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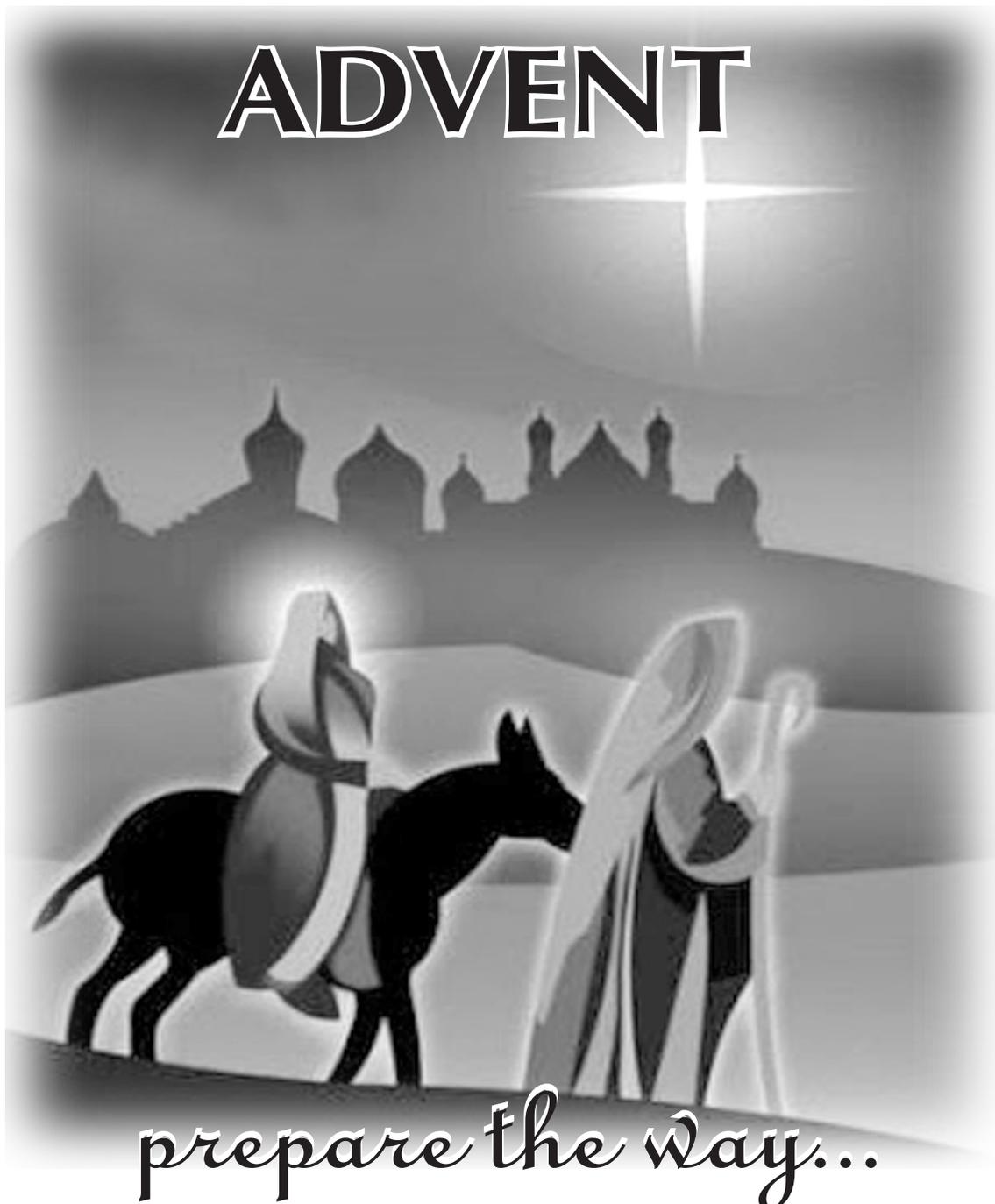
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Fr. Roger Pascall, Pastor

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MON, DEC 19 9:15 am	Daniel & Andrew Grima †
7:00 pm	Arduino, Rosa & Sylvestre DeLellis † Pasquale, Chiara, Mike Santarelli †
TUES, DEC 20 7:00 pm	Christopher Booth †; In Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Barry & Donna
WED, DEC 21 9:15 am	Angela, Rocco & Antonio Ruso †
7:00 pm	Daphne Sandoval †
THUR, DEC 22 7:00 pm	Richmond Paulpillai †
FRI, DEC 23 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	
SAT, DEC 24 5:00 PM	Mauel & Genoveva Barbosa †; Michele Bouchard †; Lauren Bouchard †; Brian McGinnis †; Theresa Marianayagam †
8:00 PM	
12:00 AM	In thanksgiving - Deus family; For the deceased members of the Gonzaga family †
SUN, DEC 25 9:00 am	Michele Bouchard †; Lauren Bouchard †; Brian McGinnis †
10:30 am	For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †



We are accepting registrations for our Parish Youth Program Edge (Gr 5-8) Sign up after all Masses this weekend or drop off the Registrations at the parish office. The deadline is Friday, December 30th, 2022.

