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*prepare the way...*






# ADVENT

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023



**A Prayer for  
the Fourth Sunday of  
ADVENT**

*Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.*

Together as a family of faith, let us celebrate #OurAdvent  
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PRAYER FROM WWW.CCGRCA

You may offer the Sanctuary Lamp or the Our Lady of Fatima Lamp for a weeklong period, either for the intentions of or for the repose of a soul. Stipend is \$10 per week and the *intention will be included on the bulletin board.*

**THE VOTIVE CANDLES** are offered as below for the week of **SUNDAY, DEC. 24 TO SATURDAY, DEC. 30**



**SANCTUARY LAMP**



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA LAMP**

+ CARLA BORROMEO

**MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		
<b>Saturday, Dec. 23</b>	5 p.m.	+ GERALD TAYLOR, MATT & ALEXANDER WILKENS
<b>Sunday, Dec. 24</b>	9 a.m.	+ RITA SHAUGHNESSY
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
<b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS</b>		
<b>Sunday, Dec. 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5 p.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	8 p.m.	
Midnight		
<b>Monday, Dec. 25</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</i>	9 a.m.	
	11 a.m.	
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 26</b> <i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	9 a.m.	+ JOSEPH FERNANDES
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 27</b> <i>St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	6:30 p.m.	HOLY HOUR
	7:30 p.m.	+ BERTIE NAZARETH
<b>Thursday, Dec. 28</b> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	8:30 a.m.	+ REGINALD PETERSON
<b>Friday, Dec. 29</b>	8:30 a.m.	INT. JOSH & JERRICK
<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>		
<b>Saturday, Dec. 30</b>	5 p.m.	+ BARBARA FERNANDEZ
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b>	9 a.m.	IN THANKSGIVING: DAVID FAMILY
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>		
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31</b>	5 p.m.	+ MARINA RODRIGUES
<b>Monday, Jan 1, 2024</b>	9 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	11 a.m.	

### VOCATION SEEDS from Toronto Serra Clubs



From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world.

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### Solemnity of Christmas

**Sunday, December 24**

*(Christmas Eve Masses)*

5 p.m., 8 p.m. & 12 Midnight

**Monday, December 25**

*(Christmas Day)*

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

No 5 p.m.



\* **Tuesday, Dec. 26** (*Saint Stephen, the First Martyr*): 9 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 27** (*Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist*)

Holy Hour- 6:30 p.m. | Mass- 7:30 p.m.

\* **Thursday, Dec. 28** (*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*): 8:30 a.m.

**Friday, Dec. 29:** 8:30 a.m.

\* **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** (*Sundays' Schedule*)

**Saturday, Dec. 30:** 5 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 31:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Sunday, December 31**

5 p.m.

**Monday, January 1**

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

No 5 p.m.



From the  
Pastor's  
Desk



The season of Advent is coming to its crowning close as we enter into the Christmas season, the Birth of the Messiah our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Merry Christmas to each one of you, to your families, and to the whole family of God at Holy Redeemer Parish.*

The first part of the Advent season from the First Sunday of Advent leads us to reflect on the two-fold coming of the Lord namely his coming among us today in his word and sacrament and looking forward to his final coming in glory.

The second part of the Advent season from Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> is the proximate preparations for the celebration of Christmas, time of joy, expressed by spiritual exercises of opening our hearts to God, welcoming Jesus, Emmanuel, as God's greatest gift to humanity, and opening our arms in giving and receiving gifts. It is the time of families getting together, enjoying each other, ironing out the creases of misunderstanding and conflicts of the past and seeking ways to refine our relationships when we celebrate the great feast of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace in our Christian calendar. I wish you all, a joyful celebration of Christmas and New Year 2024.

In spite of the joy we want to enjoy at this time of the year, we think about someone who is on a hospital bed at this time, we think about those who are hurting because of loss of their loved ones during this past year, whose pain is amplified especially during this time of the year, when we see the empty chairs and spaces, we think about families going through 'turbulent storms to the breaking point'

As if that was not enough, we are painfully aware of the plight of millions around the world where peace, joy and justice are suffocated by fear, suffering and death. This year has seen thousands of lives lost in war zone areas around the world. Parents have lost their children and children have lost their parents, thousands have been killed, displaced, maimed. Even 'sacred places' like hospitals and 'sanctuaries' where human life would find protection, have changed into target ranges of the pounding bombs of destruction. The number of casualties is staggering. And honestly, arrogance and pride is fuelling these wars and it doesn't look like there is an end in sight. May we pray for Peace in the World, in our countries, communities, families and in each one of us. May we value the great gift of HUMAN LIFE again.

Let us we remember at this time, the word of the Lord...

*"I have come so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10)*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024**

- Fr. Colman Mruma

## SHARELIFE WISHES YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

As we shelter from the winter cold, the ShareLife team thanks you for your faithful support. We wish you a warm and safe Christmas season, grateful for the enduring compassion you extend to those less fortunate. You are igniting hope for a better future.



If you wish to share your blessings this Christmas, your contribution will double in value. Your year-end gift to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

*Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

## PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

FROM NOON ON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



If you have an emergency that requires a priest please call 905-839-9774, and follow instructions to leave a message for Fr. Colman to contact you. In case Fr. Colman is unreachable please contact another local Parish for assistance.

*Regular office schedule will begin on  
Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>*



If you are a visitor to our parish, we want you to know how welcome you are— whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

*We extend our warm welcome to you on behalf of  
the people of the Parish, Priest and Deacon.*

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2024 are available outside the parish office. If you do not see your name please contact the office. Please check that your name and address are correct and please do not use the envelopes before January 1<sup>st</sup> as your number may have changed.



## UPDATING PARISH RECORDS



As we get closer to the end of this year, we would like you to update your contact information.

*If you have any changes or additions to the information: Email Address, Telephone #, Address Changes- kindly contact the parish office*

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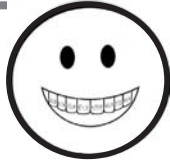
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