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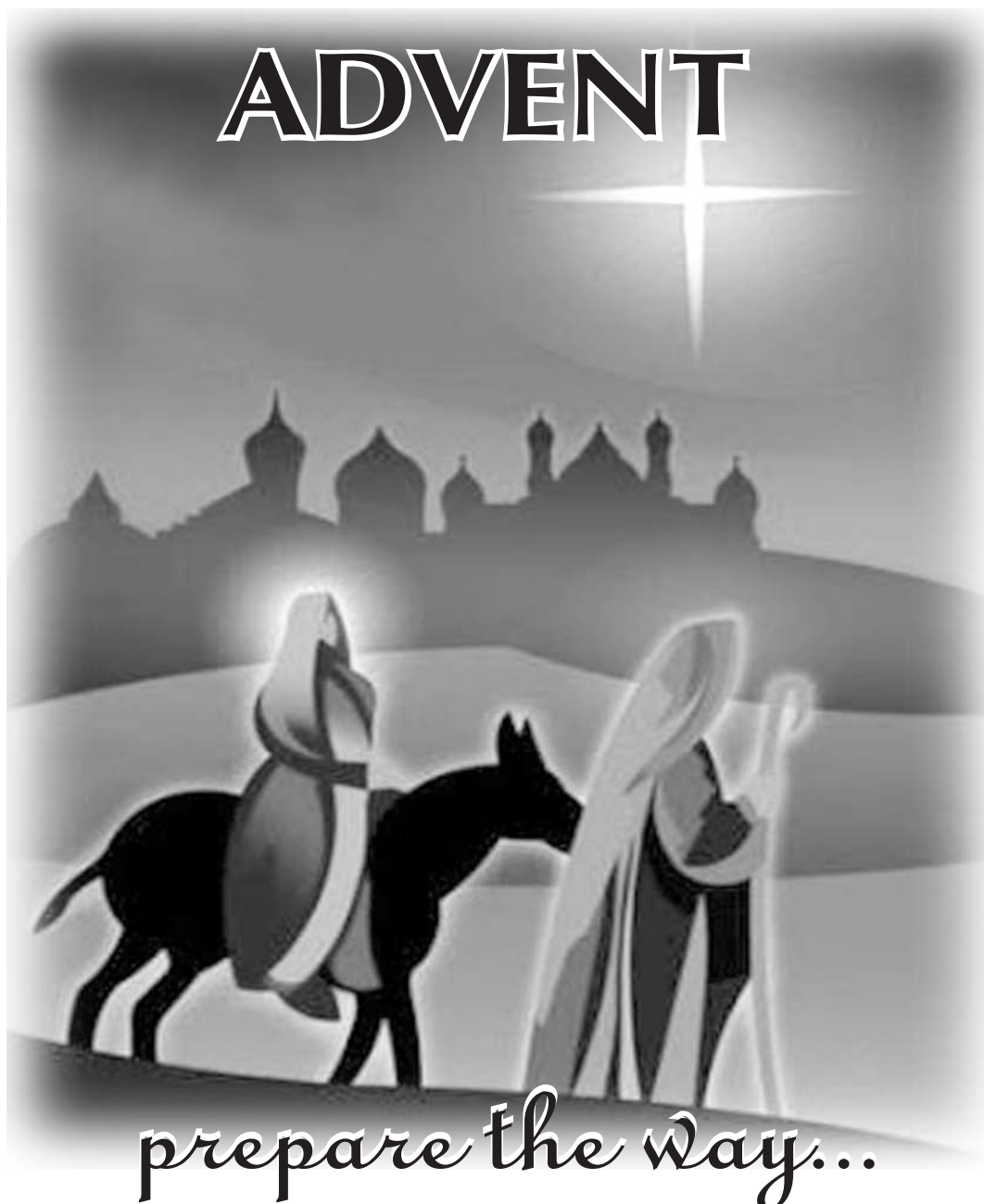
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## ADVENT



*prepare the way...*



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 18 DECEMBER 2022

An Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." *Matt 1:20-21*

**First Reading + Isaiah 7:10-14**  
**Second Reading + Romans 1: 1-7**  
**Gospel + Matthew 1: 18-24**

Mass  for the  
 Intentions  Week

**Monday, December 19**  
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, December 20**  
 5:00pm+Mike FABRIZIO, RIP – A/A Prokopich

**Wednesday, December 21**  
 9:00am+Albert & Florence BERBERICK, RIP –M. Bogucki

**Thursday, December 22**  
 8:00am+John KENNEDY, RIP – M. Kennedy

**Friday, December 23**  
*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*  
 12:10pm+Ron McKIBBON, RIP –T. O'Reilly

**Saturday, December 24**  
*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*  
 9:00am+Michael Otis, Per.Int.-J/C Orr

5:00pm+Francis McDermott, RIP – G/L Gillis  
 7:30 pm+Michael & Maria Berberick, Per.Int-M/M Berberick  
 9:30pm+Jim & Gwen Purvis, Per.Int-M/A Crowley

**Sunday December 25**  
 9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 10:30am+Kurt & Elizabeth STIEGWARDT, RIP–B. Baumfeld

**Saint of the Week:**

Not in a servant did He dwell, but in His holy tabernacle not made with hands, which is Mary the Mother of God. - *St. Pope Dionysius (d. 268), Pope, Feast Day December 26*

**Embracing the Mysteries of Life**

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:20-21*

As we begin the Fourth Week of Advent, we focus ever more directly upon the miracle that took place over 2,000 years ago. The passage quoted above presents us with the words of the angel of the Lord who spoke to Joseph in a dream. This was one of four dreams that Joseph had in which an angel spoke to him concerning the Christ Child.

