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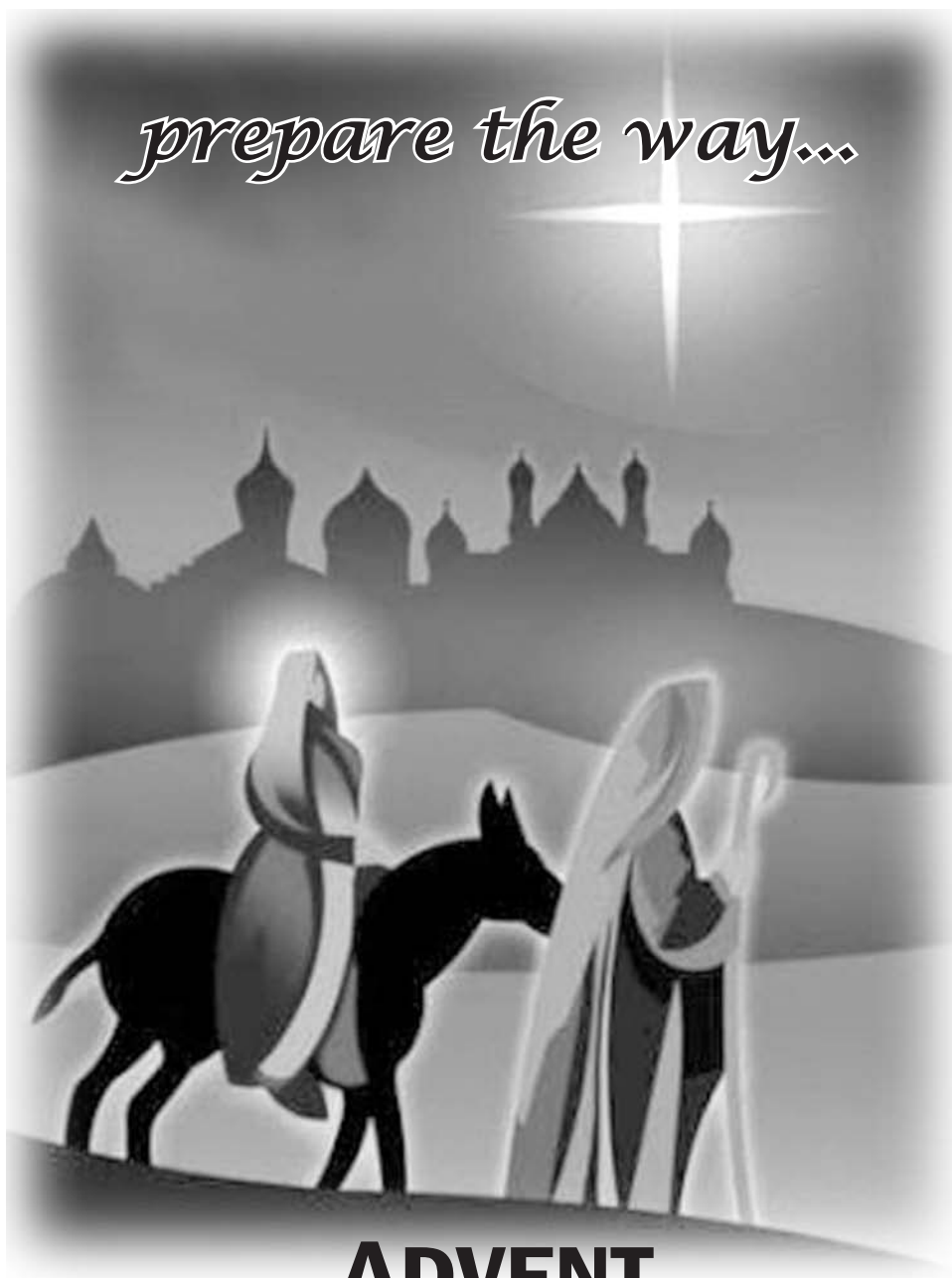
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
ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 22TH 2024



**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.CCBCA



Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Christmas

Tuesday Dec 24

5pm-8pm-12pm(Midnight)

Wednesday Dec 25

9am-11am (No 5 pm)

Thursday Dec 26 9am

(St Stephen, The First Martyr)

Friday Dec 27 8:30am

Saturday Dec 28 5pm

Sunday Dec 29 9am-11am-5pm

Monday Dec 30 8:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday Dec 31 5pm

Wednesday Jan 1 9am-11am (No 5pm)



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. 22 TO SATURDAY, DEC. 28**



SANCTUARY LAMP



OUR LADY OF FATIMA LAMP

+ CARLA BORROMEO

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 23RD TO JANUARY 1ST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Saturday, Dec. 21	5 p.m.	+ ANGELO LICITRA
	9 a.m.	+ BARRY DOUCETTE
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday, Dec. 22	5 p.m.	+ PEDRO GOROSPE
Monday, Dec. 23	8:30 am	+VALLADARES FAMILY
SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS		
Tuesday, Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5 p.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	8 p.m.	
	Midnight	
Wednesday, Dec. 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</i>	9 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	11 a.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 26 <i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	9 a.m.	+ JOSEPH FERNANDES
Friday, Dec. 27	8:30 am	IN THANKSGIVING LEAR & PATSY CARDOZ
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH		
Saturday, Dec. 28	5 p.m.	FOR VAN MEER FAMILY
	9 a.m.	IN THANKSGIVING: DAVID FAMILY
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday, Dec. 29	5 p.m.	+SADIUA FAMILY
Monday, Dec. 30	8:30am	+BARBARA FERNANDEZ
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
Tuesday, Dec. 31	5 p.m.	IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAVOURS RECEIVED
Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025	9 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	11 a.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,
& 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. 17th - 24th is the proximate preparation 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 2025.

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 and maimed. Even 'sacred places' like hospitals and 'sanctuaries' where human life would find protection, have changed into target ranges of the pounding bombs and bullets 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 tightly espouse 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 2025**

Your Servant - Fr. Colman Mruma

SURVEY FOR OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Please respond to our email survey to help us plan projects to commemorate our Anniversary. If you have not received an email from us, kindly check your junk mail. We also have printed copies of the survey available in the pews at the back of the Church, and in the Hall and hallway. Thank you in advance!

Deadline for survey response will be by January 5th



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE ON
REDUCED HOURS FROM 12 NN
ON FRI. DEC. 20 TO DEC. 24TH AND**

**CLOSED DEC. 31 UNTIL WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 1ST**

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

*Regular office schedule will begin on
Thursday, January 2nd*



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 2025 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 1st as your number may have changed.



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.

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Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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