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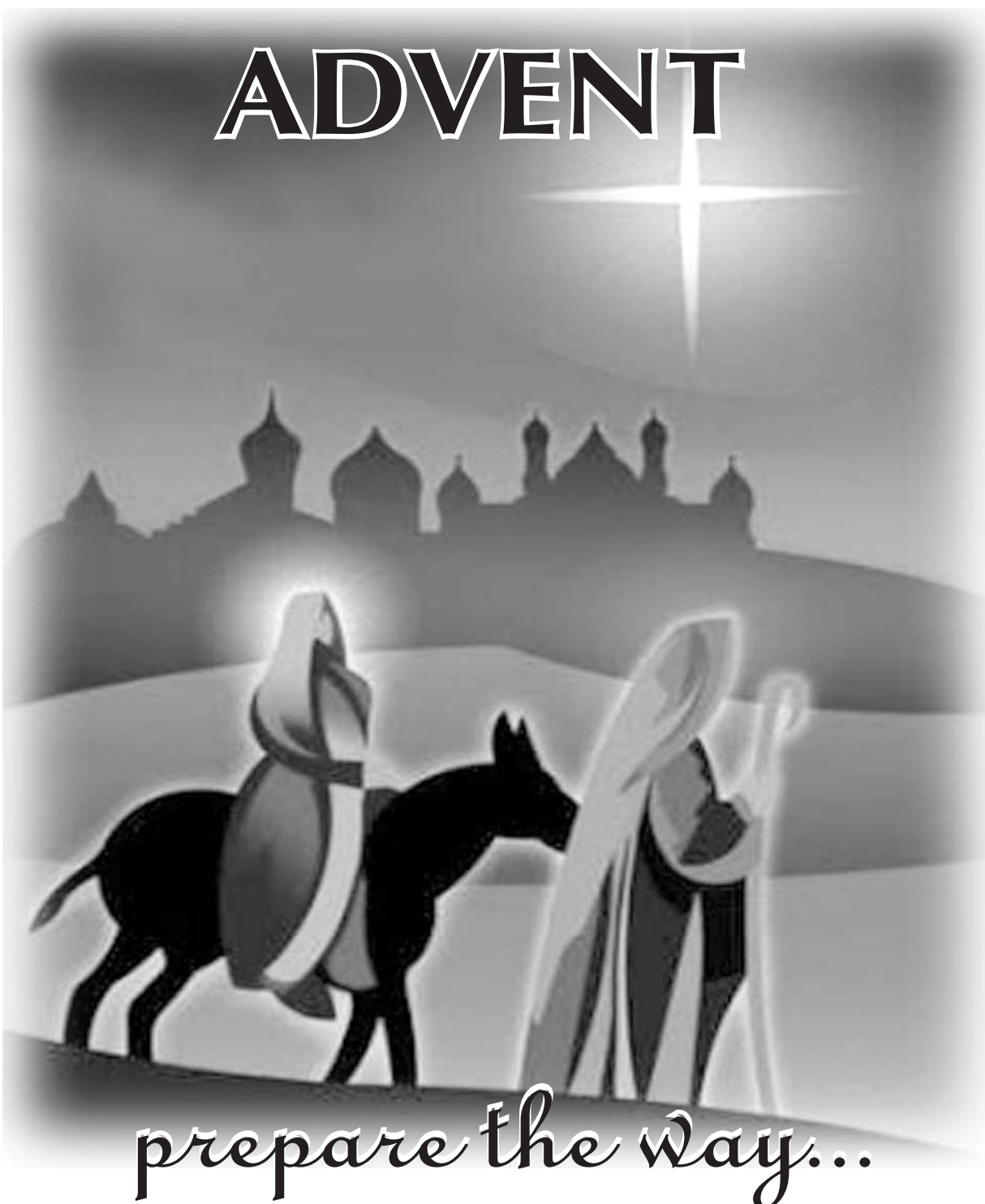
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## ADVENT



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor  
Rev. Archange Kébé, In Residence  
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon  
S. Suzanne Medley, Office Manager  
Leslie Polci, Director of Music  
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian  
Ana Carolina Leite, Housekeeper

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

### BAPTISMS

Please phone the parish office.

### MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



## Mass Intentions

*"...an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...'"*

Matthew 1:20b-21

### Monday December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 – No Mass

### Tuesday December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Luke 1:26-38

7 PM – Elsa Lucas

### Wednesday December 21

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

9 AM – Paul Corey

### Thursday December 22

I Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

9 AM – Deceased members of the Caruso family

### Friday December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66

9 AM – Joe Galea

### Saturday December 24 – Christmas Vigil

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-16++

5 PM – Mary Falconer

8 PM – Josef Svoboda

### Sunday December 25 – Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Bob Fuller



## Our Parish

### Monday December 19

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday December 20

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – WR

### Wednesday December 21

Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Friday December 23

AA Meeting – 8 PM – Hall

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 25: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

## Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 20: 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, December 22: 12-1 p.m., 6-7 p.m.

## C.W.L. Message

The C.W.L. Executive thanks those who attended our December Luncheon/Bingo. We all had an enjoyable afternoon of food, fun and friendships. May Christmas blessings shine on you and those you love.

**Attention Parishioners!** The St. Vincent de Paul, C.W.L. and the Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that we are bringing back the weekly food collection for the **Burlington Food Bank**. All non-perishable food items can be left in the Brant Street main doors entrance area in the baskets provided. Thank you.

## Christmas Pageant Meeting:

On December 11 and 18 there will be a short practice for all children participating, or who would like to participate, in the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. Parents and children are asked to join the teachers in the parish hall following the 11 a.m. Mass.

If you have any questions please contact Anne Marie Bottenham at 905-317-3539 or email [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com).



## **Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship**

We have so many to thank for their generous contributions to our Poinsettia Sponsorship event. A list of all of our wonderful sponsors will appear in our Christmas bulletin. We look forward to seeing the beauty of the altar dressed in Christmas splendor. Thank you so much!

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Catholic Missions calendars are available for sale for \$3 each at the church entrance near Brant Street for as long as the supply lasts. Please leave your payment in the brown and white literature envelopes provided.

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### **The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December**

✠ We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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## **IN THE DIOCESE**

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### ***COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS***

Anytime is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass – especially so during the beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to *Come Home for Christmas*? Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want all Catholics to know that they are warmly welcomed back to our Parish community. Please consider extending this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2023? If so, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Mass on Sunday, April 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance.) Registration will be available in early January at the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

## **Mastering Your Money:**

### **A Financial Wellness Presentation**

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special Zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events, or phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 to receive the Zoom link.

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**RESTART: moving forward** – This is a new and updated 10-week program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs on Tuesdays from March 21 to May 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office. You are also welcome to join our zoom classroom if preferred. The cost is \$25 for materials but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please phone Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Catechetical Correspondence Program**

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program for ongoing religious education and preparation for the sacraments. We need volunteers so if you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

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**Parenting Tip of the Month:** Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith. From: Family Ministry Office.



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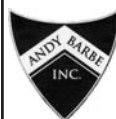
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