

St. Thomas More Parish

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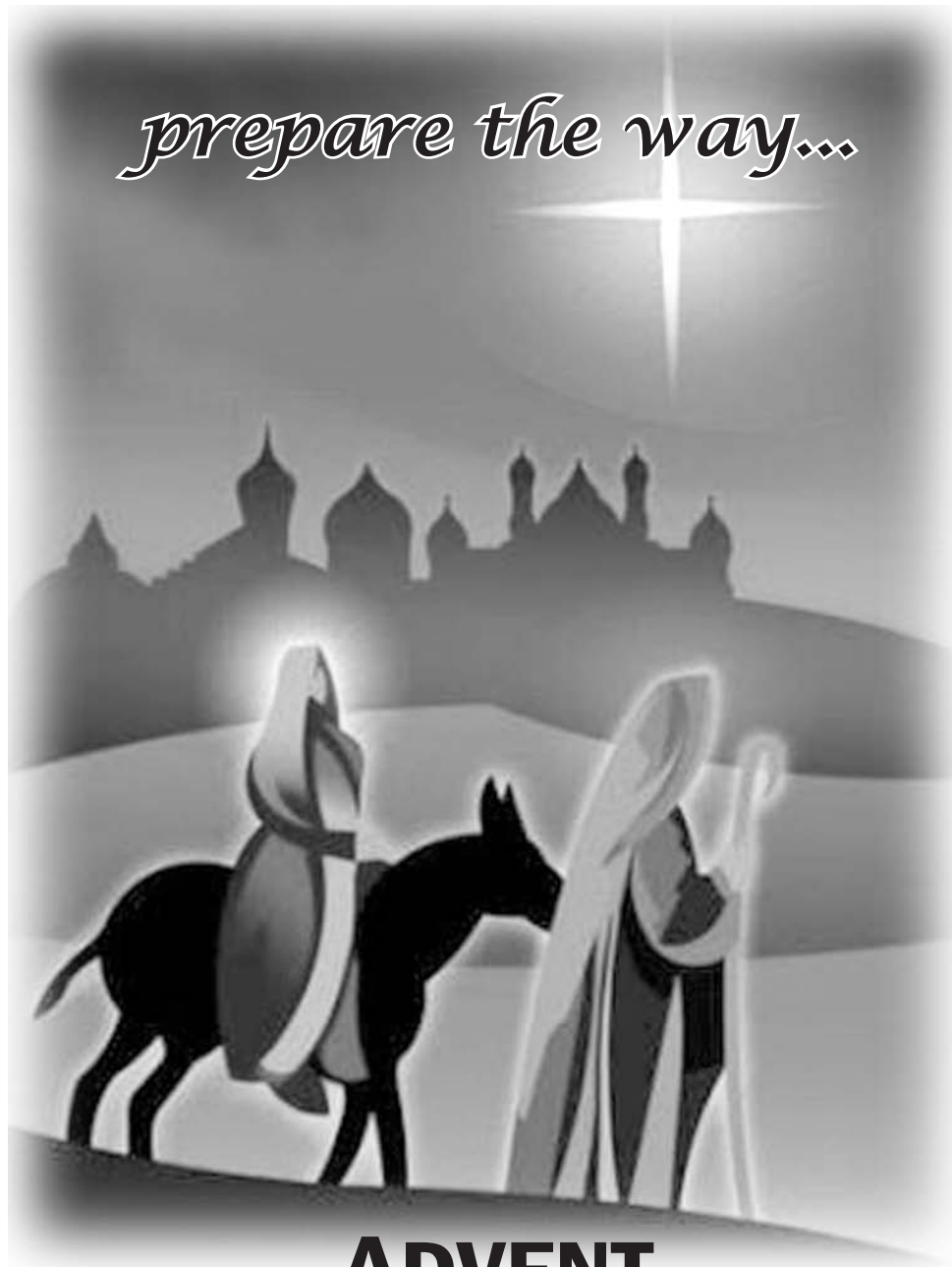
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Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners are requested to register in the parish by phone or email.



ADVENT

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Christmas Gift

There are only three more days until Christmas Day, and it is understandable if we are still wondering whether we should get any presents for our relatives and friends. Christmas is a time for gifts and presents, not only for Christians but also for those who take the opportunity to celebrate.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we heard the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth in a Judean town with haste. Mary had to set off quickly, as the journey would take some time, and it was also to a hill country, which meant rather rough terrain. However, Mary was aware of Elizabeth's pregnancy, since the angel had told her about it. She was sensitive to Elizabeth's needs, even though she had her own needs as well.

