

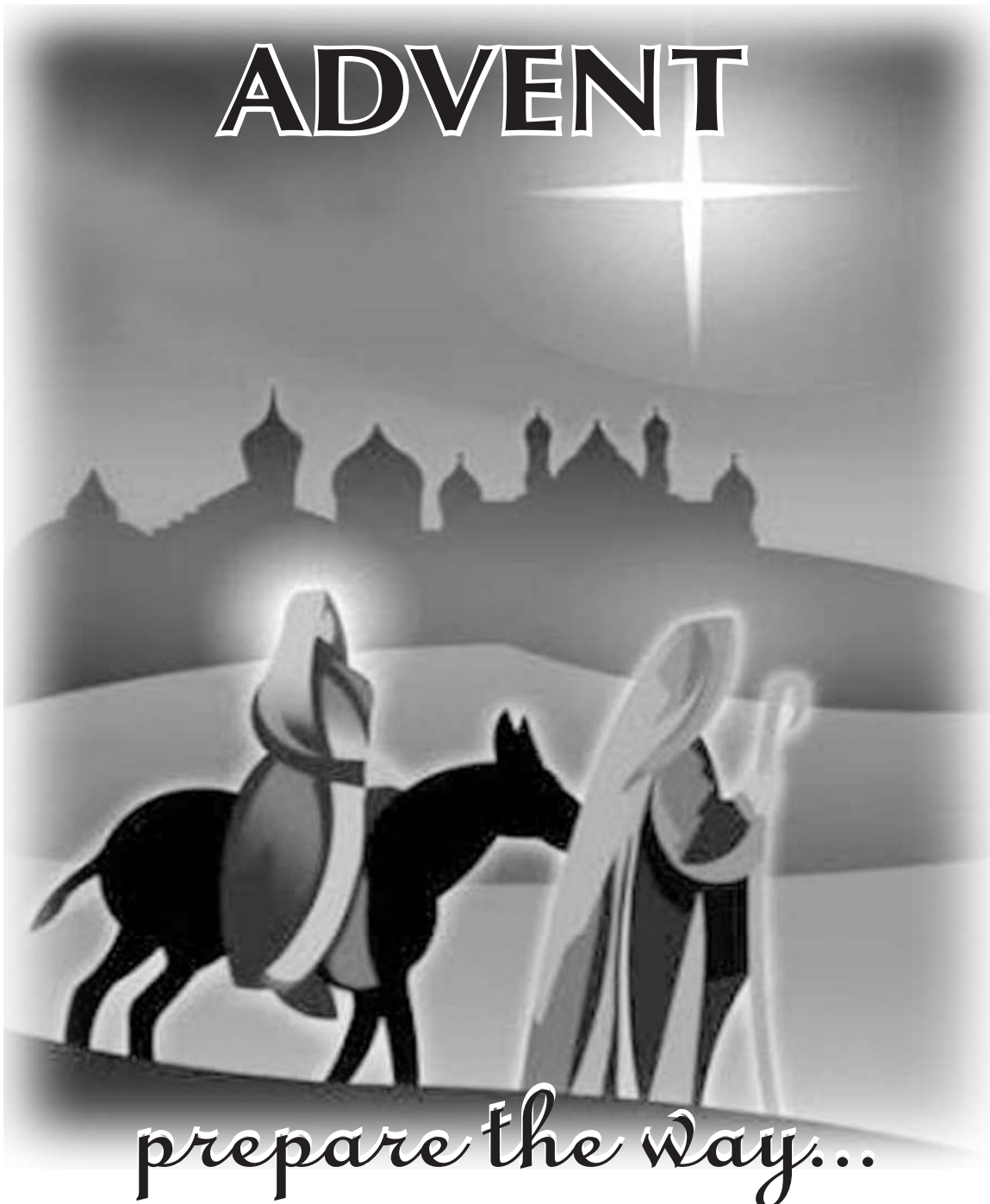
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# ADVENT



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, December 18 <i>Advent 4</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, December 19		No Mass	
TUESDAY, December 20	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	<b>5:00 - 6:30 p.m.</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Tony Smyth	
WEDNESDAY, December 21	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Jean Fisher	
THURSDAY, December 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Clarence & Madeline Varey	
FRIDAY, December 23	<b>8:00 - 8:45 a.m.</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Miguel Vieira † Steve Posavec † Mary Stone † Nicole Viola	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> SATURDAY, December 24	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - CANCELLED</i>	
	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 12 Midnight	Christmas Eve Masses	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Rosalina dos Anjos.

