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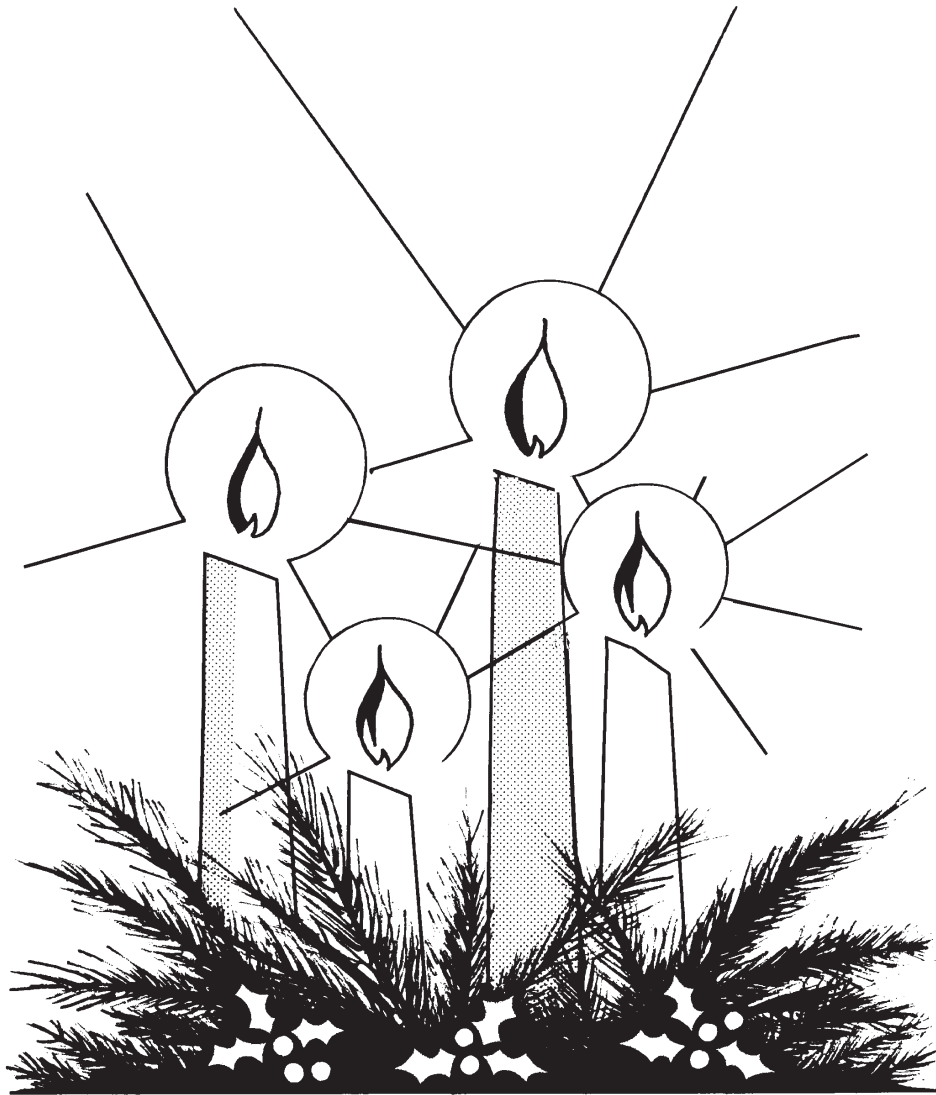
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# Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family</b>		
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Nadine Bruguere #2 Yvonne Munro	Bill Roblin
<b>8:00 am</b>	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Francine Conlin	Angela Beimers
<b>10:30 am</b>	Presider: Fr. Lindsay	
	#1 Judith Gray #2 Alejandra Guidi	Harrison Peiris Janet Snider-Belot Fran Herman

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS


**Tuesdays :** Legion of Mary - 9:30am Small Assembly Room  
**Wednesdays:** Euchre – 12:30pm in Small Assembly Room  
 Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30pm  
**Fridays:** Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15pm  
**Sundays:** Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00am  
**Mon. to Fri.** After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 9, 2020 – Parish Memorial Mass**  
**January 16, 2020 – Catholicism Series**

**PARISH MEMORIAL MASS** The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, January 9th**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2019**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2019 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased and the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.

**CATHOLICISM** series re-commences on **Thursdays** beginning **Jan. 16, 2020** at 7:00pm in the Main Hall. We will continue to view other DVD's from Bishop Robert Barron’s acclaimed series, CATHOLICISM. Fr. Lindsay will host the evenings. Light refreshments will be provided. No fee. All are welcome, even if you missed the first session. Invite others!  
 Info: 613-829-1760.



