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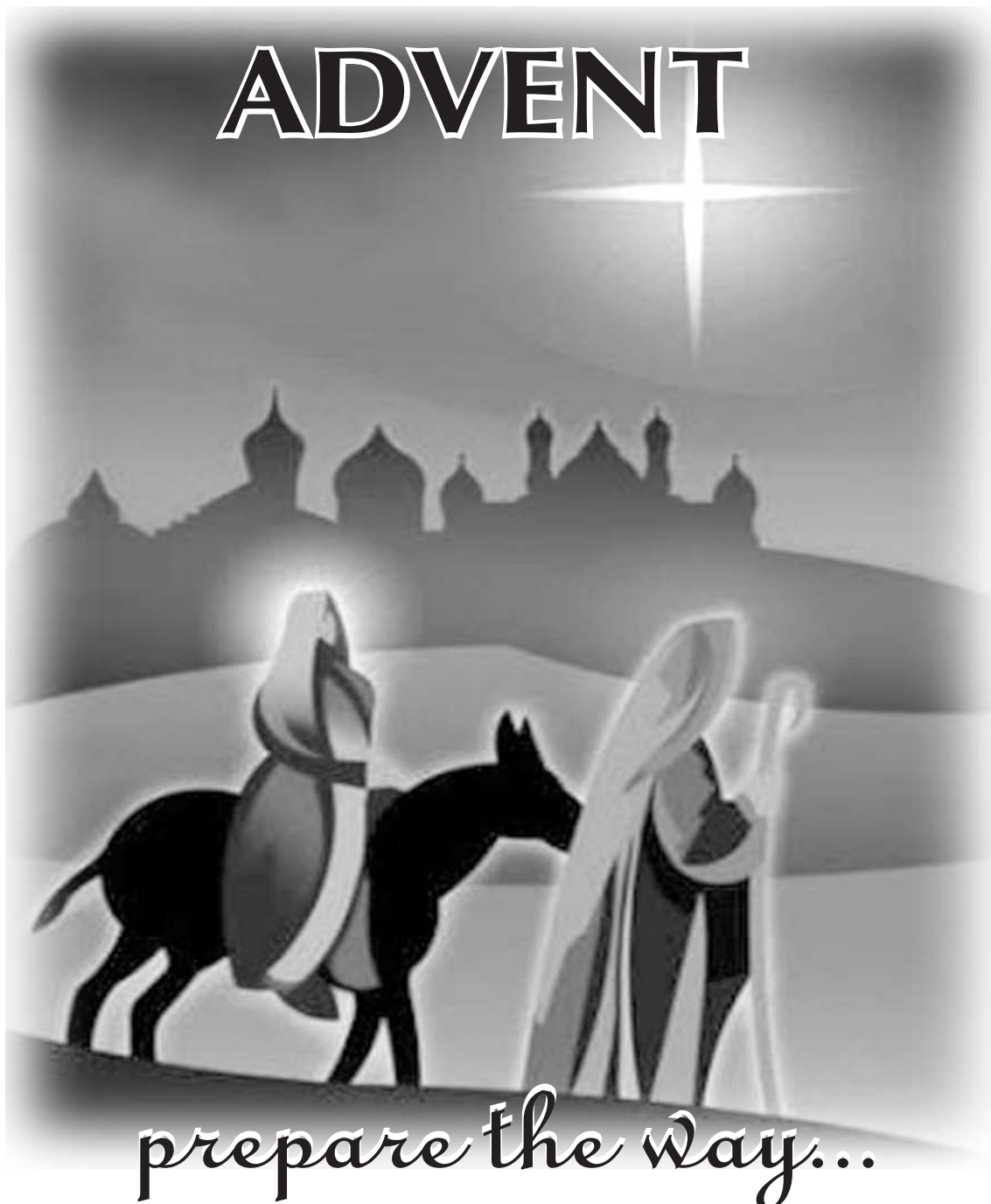
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MAY THE LORD COME IN

Christmas is so close that we might think that Advent has been just a preparation for everything to go well. To sing carols better, for the Christmas lights and decorations to be more special than ever, for the celebrations with family and friends to be so successful, or for the incense to perfume the temple and for everyone to listen attentively to the well-known story of the child born in Bethlehem.

Or perhaps, we should think that Advent is much more than a liturgical season that lasts four short weeks in which we want to prepare ourselves to allow the birth in us, especially in our hearts, of the "God-with-us", the Emmanuel, the desired Messiah, the one presented to us in the first reading and in this Sunday's Gospel.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, can be very enlightening. There are those who think that there is no longer hope, that the Christian faith is about to enter a period of definitive decadence, that society has lost its foundations. They may be right. But it is a situation even a little better than the one King Ahaz was going through. His city was surrounded by an enemy army. He no longer had much chance of defense. At that time it was normal for armies to devastate the city and put to the sword those they did not turn into slaves. So Ahaz and his people had less future than ours.

