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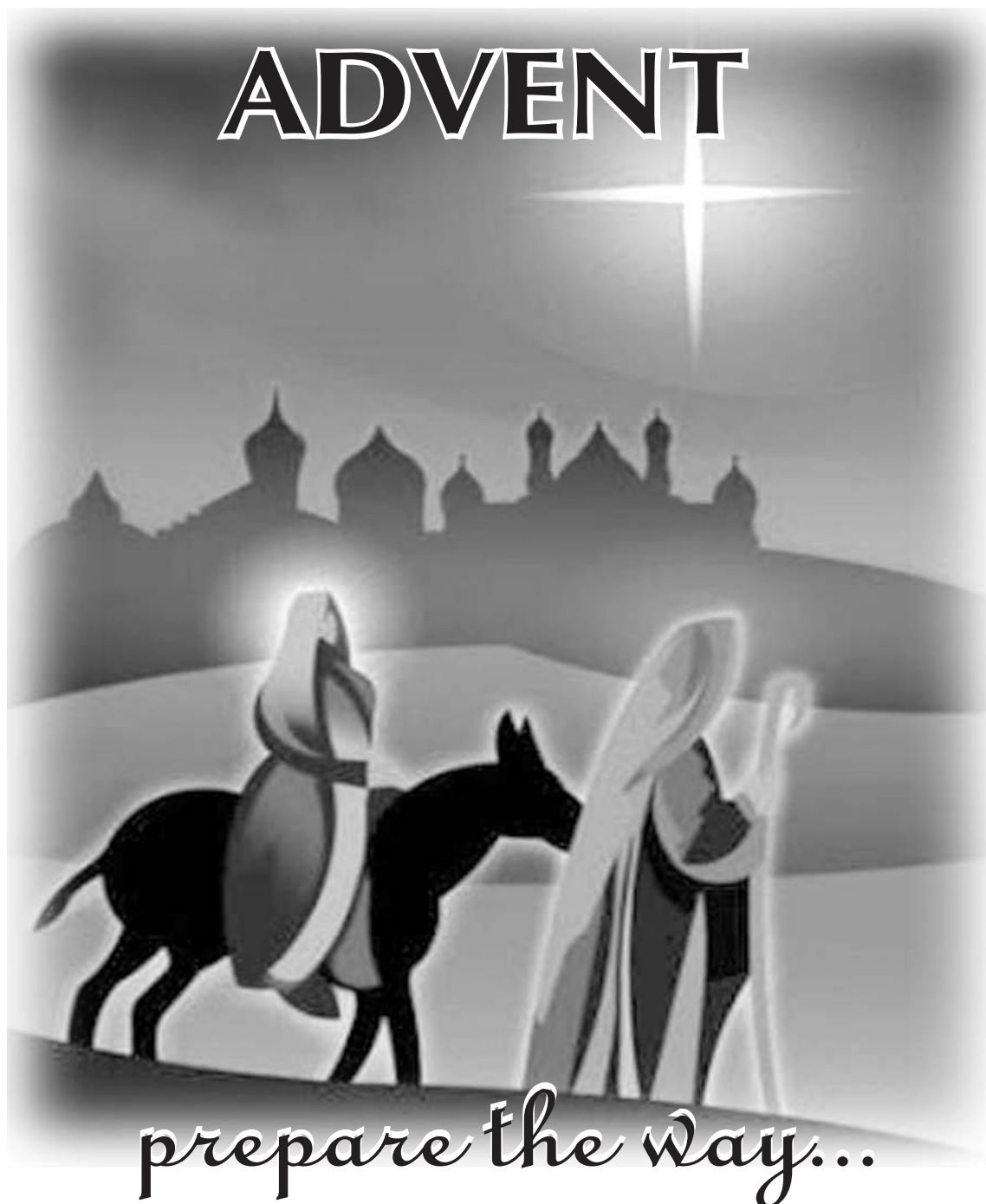
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 17

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Dave & Maggie Scott*

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by their Dtr: Jean Janusz*
11:30 Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*
Albina Tonet *req. by Alba & Ann Marie*