**Pastor’s Christmas Message**

As we approach the end of another calendar year it naturally leads one to reflect on 2019 and any personal gains or losses, joys or sorrows associated with it. In faith, these things must be seen in light of the Christmas season - which intersects both the old and new year - and its message - which transcends time and space. God’s love entered into our world in the person of Jesus Christ. As C. S. Lewis observed, “Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” And that is the truth and the promise of Christmas. We are not defined by where we live, who we know, what we have done, or any other purely human element. We are defined by Who God is and what He has done in Christ. May the divine presence be with you throughout this holy season and fill you with His grace in the coming year.

On behalf of myself and the staff at St. John the Apostle Parish, I wish you and those you love a blessed Christmas.

*Father Lindsay*

*Thank you* **New Stained Glass Window:** Thank you Bruce and Doria Delaney for donating the beautiful new window (on the east side of the Church). It was created by Northern Art Glass and depicts The Pieta. It is dedicated “In loving memory of Norma and Frank Delaney.”



**Mass times for Christmas and New Year’s**



**Christmas**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> -- 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00am**

(For the High Solemnity Christmas masses, we will possibly be using incense at all masses except the 5:00pm Mass. **No incense at 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.**)

**Solemnity of Mary**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> -- 5:00pm**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -- 10:00am**



## CHRISTMAS SMILES

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
*It's Christmas, Eve!*

What do elves post on Social Media?  
*Elf-ies!*

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?  
*Deep pan, crisp and even!*

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?  
*Do you smell carrot?*

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed when he goes to sleep at night?  
*A cookie sheet!*

How did Mary and Joseph know how much baby Jesus weighed when he was born?  
*Because there was a weigh in the manger.*



Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday during 10:30am Mass for school-aged children. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Children's Liturgy will resume the first weekend in January.

### **Notice for Parents – Re: Sacraments**

Parents of children in the Public School System and children who are homeschooled are asked to please call the parish office to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. 613-829-1760.

**Clothing for St. Vincent de Paul:** When deciding what to do with clothing you no longer wear please remember our **drop-off bin at the rear of the church parking lot.**

Clothing donations to charities like St. Vincent's, Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and the Salvation Army are down due to competition from other drop-off bin operators. Be aware that donation bins are not well regulated and many drop boxes around the city are operated by for-profit companies and even organized crime.

**COLLECTION BOXES FOR 2020** are ready for pick up in the Glass House. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2020.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00pm**

For the intentions of our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00am**

✠Jean Baird by Gilda

✠Andrew and Evelyn Brennan by Tillie Brennan

✠Gregory Kiez by the family

**Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30am**

✠Lina Mowat by Lil and Bob Williamson

✠Waiwa beloved sister of Adut by the Catholic Women's League

For God's protection of the students struggling for democratic freedom in Hong Kong.

**Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00am – Valley Stream Manor**

✠Catherine Reid by Ray and Douglas Reid

**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm**

✠Peter Slogar by Teresa Wong

✠Bea Brown by the family

For the benefit of the Sterling children by Joanne Parenteau

**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:00pm**

✠Lina Mowat by John and Silvana, Doreen and Frank, Ted and Mary Ellen, Mike and Karen, Laura and Bryan, and Teresa.

✠Margaret Watts by Wendy Bertrand

Health and benefit of Jack Parenteau by Joanne Parenteau

**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00pm**

✠Ted Stephen by Teresa Wong

✠Alfred and Mary Aaron by Doreen Aaron

**Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am**

✠Joan Kitts by Teresa Wong

✠Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family

Intentions of the Epps family by Joanne Parenteau

**Fri. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am**

✠Ted Stephen by Danielle Lacoste

Deceased members of the Grace family

by Pat Berdnikoff

Blessings on John Shen by Teresa Wong

**Sat. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm**

✠Lina Mowat by Marie and Jodi Epps and family

✠Norm Martin by Tina Martin and family

✠Ron Perry by Carm Pantalone and family

**Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

For the intentions of our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am**

✠Lina Mowat by Deborah La Riccia

✠Waiwa beloved sister of Adut

by Liliame Williamson

For God's protection of the students struggling for democratic freedom in Hong Kong.

**Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am – Valley Stream Manor**

✠Hilary Reid by Ray and Douglas Reid

✠ indicates deceased

The Parish Office will close on **Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm** and reopen, **Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**



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