### From the Pastor's Desk

We have come to this Fourth Sunday of Advent, and with only a week left until Christmas we can feel the excitement building for the great celebration of Christ's birth! But we still have a week to prepare. As I've been preaching about throughout Advent let's not skip past this time of waiting, of preparing our hearts. We've got a week left – let's make the most of it! Give the Lord some time in prayer this week so that his coming at Christmas will be a beautiful and meaningful celebration and not just another day, because the birth of the Son of God is a really big deal!

### Sunday Smile (Christmas Pun Edition!)

How much does Santa pay for parking? Nothing. It's always on the house!

Where did Rudolf go to school? Nowhere. He was elf-taught!

What kind of motorcycle does Santa own? A Holly Davidson!

### Added Advent Confession Times

**Sat, Dec 17:** 3:00pm – 4:30pm

**Tue, Dec 20:** 5:00pm – 6:30pm

**Fri, Dec 23:** 8:00am – 8:45am

**Sat, Dec 24:** *Saturday Confessions CANCELED today*

### Christmas Mass Times for 2022

#### **Christmas Eve:**

5:00pm

7:00pm

9:00pm

12:00am Midnight (*incense will be used at this Mass*)

#### **Christmas Day:**

9:00am (Children's Christmas Pageant)

10:30pm

(Note: **NO 12pm MASS TODAY**)

### Masses the Week of December 26<sup>th</sup>

Please note that Fr. Dave will be taking a few days off after Christmas to spend time with his family. Therefore there will be no Masses on Mon Dec 26, Tue, Dec 27, or Wed, Dec 28. Weekday Masses will resume as usual on Thu, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am as we return to our regular schedule.

### Office Closed Week of December 26-30.

Please note that the office will be closed the week of Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Struggling in their Relationship**

The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live with disappointment and pain in their marriage. The Retrouvaille weekend provides a safe setting where couples learn to communicate in a respectful manner. It helps couples rebuild their marriage and restore a loving relationship. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain and rediscover each other in a new positive way. The next weekend program will be held in Mississauga on January 13-15. Please go to [www.torontoretrovaille.com](http://www.torontoretrovaille.com) for more information.

### **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID): Did You Know?**

As Catholics we acknowledge the giftedness of life as an inalienable right not to be taken away by others, the importance of compassion for the ill and the dying, as well as our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. With the passing of bill C 7

- natural death no longer needs to be “reasonably foreseeable.” This includes people with disabilities or chronic but not fatal illnesses.
- the 10 day waiting period was removed for those whose death is “reasonably foreseeable.” This makes it possible to apply and receive euthanasia on the same day. For those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable, the waiting period is 90 days.
- allows for advanced directives, making it possible for a medical practitioner to proceed with euthanasia after a patient is no longer able to give consent.
- permits euthanasia for reasons of mental illness alone, beginning in 2023

Let us pray for an end to euthanasia, which is expanding, and advocate for greater access to palliative care in our country!

### **Year End Donations**

CRA regulations prevent us from accepting 2022 donations in 2023. If you would like to make a “year end donation” please do so before or by December 31, 2022. Donations received or dated after December 31 must be credited for 2023. Thank you.

### **Sunday (Novalis) Missals**

2023 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass.

### **Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023**

Boxed sets of 2023 envelopes are available for pick in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2023 were mailed last week - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

### **2023 Weddings**

Couples planning to marry in 2023 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year’s notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

### **Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN**

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone’s Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website [www.canadianfoodforchildren.net](http://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net)

### **A Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Crosby’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Bishop Crosby will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop on January 2, 2023. In thanksgiving for his ministry, the faithful are asked to contribute to a ‘spiritual bouquet’ of prayers to be presented to him on the occasion. If you would like to participate, please send an email to Fr. Dave at [dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwalter@hamiltondiocese.com) with the number of Rosaries, Morning Offerings, Acts of Charity, Acts of Mercy, or Holy Communion you would be willing to commit to. We keep our bishop in continued prayer!

### **Cancer Assistance Service of Halton Hills (CASHh) - Volunteers**

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is looking for Volunteer Drivers to help drive our clients to and from their cancer treatments and appointments. Our clients travel to different hospitals and clinics within the GTA and outside of the GTA (Toronto, Oakville, Mississauga, Hamilton, Brampton). We are in particular need for drivers willing to drive to downtown Toronto. Drivers are compensated for their mileage by CASHh. If you are interested in joining our wonderful organization and help make a someone's cancer journey just that little bit easier, please contact Wendy Molnar, our Transportation Coordinator at [transportation@cancerassistance.org](mailto:transportation@cancerassistance.org) or phone 905-702-8886.

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