Monday, December 19

8:00 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati *req. by the Family*
Ria Van Noort *req. by the Skubel Family*

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 Vito Ferri *req. by Pat & Hans Herrmann*
Agostino, Concetta & Tony Panetta *req. by Rosemary & Jim Panetta*

Wednesday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*
Dec'd Mem. of the Gautier & Hunt Families *req. by John & Anna*

Thursday, December 22

8:00 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req. by Rosemary & Jim Panetta*
Peter Moi *req. by the Nguyen Family*

Friday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Philomena Shepherd *req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd*
Lucrezia Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm People of the Parish
6:00pm People of the Parish
12:00am People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish
9:30am People of the Parish
11:30am People of the Parish

Communion ministers needed for Eventide Home

One of the ministries of Saint Patrick parish is to the residents of the RH Lawson Eventide home on Jepson Street. Communion is distributed in a service weekly, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. We are in need of more volunteers to help lead this weekly communion service. [Instruction will be provided.] If you feel you may be called to this important ministry, please contact the parish at 905-354-7451

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

CWL News... Hello Ladies... Please note that your **CWL dues of \$40** are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2023** and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at msscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

Weekday Rosary

*Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.
Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!*

Little Flower Society Cards

Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Louie Cadot. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jerry Slak, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Priddy, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanuz, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 11: \$6,627.95
Carmelite Missions Appeal: \$5,091.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____



Dear Friends:

The joy of Christmas is in the air. We slow down for another week. It's not often we have four entire weeks of Advent. I feel joyful that Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year! Thanks so much to all of you who participated in the Christmas Gift Campaign. Your response was overwhelming. Through your giving hearts, many children will feel warmth and joy on Christmas morning. I think the joy of children is **the hope for our future!** God bless you for your sacrifices.

It was such a joy to have our 32 Confirmation Candidates at the 11:30 Mass last Sunday. They made a commitment to grow in the faith, and to be open to the Holy Spirit. And their sponsors, families and all of us made a commitment to journey with them and support them. God be with them on their journey.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday, we pay homage to **Mary and Joseph**. Isaiah tells us about a young woman who will give birth to a son, and name him Emmanuel! In Matthew's Gospel, we have



this prophesy fulfilled! The angel appeared to Joseph and told him **not to be afraid** to take Mary as his wife. We can only imagine their fear. Here was Joseph, engaged to Mary... and she was with child! What would people think? **MARY** said yes without knowing what her **yes** entailed!

Joseph also did as the Angel asked. They both trusted God, and knew that with God, **all things were possible**.

God does not ask anything of us, that we cannot handle. **"I will be with you always. Do not be afraid!"** These words said to Mary and Joseph, are also said to us. God never left their side. Mary and Joseph brought Christ to birth, and we know Mary was at her Son's side right to the Cross! God never leaves our side either. And that's Good News! May Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw us ever closer to Jesus, as we await the celebration of his Birth on Christmas Day! God bless you all.

Fr. Gerard



"The only gift is giving to the poor; All else is exchange." *Thiruvalluvar, poet c. 30 BCE*

"A God who became so small could only be mercy and love." *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

"The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it." *Ven. Fulton Sheen*

Sign up For Christmas Ministries

There are sign-up sheets at the main entrance of the church for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please make sure that every Christmas Mass is covered.

Christmas Children's Pageant

Our final Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, Dec. 18th 6:30 PM- Final Pageant Rehearsal
Monday, Dec 19th 7:00 PM- Advent Reconciliation
Wednesday, Dec 21st 6:30 PM- Decorating of Church

Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

Christmas Eve- Saturday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)
4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

New Year's Mass Schedule

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday Dec. 31st 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 1st 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

(We have a special sign-up sheet at the main entrance of the church for all ministries for New Year's Masses.)

Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas



Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are

connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with me*.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly peace.

Actual Church Signs

Honk if you love Jesus. Text and drive if you want to meet him.
Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
Church parking only. Violators will be baptized.

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

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