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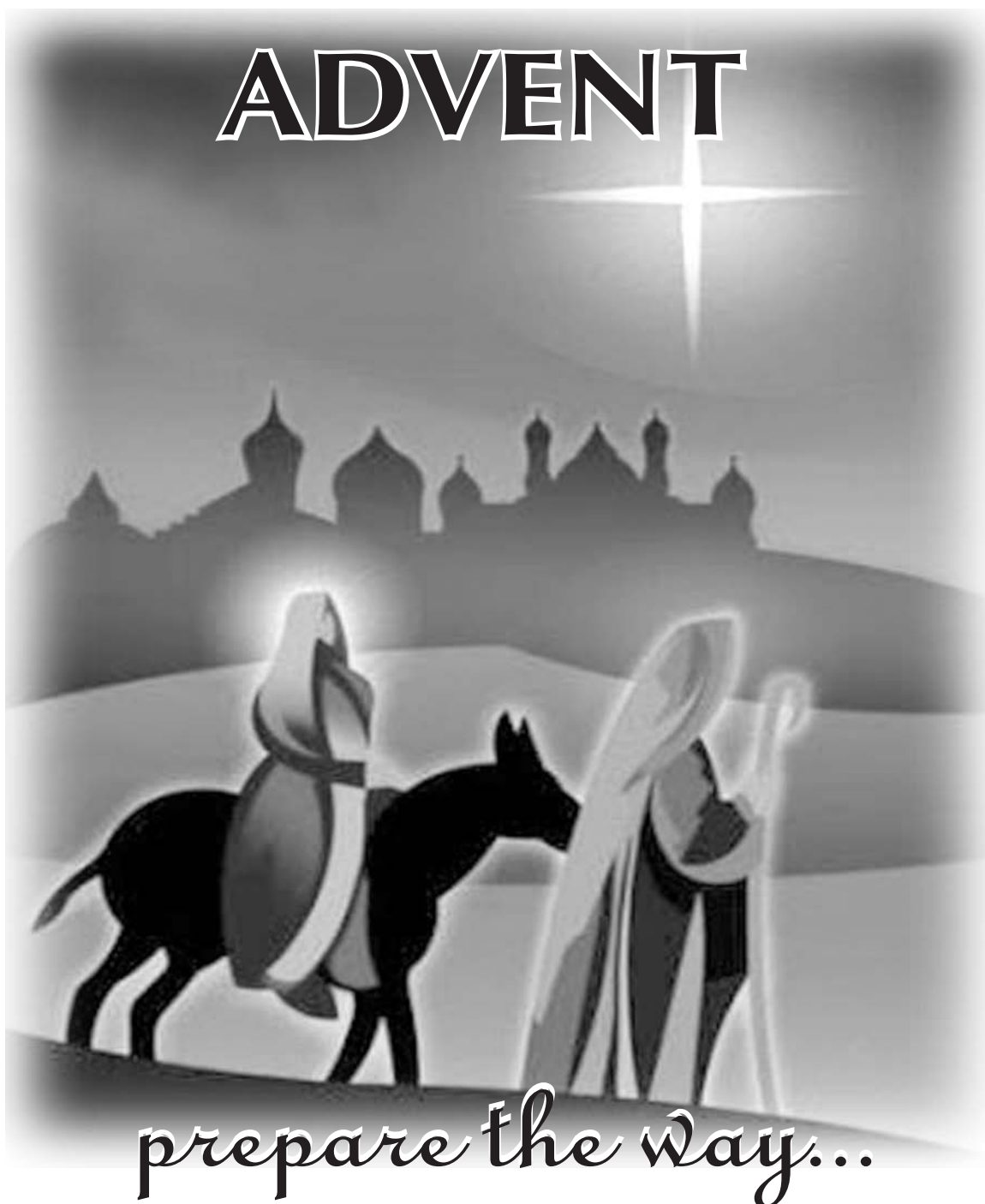
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lector's Schedule	
December 24 th - CHRISTMAS EVE	
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu
	#1 Ian Moffat
	#2 Yvonne Munro
8:00pm	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu
	#1 Harrison Peiris
	#2 Alejandra Guidi
10:00pm	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu
	#1 Judith Gray
	#2 Janet Snider Belot
December 25 th – CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:00am	Presider: Fr. Onyeogubalu
	#1. Mary Ellen Agnel
	#2. Alejandra Guidi

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



Saturday, Dec. 24th -- 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 25th -- 10:00am

Saturday, Dec. 31st -- 5:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 1st -- 8:00am, 10:30am



Blessing of Baby Jesus

Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus from their family creche for a blessing before placing him in your manger scene, at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY!!!

This is the last Sunday for Children's Liturgy. After a short break for the holidays, we will resume Children's Liturgy on **January 8th.** We can't wait to see you again soon!

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners and guests for the support in making our recent return of the Christmas Turkey dinner a full to capacity success!

A special thank you to the students from St. Paul High School that were so helpful and cheerful during the event.

A large portion of the proceeds from this event will go directly to providing winter coats, snow pants, mitts and hats to our three elementary schools. Thanks once again!



A big thank you to all the children and families that joined us at the Children's Christmas party on Dec. 4th. Santa was happy to see you all!!

A special thank you to all the organizers and students that helped make the day a great success. A good time was had by all 😊

Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas Flowers

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available on the back tables.



SUNDAY SMILE

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.

He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked.

"Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" Callum replied.

Message from the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese has received information from Ottawa Public Health of an increase of respiratory illness in our communities. In the spirit of this message, we want to do our share as a Catholic Church as we have done throughout the pandemic. Although there is no obligation to wear a mask, we invite you to be kind and respectful of those who wish to wear or not wear masks in order to maintain a respectful, inclusive and welcoming environment.

New envelope boxes for 2023 are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2023. *Thank you.*

Going away for the Winter?

You can continue your monthly donations while you are away by registering for PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit). The parish is pleased to offer this opportunity for making your contributions on a regular basis. Forms are available on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the church.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 17th – 5:00pm

✠Cliff Yeung by Karen and Tom Kelly and family.

✠John and Diane Buchanan by Marie and Jodi Epps and family.

Living and deceased members of the Parenteau family.

Sun. Dec. 18th – 8:00am

✠Noreen Quinlan by Elaine McVeigh.

✠Maureen Conlin by Francine Conlin.

Deceased members of the Dervin family by Lynn Harriet-Dervin.

Sun. Dec. 18th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Thurs. Dec. 22nd

✠Xavier Jacob by the family.

Sat. Dec. 24th – 5:00pm

✠Gregory Kiez by the family.

Sat. Dec. 24th – 8:00pm

✠Jack Parenteau by Franca and Charles Morrison

Living and deceased members of the Weerasooria-Epps family.

Sun. Dec. 25th – 10:00am

For the healing of the family tree of Oleh, Natalia and Vicky by Elsa Matiwas and family.

✠ indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.



Bulletin deadlines for December

January 1st bulletin:

Deadline: Monday, Dec. 19th by Noon

Please remember to book your Announced Mass intentions early if you wish them to be printed in the bulletin.

The Parish Office will close on **Thursday, Dec. 22nd** at 3:30pm and reopen **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd** at 9:00am



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