Saint Joseph is described in Matthew's Gospel as "a righteous man" who was unwilling to expose his betrothed wife, Mary, to shame. We know the story well. Mary became pregnant after being betrothed to Joseph but before they lived together, and Joseph didn't understand how this happened. Mary's virtue and goodness would have appeared to contradict the possibility of her becoming pregnant when she did. Joseph was planning on doing what he thought was the honorable thing. He decided to divorce her quietly so that she would not endure public shame.

But God's plan was so much greater than what Joseph could initially comprehend. The Incarnation of the Son of God within the womb of his betrothed required supernatural understanding. And that's what Joseph was given. Though he had a dream in which an angel spoke to him, a dream was not enough. The dream also needed to be accompanied by the gift of supernatural knowledge. Joseph listened in the dream and believed by the interior revelation of faith that this incredible reality was true. This Child was indeed conceived by the Holy Spirit within the virginal womb of his betrothed, and Joseph accepted his God-given responsibility. Joseph's witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. First, it's essential that we ponder the story as it happened and be inspired by God's singularly unique plan by which He took on our human nature. But Joseph also provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life. Joseph inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God's wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God's supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God's revealing Word to clarify them.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you feel challenged by life's circumstances. What tempts you to doubt, to be confused, or to feel uncertain? What is it that requires supernatural knowledge on your part to embrace? If God the Father chose to bring forth His divine Son in such a mysterious way, then we should not be surprised when God calls us to embrace similar mysteries in life. Walk by faith. Be inspired by Saint Joseph. Say "Yes" to that which God is asking of you. As you do, you will find that you will begin to walk down the most glorious road you can walk.

*Most glorious Saint Joseph, you were a man of true righteousness and integrity. You were open to the inspired gift of faith and chose to walk by that faith as you faced the greatest of mysteries. Please pray for me that I may learn from you and be inspired to imitate the life that you lived. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: MyCatholicLife

**Weekly Collections for  
December 11, 2022**

***(This does not include PAG collection)***

Sunday offering (St Paul's)	\$ 4422.35
Other-St.Paul's(Confirmation,SVDP etc)	\$ 3352.15
Sun. offering (Imm. Concep)	\$ 919.50
Other- Imm Con (SVDP, ShareLife etc)	\$ 2615.00

**Total- \$11309.00**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



**Confessions:**

Every Tuesday: 6:00 – 6:45p.m. (before 7:00p.m. Mass)  
Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45p.m. (before 5:00p.m. Mass)

**NO CONFESSIONS ON DEC 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Christmas Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

Sat December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00p.m. 7:30p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
Sun, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

Sun, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass Times:**

*(At Saint Paul the Apostle Church)*

Sat, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 p.m.  
Sun, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

*(At Immaculate Conception Church)*

Sun, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 a.m.

**UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...**

Before the 2022 tax receipts are issued, we need to update our Parish List. Please add your name and address on the envelop for the coming year so that the tax receipt can be issued.

The offertory boxes from #400 onwards will arrive before the year end, hence they are not placed in the Narthex yet- sorry for the inconvenience.



**OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS:**

CLOSED from

12:00noon December 23 – January 2, 2023

**HELPING THE HOMELESS**

Our youth will once again be collecting '**Clean Winter Clothing in Good Condition**' for **ADULTS ONLY (mainly men's clothing please)** to distribute to the homeless & shelters.

**Adult clothing, especially - socks, coats, shoes, boots, mitts, hats, pants, sweaters, blankets, sleeping bags, belts, new underwear and hygiene products, food gift cards such as Tim Horton's or McDonalds.**

*(Please no summer wear and no children's clothing, light weight material pants or men's suits, these are not practical on the street in winter).*

Our Life Teen (High School teens) will be sorting, bagging on **December 28<sup>th</sup>** and delivering these items to homeless in Barrie on **December 30<sup>th</sup>**.

*See poster for details.*



Youth- Grades 9 - 12

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

**ROAD TRIP!**

(Bring sandwiches and drinks to hand out as well)

**Street Patrol, Food & Clothing Handouts in Barrie**

To sign up-email: [allistonlifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:allistonlifeteen@gmail.com) or text Dave- 647-237-1348

**Congratulations** to our new CWL council for **2023/2024**. They are: President – **Martha Whelton**, Secretary – **Krista Tomini**, Treasurer – **Loretta Gismondi**, Faith Committee Chair – **Marie Charbonneau**, Service Committee Chair – **Dawn Westcott**, and Social Justice Committee Chair – **Carla Beckett**. The installation ceremony at the 7 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> was very well attended.



**ShareLife Goal Update**

**NEW:** *Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.*

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our goal this year is **\$64,000/-** To date we have achieved **\$51,385/-**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)

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