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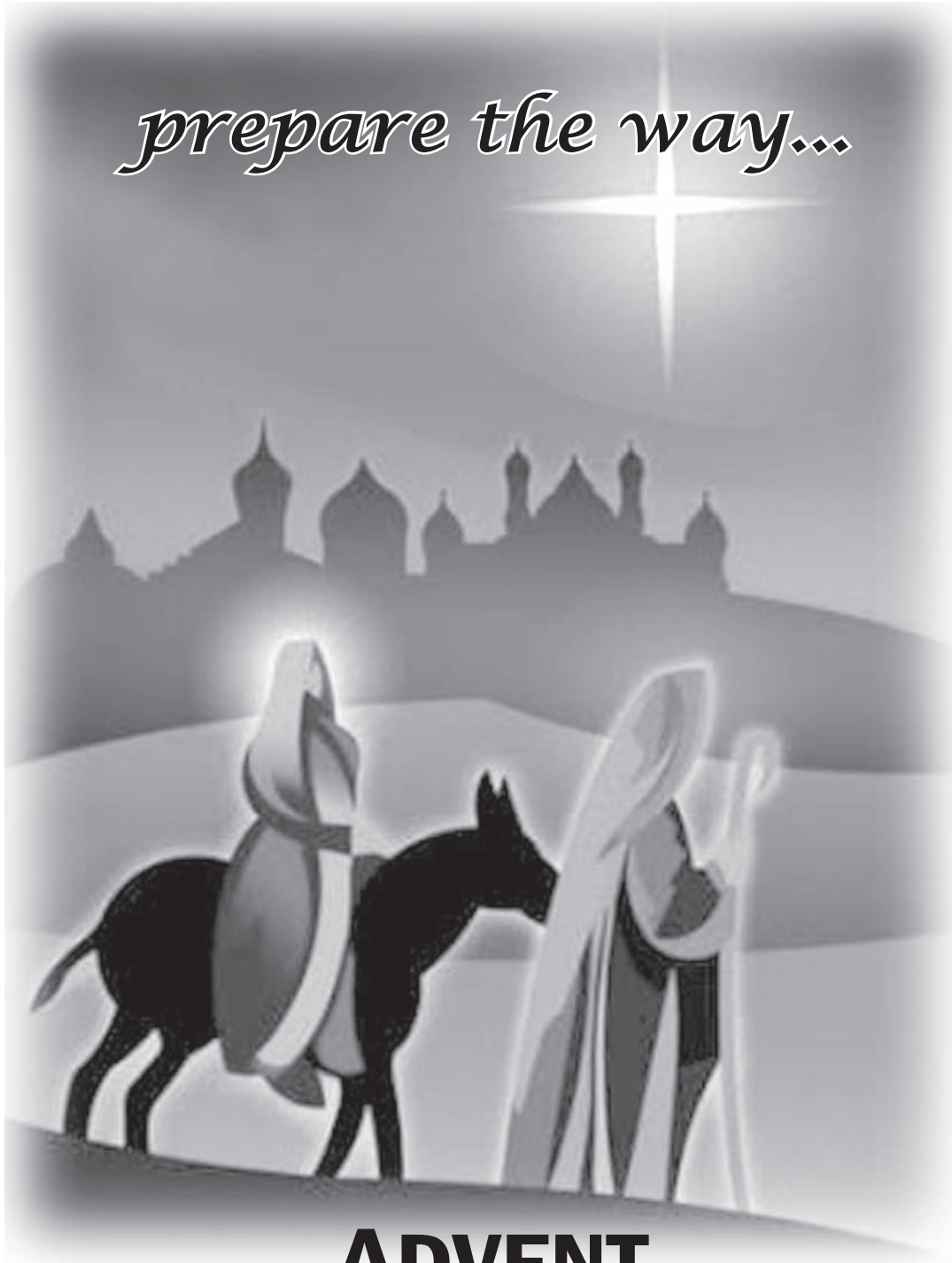
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prepare the way...



