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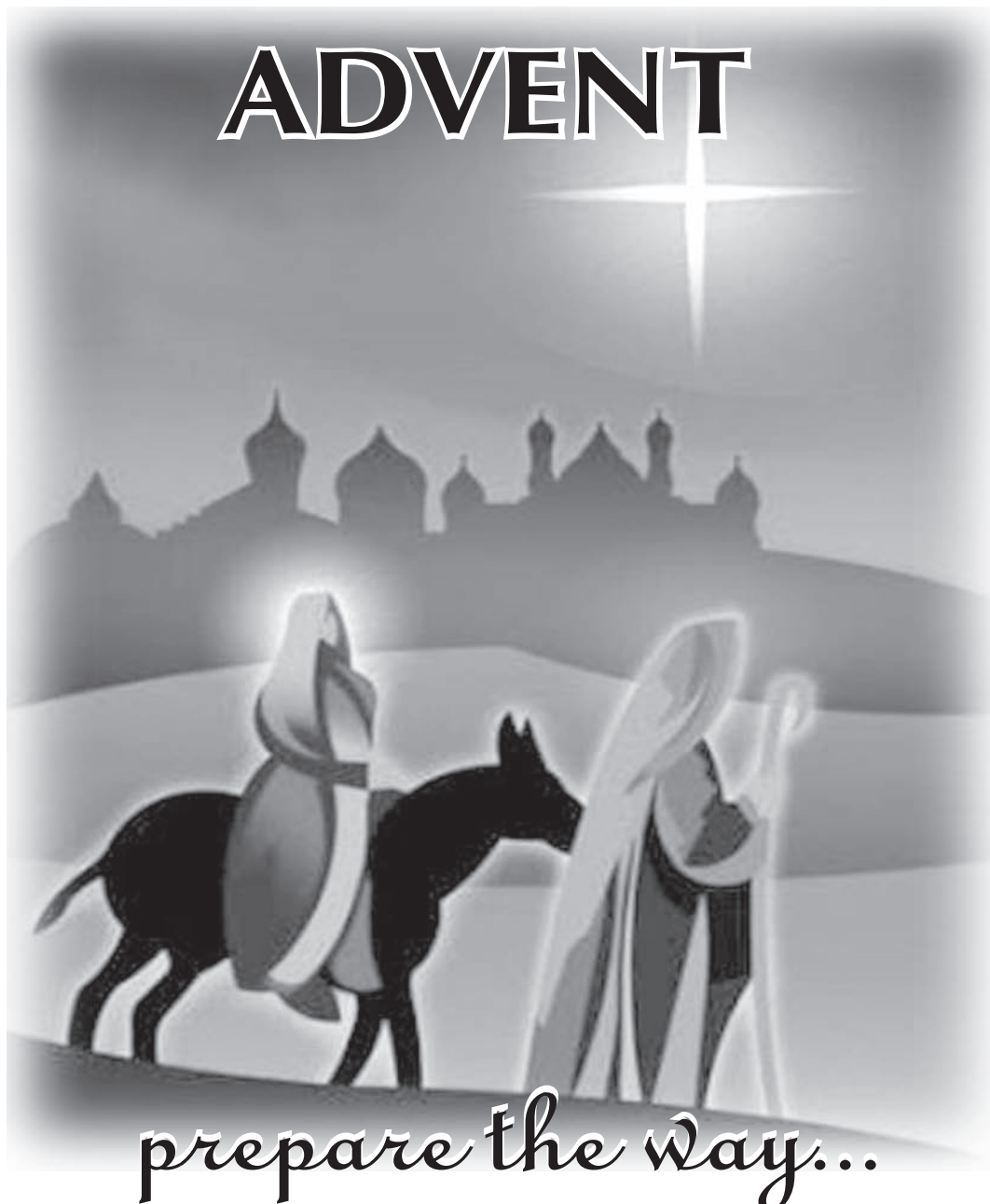
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prepare the way...

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 17)

5:00 PM +Joaquim Fernandes,
+Manuel Rezendes, +Jason Avelino
Mistry,+Walter Correia, Philomena
D'Cunha, +Christopher Colaco
& Deceased members of St. Pius
Association, +Pinto Family
SUNDAY (December 18)

7:30 AM +Librada Pilar +Juanito
& Milagros Umali,Evelyn & Ruel
Macalaguim

9:00 AM +Jose Diego, +Anastacio
Samaniego,Thanksgiving of Connie
Rodrigues, Thanksgiving of Ramil
& Marila Pajatin, Thanksgiving of
D'Mello Family,

11:00 AM +Nene Manzano, +Vimla
Patel, + Francisco Cogo Jr., +Lolita
Cogo, +Geosia Garsuta, +Charles
Wise

12:30 PM +Cristina Carpio Huab,
+Nestor & Angelina Reyes, +Morris
Dis, +Peter Saneviratne, Francisco
Cogo, Thanksgiving for Kathleen &
Kamielle Carolasan

MONDAY (December 19)

7:00 PM +Daylinda Echavez,
Thanksgiving of Roman & Edna
Chavez

TUESDAY (December 20)

7:30 AM +Karl Lesaca, Thanksgiving
of Bella Laurante

WEDNESDAY (December 21)

7:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry,
+Cresieniana Mateo

THURSDAY (December 22)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (December 23)

7:00 PM Deceased members of
Rodrigues & Fernandes Family,
Thanksgiving of Armand Santos &
Family, Thanksgiving of Arbie &
Caridad Sarmiento & family

SATURDAY (December 24)

9:00 AM Open

Have you made a room for Christ in
your hearts this Holiday Season?