**First Edge night - To Be Announced
Cost: \$50 (includes t-shirt and snacks)**

If you are interested in volunteering email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

– Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

If ever there were an improbable story of a conversion so radical that one could not help but take note, then the real life drama of Don Callway checks all the boxes. Having gone through a turbulent, non-religious upbringing, that saw three father figures cycle through his childhood, Don's eventual devotion to St. Joseph is highly miraculous. The third of his mother's partners was a military officer that saw him move to Japan. Starting at the age of 11, drinking, drug use, pornography, promiscuity and being groomed for organized crime marked his formative adolescent years. His incessant getting into trouble got him banished from Japan only to end up being in and out of rehab and prison sentences back in the United States. His self-described "two-by-four" smack across the head encounter with Christ has become a cherished testimony conferences, books and various online platforms. He was subsequently ordained at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy retreat in Stockbridge, Massachusetts for the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception. During the recently concluded year of St. Joseph, he published a highly successful, widely received book on consecrating oneself to the revered husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, comprising on what various saints, popes and theologians have said about the "terror of demons and Patron of the universal Church." Fr. Donald Calloway is a compelling sign for a hostile and atheistic culture; the wounds and wondering he had repressed for so long have met their rest and healing in the gift of faith.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Greetings everyone. We are just on the brink of the Christmas season. Advent has come and gone so quickly, and I hope you have truly prepared yourself not only in terms of your physical surroundings, but in terms of your spiritual life as well.

The readings during the Advent season are carefully crafted and chosen by the church to allow us to reflect more deeply on what it means to receive the Son of God into our lives, into our hearts, into our homes, into our families, that great gift that God has given to us that so many treat with indifference.

This weekend, the Christmas story taken from Matthew chapter one, focuses on one of the characters of the Christmas story. And I speak of no other than Joseph. There are of course many personages in the early life of Jesus, but Joseph seems to be ignored by and large, because he comes on the scene and disappears so quickly, never to be heard of again.

Joseph seems to be a kind of a quiet, background individual. He does his thing without much fuss and bother. And, you know, sometimes that is the calling that God has in store for us. Just to do our thing very, very quietly.

We all don't have to be famous and recognized. You have to kind of put yourself in Joseph's shoes to appreciate his worth. There he was, this man, not old, but, advanced enough in age, going about his business, doing his carpenter's trade.

Nowhere in the Bible are Joseph's words recorded. We can only imagine his situation and his frame of mind. And I will tell you this. If Mary was bewildered by the chain of events that took place at the start of Jesus's life, Joseph must have been ten times more bewildered.

In the face of ambiguity he trusted God's word. And so often in life everything is unsure and uncertain. Joseph is an example to us of trust in the face of uncertainty and adversity. Sometimes all we have to hold on to is God's promise to us, that he will come through for us in due course.

So my friends hold on. Our God will never let us down!

Fr. Roger

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children in Grades 1 to 8 are invited to participate in a Children's Christmas Choir for our 5 pm Christmas Eve mass (December 24th). Practices will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Church beginning on December 7th. No previous experience is needed but attendance at practices is essential. For more information please call Jade at 416-994-6186.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are once again inviting kids to participate in the Children's Christmas Poster Contest. The theme : "*Keep Christ In Christmas*". The Age Groups : - 5 - 14 Years Due Date of Submission : Dec. 24 & 25 , 2022. For further contest details, kindly pick up a form from the Knights in the Narthex.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2023 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your **own** box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2023**.



Also a reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Once again Christmas season is approaching and stitches of the heart will be ending by November 28,2022 and resume by January 8,2023. On behalf of all the women of stitches of the heart group would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



WELCOME THE NEW YEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

You are invited to come participate in Adoring and Worshipping our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence to herald in the New Year! Be blessed as you unite your heart to His glorious presence at the dawning of a New Year. Be renewed, refreshed and strengthened by this experience as you look forward for a year filled with the peace and joy that He alone brings. O come let us Adore Him! Tuesday, December 31st starting at 11:15 pm - 1:00 am. Hosted by the SMDY Alpha Ministries.



LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We now have a prayer binder in the chapel area where you can write your particular prayer intentions. Our morning prayer devotee's will pray for these intentions. You are welcome to join these prayer warriors Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am. Prayer books to follow along are available for sale for \$30.

ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE
ADVENT,
CHRISTMAS
& NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Advent

Throughout the Advent season, we will be celebrating Mass every evening, Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm in addition to our regular Mass schedule.

Christmas Novena

December 15th - 23rd
at 7pm during the week

****Saturday, December 17th at 9:15am****

Parish Advent Mission

December 20th - 22 at 7:00pm

Day of Confession

Tuesday, December 20th 5pm-6:45pm
Wednesday, December 21st 10am-12pm
Wednesday, December 21st 5pm-6:45pm
Thursday, December 22nd 5pm-6:45pm

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th
Nativity of our Lord Masses

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

December 26 - 29

Mass times as usual

Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30th

9:15 am & 7:00 pm Mass

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31st

Holy Mary Mother of God Masses

5:00 pm Mass & 10:00 pm Mass

11:15 pm - 12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Mass



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