ADVENT

PASTOR'S PEN

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024

In the Gospel, this Sunday according to St. Luke, we hear of the Visitation – the meeting of Mary with her aged cousin Elizabeth. But there is also another encounter happening, John the Baptist leaps for joy within his mother's womb in the presence of his Lord and Saviour – the Christ child.

So, we really have two visitations going on. Mary, out of love and concern for her aged cousin Elizabeth “goes in haste” to the Judean hillside, the village of Ein Kareem. She shares in the miraculous conception of Elizabeth in her old age, and she shares her wonder and joy of her own conception. Mary goes to serve and help Elizabeth; Elizabeth proclaims Mary's role in salvation history. The other “visitation” goes unseen, yet is felt; “As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.” John, freed by the grace of the Holy Spirit of original sin at this moment, rejoices in the presence of His Lord. His role will always be the precursor, the one who points out He is the Messiah – Behold the Lamb of God. How do we proclaim the coming of the Lord? Do our actions show our hope in the coming of the saviour?

Christmas: the Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2024

Today we celebrate our liberation from sin and death. Heaven and earth have come together – God has taken flesh. The famous Italian Christmas Carol written by St. Alphonsus Ligouri, I find so moving:

“Tu scendi dalle stelle, o Re del Cielo”

*You come down from the stars, Oh, King of Heavens.
You come down from the stars, Oh, King of Heavens,
And You come in a cave in the cold, in the frost.
Oh, my Divine Baby
I see you trembling here,
Oh, Blessed God
Ah, how much it costs You, your loving me. How much it costs you loving me.
This baby would go to the cross to save us. Let us open our hearts today to
receive the King of Glory!*

Happy Christmas!

**Fr. Christopher
Pastor**



2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Church year began on the first Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024. The new Sunday Missals for 2024-2025 are available on the book rack. The cost is \$6.00 each. Please put your money in the slot on the book rack.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES - REMINDER

The cost of the Devotional candles is \$5.00 per candle and the money goes into one of the two lock boxes at the St. Therese Shrine.

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading

Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister at (519) 685-2795 Ext. 227 or via email: mcbishop@dol.ca For more information visit our website: londonsouthcatholic.ca



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New Members

Welcome

St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 @ 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (+) Nancy Bourdeau | Fr. Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Fr. Robert Anderson | Fr. Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Mary Jane Conway | Fr. Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Sr. Mary Cornelius Foran | Fr. Christopher Bourdeau |
| (INT) P. LaRocque Family | S. LaRocque |

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) VIGIL MASS

- 4:30 pm St. Justin
- 4:30 pm St. Francis-St. Martin
- 7:00 pm St. Justin (incense)
- 7:00 pm St. Francis-St. Martin – Spanish
- 10:00 pm St. Justin (incense)
- Midnight St. Leopold Mandic – Croatian

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 10:00 AM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

- 10:00 am St. Justin
- 10:00 am St. Francis-St. Martin – Bilingual
- 11:00 am St. Leopold Mandic – Croatian

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

NO CONFESSIONS

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR
DIOCESAN MINISTERS**



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:
 Sunday, Dec. 22 - Deacon Joseph Manzara
 Monday, Dec. 23 - Rev. Michael Ryan
 Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Parish Secretaries in the Diocese of London
 Wednesday, Dec. 25 - **Nativity of the Lord**
 Thursday, Dec. 26 - Rev. Seejo John
 Friday, Dec. 27 - Mrs. Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister
 Saturday, Dec. 28 - Rev. Joseph Onome Oghenejabor

PRAY THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA



Christmas Novena Prayers will take place in the Church after each Mass.

Final Christmas Novena Mass

Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Christmas Novena

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires, (mention your request here) through the merits of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

MERRY
Christmas



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you didn't receive your Offertory Envelopes for 2025, contact Sherry Rowland at the office 519-685-2795 ext. 241. Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025. Any charitable donations for the Church for 2024 must be received by the office by Friday, December 31, 2024.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for
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\$8,361.95

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