The past four Sundays of Advent have been a time of preparation and hope. As we enter the celebration of Christmas, Mary and Elizabeth's example of faith and obedience to God leads us to see beyond our vision and limitations to welcome God among us. This Sunday's scriptures announces that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who comes to save us all. The Church holds on to the promises of God throughout all times, especially when you are faced with uncertainty or adversity. By announcing "God is with us," God enters human history in a personal encounter of love. Nothing is impossible for God.

These weeks of Advent have been a preparation to encounter Jesus. We must ask ourselves if we are prepared for Jesus to encounter us. Throughout history, God offered us signs to reassure us that God would not abandon his promise to David and his descendants. The Angel Gabriel comes to Mary with the news that she has found favor with God and will bear a son who will be called Emmanuel. Mary answered "yes" to God. This "yes" becomes the focus of our lives as people of faith. Our faith journey is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's action in our lives. Even Joseph was puzzled by the "Good News" that Mary had shared with him. We can overcome any situation that life may put before us. This mystery of the incarnation is what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and yet fully divine.

At different periods of our life, we have each experienced Christmas differently. As we mature in faith, we realize that Christmas is not about what gifts we receive but Who we receive as a part of our life. Jesus brings us new life, new hope, and new joy! How have we prepared ourselves to receive him and how have we prepared ourselves to be received by him? For this reason, Christmas is not just a one-day celebration but a season.

May we find room in our lives to welcome Christ.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,820.90
Building Fund	\$ 775.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 75.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 690.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 121.25
Altar Servers' Gown	\$ 425.00
First Communion	\$ 35.00
Signage	\$ 651.16
Confirmation	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 450.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 20.00
Sunday Missals	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ 6,208.31

Join us!

Let us all spiritually prepare to
celebrate the Birthday of our
Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ!

MISA DE AGUINALDO

MISA DE GALLO
SIMBANG GABI

December 15 to 23

7 PM

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY

Our parish will have a Christmas Potluck Party in the Parish Hall following the 7 PM Misa de Aguinaldo. This Potluck Party is an open invitation.

If you would like to bring food and/or Beverages, please see the Daughters of Isabella or write your name and phone number in the sign sheet at the Narthex

SUNDAY MISSALS

are still available in the Parish Desk
for \$5 a copy

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass
5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 24 - Christmas Day Mass
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30

There will be a Second Offering for
this Mass

December 26 - St. Stephen
9 AM

The Church will be closed for the day.
There will be no Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament & Holy Mass in
the evening

December 27-30
Regular Mass Schedule

Daily Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from 12 noon to 7 PM

December 31 Octave of Christmas
9 AM

December 31 - New Year's Eve
5 PM

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God (New Year's Day)
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30
PM

January 2 - St. Basil
9 AM

The Church and Office will be closed
all day, No Evening Adoration and
Holy Mass

January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus
Regular Schedule
Church Office will be opened
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
from 12 noon to 7 PM

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP NGUYEN St. Michael's Cathedral Sunday, February 12, 2023 02:30 PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration is now ongoing. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

FR. MARK WILL BE LEADING A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (Egypt and Israel) November 6 to 20, 2023

Flyers are available at the Narthex for more information

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish would like to jump start the Youth Ministry in 2023. We are looking for volunteers to assist in this awesome outreach to the young people.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we can organize a summer youth camp? But in order to do this, we need volunteers!

Please pray about it and inform Fr. Mark or Susan of your desire to work with young people.

BOX OF DONATION ENVELOPES

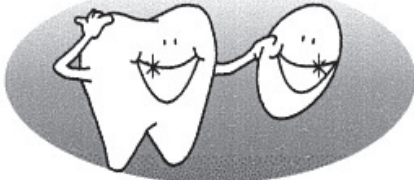
Your 2023 Box of Donation Envelopes are now ready for a pickup in the Narthex. If you are unable to locate your box or if you have not had one before and would like to receive it, please do not hesitate to approach the parish desk. Cliff and Ben would gladly assist you. Thank you for your generosity!

STOCKS, BONDS, AND MUTUAL FUNDS AS OFFERING

A donation of securities is one of the easiest and smartest ways to donate in Canada. When you donate to the Archdiocese of Toronto, you put stock in knowing that you are creating the greatest impact on the church and those we serve. Consider making a gift of securities to your parish or any one of our Archdiocesan charities. With a gift of securities, you can receive an immediate donation receipt for the fair market value of the security. In addition, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities. Listed securities include, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 561/519 or email at development@archtoronto.org.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.



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