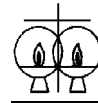
In this situation, the prophet speaks in the name of God. They will receive a sign, a sign of a future. The sign is that a virgin woman will give birth to a child. That child is the living sign of hope, of God's ability to create life where we see only death.

This sign is fulfilled in Mary. She is the virgin who will give birth to a child, restoring hope to humanity. In this newborn child, the great love with which God loves each one of us will be made visible. It is a paradox because this child, like any other child, will need all the care and attention in the world in order to grow. It doesn't seem wise for God to light up hope in such a way. It is so fragile! But God is like that. He makes himself fragile to be closer to us.

Thanks to that fragile child we can continue to look to the future with hope and see in every man and woman the presence of God's love.

We must care for this hope as we care for a newborn child. It is so fragile and so light. It is in our hands. We cannot let it fall. We have to nurture it so that it grows and reaches all the human beings around us. Advent is much more than preparing unforgettable moments in the life of family or friends. Advent must touch the depths of our faith so that hope can take root in us.

For reflection: Can I discover signs of life around us? Are we aware that all life is a sign of God's presence? What are we doing to respect the life around us?



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022

8:00am Thanksgiving from Diane Rocha Lima

6:00pm + Giuseppe La-Cute
+ Joaquim Silva

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Sunday, Dec. 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am + Maria Truong Thi Thang & Joshep E. Trung Ding

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Albertina Jimenez

4:00pm Thanksgiving from Diana & Douglas Pedro

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Monday, Dec. 19

8:00am Special intentions for Maria Csabai

6:30pm + Michele Sanfilippo

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:00am Special intentions for Mary Pietrangelo

6:30pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Wednesday, Dec. 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:00am Special intentions for Terri Brown

5:30pm *Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*

6:30pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Thursday, Dec. 22

8:00am + Giuseppe Corrente

6:30pm + Samuel, Iris & Elvis Moreira

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, Dec. 23

St. John of Kanty

8:00am + Mary Emmanuel

6:30pm + Ida & Luigi Collodel

7:30pm Posadas

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Vigil

8:00am + Maria Zanatta

4:00pm + Fr. Aldo Uderzo, Trieste & Adele DiMichele,
Caterina Natale, Eddie Flower

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

8:00pm SOLEMN MASS

Sunday, Dec. 25

Nativity of the Lord

8:30am Living & deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Danilo, Casimira, Cirilla & Luigi Berdusco,
Umberto & Maria Giurin & Bortolozzo Family

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

4:00pm + Gloria Lum

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

Desde el Lunes 19 al Viernes 23 de Diciembre, 2022 (7:30 pm, Salón Scalabrini) continuaremos participando en la Santa Misa, Novena de Navidad y Posadas.

El Jueves 22 de Diciembre, 2022 (8:30 am a 6:30 pm, Iglesia) estara expuesto el Santisimo Sacramento en la Iglesia. Dedicemos un tiempo para la Adoracion Eucastica personal.

El Sabado 24 de Diciembre, 2022 (6:00 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Santa Misa de Nochebuena.

El Domingo 25 de Diciembre, 2022 (6:00 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Santa Misa de Navidad.

Hoy, participaremos en la Santa Misa, Novena de Navidad y Posadas (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para aquellos hermanos y hermanas que deseen participar virtualmente en la Santa Misa, Novena de Navidad y Posadas:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

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ENVELOPES FOR 2023 CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE

Schedule of weeknight Masses between Dec 15-23

MASS in ENGLISH will be @ 6:30pm not 7pm;

MISA en Espanol @ 7:30pm in Scalabrini Hall

MASS in Tagalog (Simbang Gabi) @ 7:30pm

MAIN DOORS from Monday to Saturday will be open from 7:00am to 9:00am and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

From 9:00am to 6:00pm, the doors will be closed. The side entrance will be open 6:30am to 8:00pm.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day **ONLY** on **Thursdays** and **First Fridays**.

ADULT CATECHISM and RCIA will resume January 9, 2023.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

4:00pm FAMILY MASS
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
8:00pm SOLEMN English Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

8:30am English Mass
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
4:00pm English Mass
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Saturday, December 31, 2022 New Year's Eve

8:00am English Mass
6:00pm English Mass
7:30pm Adoration + SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Sunday, January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

8:30am English Mass
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
4:00pm English Mass
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

MARRIAGE SUNDAY A special archdiocesan Mass on February 11/12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2:30pm with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couple, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2023 are welcome to attend the Mass to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. All those not able to attend in person are encouraged to join the celebration via livestream. For this event, register as soon as possible at www.archtoronto.org/marriage





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