Mary's journey to visit Elizabeth teaches us something powerful: there is nothing more profound than sharing the gift of our presence. Elizabeth felt the presence of the Lord in Mary, and even the child in her womb leapt for joy. Mary also received affirmation from Elizabeth that she was going to be the mother of God. It was a beautiful moment for both expectant mothers and a powerful experience of the presence of God in each other.

Therefore, if we are still considering what presents to get for our loved ones, whether they are seniors or otherwise, let us think about gifts that allow them to experience our presence. It could be something they need, something they will wear, or something they will use. Let our Christmas gifts be a symbol of our loving presence to others.

God gave us His only Son, Jesus, to be Emmanuel, "God is with us." That is how much God wants to be present with us. May what we give to others also symbolize how much we love them and want to be with them.

Fr. Aegidius Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for**December 21 – 28, 2024**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Nemsio Sr. Jun, Romeo and Jose Chua, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Deron Camillus, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Cecilia Talag
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	8:00 p.m.	+Ernesto M. Santos, requested by the Santos family
Monday	7:15 a.m.	+Christine Long
Tuesday Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	+Francis, Louisa, Balu Rose, and Edward Rodrigues, Clara and Salvador Fernandes, Theresa, Peter and Robert Desouza
	9:00 p.m.	+ Adoracion & Eliseo Madulid
	11:00 p.m.	+ All the souls in purgatory
Wednesday Christmas Day	8:30 a.m.	+Kayumba Claver Pierre and Beatrice Kamaraba, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Graham Biggar, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parish Community
	There is no 8:00 p.m. Mass	
Thursday Boxing day	9:00 a.m.	+Paz de Asis, requested by the family
Friday	7:15 a.m.	+Joseph Appiah, requested by S. McDoom
	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Mikayla Haswell
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Hy and Vinnette Francis

Christmas & New Year's Day Dates

Date	Mass time
December 21 – 23	Regular schedule
Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	No 7:30 a.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. English Mass 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 9:00 p.m. English Mass 11:00 p.m. English Mass
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day (Office closed)	8:30 a.m. English Mass 10:00 a.m. English Mass 11:30 a.m. English Mass 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Thursday, December 26 (Office closed)	9:00 a.m. Mass ONLY
Friday, December 27	7:15 a.m. English Mass 7:00 pm English Mass
Saturday, December 28	9:00 a.m. English Mass 5:00 p.m. English Mass
Sunday, December 29	8:30 a.m. English Mass 10:00 a.m. English Mass 11:30 a.m. English Mass 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 8:00 p.m. English Mass
Monday, December 30	7:15 a.m. English Mass No Morning Mass
Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve	No Morning Mass 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 8:00 pm English Mass
Wednesday, January, 1 Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day) (Office closed)	8:00 a.m. English Mass 10:00 a.m. English Mass 12:00 Noon English Mass 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
Thursday, January 2	Regular schedule

Please note the Sunday Mass time changes that being on of January 1st, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you at the new mass times.

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS

Email: stmpsacraments@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now closed.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is now closed.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Registration is closed.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Jill Downs, Melina and Rolando Castillo, Keith Achue, Victoria Munson, Marion Blake, Jose Benjamin Mallari and Tina Lopes. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Pilgrimage to Italy- Jubilee 2025

Oct 10-22, 2025, 13 days- \$5090

Under the spiritual leadership of **Fr. Antonio Resende Pereira S.C.J., Pastor**, Our Lady of Rosary Parish in Scarborough, we are pleased to invite you to a very special pilgrimage to Italy.

For more information contact: Tour Coordinator: Lin T
Tel : 416-837-9306

Adoration

Join us for Adoration on **Saturday, Jan 4th, at 6:15 p.m.** conducted by the Holy Trinity Community. The Adoration will last for one hour. This is a special opportunity for prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come spend some quiet time with the

Lord and deepen your faith.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a blessed replica of our Blessed Mother. It is a traveling sacramental offered by the Legion of Mary to be given to any home, wishing to create a prayerful, sanctifying space where family and friends are encouraged to pray the Rosary, and meditate its mysteries. All parishioners are welcome to request the statue.

If you are interested in having the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home, please sign your name in the binder provided at the back of the church and a Legion member will contact you.

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