaiah 50:5-10

The crowning with thorns: Matthew 27:27-30; Matthew 21:33-46

The carrying of the cross: John 19:12-27; Isaiah 43:16-20; Isaiah 52:11-12

The Crucifixion: Matthew 27:45-54; John 1-:25-37

Follow us on Instagram @stpadrepioparish

We are live on Instagram. The parish of Saint Padre Pio would like to reach to different age groups through social media. This tool helps us keep the community informed of all its activities and events at all times. The page was built and designed based on the guidelines set by the archdiocese of Toronto. This tool is particularly important during those special times that we are all going through as we are updating all information as soon, we get them. We hope to

have as many followers as possible. Please help us spread the word.

Mass – Until Masses are resumed in the archdiocese of Toronto, you can watch Catholic Mass Online at www.dailytvmass.com

You can also recite the following Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated
from You.

Amen.

Replicas of the Passion – Are on display at this time. These include the Crown of Thorns, three iron nails and hammer, a Roman spear, the Flagellum (the whip used for scourging), an alabaster jar with ointment, Roman dice, the sponge on a stick, thirty silver coins, the Titulus Crucis (the sign placed on the Cross – "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews"), and the Great Chalice of Antioch – The Holy Grail, and other items. These will continue to be on display throughout the Easter season.

Income Tax Receipts –2019 tax receipts are available in the office for pick up during office hours.

Canadian Food for Children – we thank all parishioners who have contributed to the success of the drive. More details about where the shipments are going will be communicated in the coming few weeks. The Parish will be collecting used eye-glasses all year round. The box will be available in the Sacristy.

PAG-Pre-Authorized Giving – Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for PAG. It is a convenient, easy and automatic way to support your parish. Donations can be made to your weekly offering &/or the mortgage fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be stopped at any time. Donations will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of every month. This allows the parish to meet its monthly obligations such as hydro, heat, payroll etc. Thanks to all our parishioners who give so generously.

Directions from the Cardinal during the State of Emergency:

Mass- All public Masses are cancelled, both during the week and on the weekends. A Mass will be celebrated every day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, via livestream, and on the Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube channel.

Church – All churches will be open for individual private prayer, at the regular times.

First Holy Communion – will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

Confirmation – will be postponed for the duration of the emergency.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – will be available on Saturday from 4:00pm – 6:00 pm and on Sunday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Marriage – Without Mass may take place with the immediate family members only.

Funeral - Masses and wake services will not take place during this time. The Rite of Committal will take place with the immediate family at the cemetery.

Parish Meetings and Events - are cancelled at this time.

Parish Office – will be open at the regular times.

These emergency provisions will be regularly reviewed in accordance with the requirements of public health officials and updates will be provided at: www.archtoronto.org/covid-19

While it is a painful moment in the life of the Church to take these extreme measures, we pray that they will aid in combating the pandemic that has affected so many in our own community and around the world.

Pope Francis's prayer to Mother Mary during coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of
we who are in trial, but deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen

A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and
villages "curing every disease and illness." At
your command, the sick were made well. Come
to our aid now, in the midst of the global
spread of the coronavirus, that we may
experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May
they regain their strength and health through
quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations
from working together and neighbors from
helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us
claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no
borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in
this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus.
May they be at rest with you in your eternal
peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or
have died. As they worry and grieve, defend
them from illness and despair. May they know
your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all
medical professionals who seek to heal and
help those affected and who put themselves at
risk in the process. May they know your
protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them
the foresight to act with charity and true
concern for the well-being of the people they
are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to
invest in long-term solutions that will help
prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May
they know your peace, as they work together
to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded
by many people suffering from this illness or
only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we
endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In
place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
Jesus Christ, heal us.

Sympathy – We offer our deep sympathy to Rosa
Ciriello and her family on the death of her husband,
Vito Ciriello. May God grant him His eternal peace
and joy and send comfort to all who mourn his
passing.