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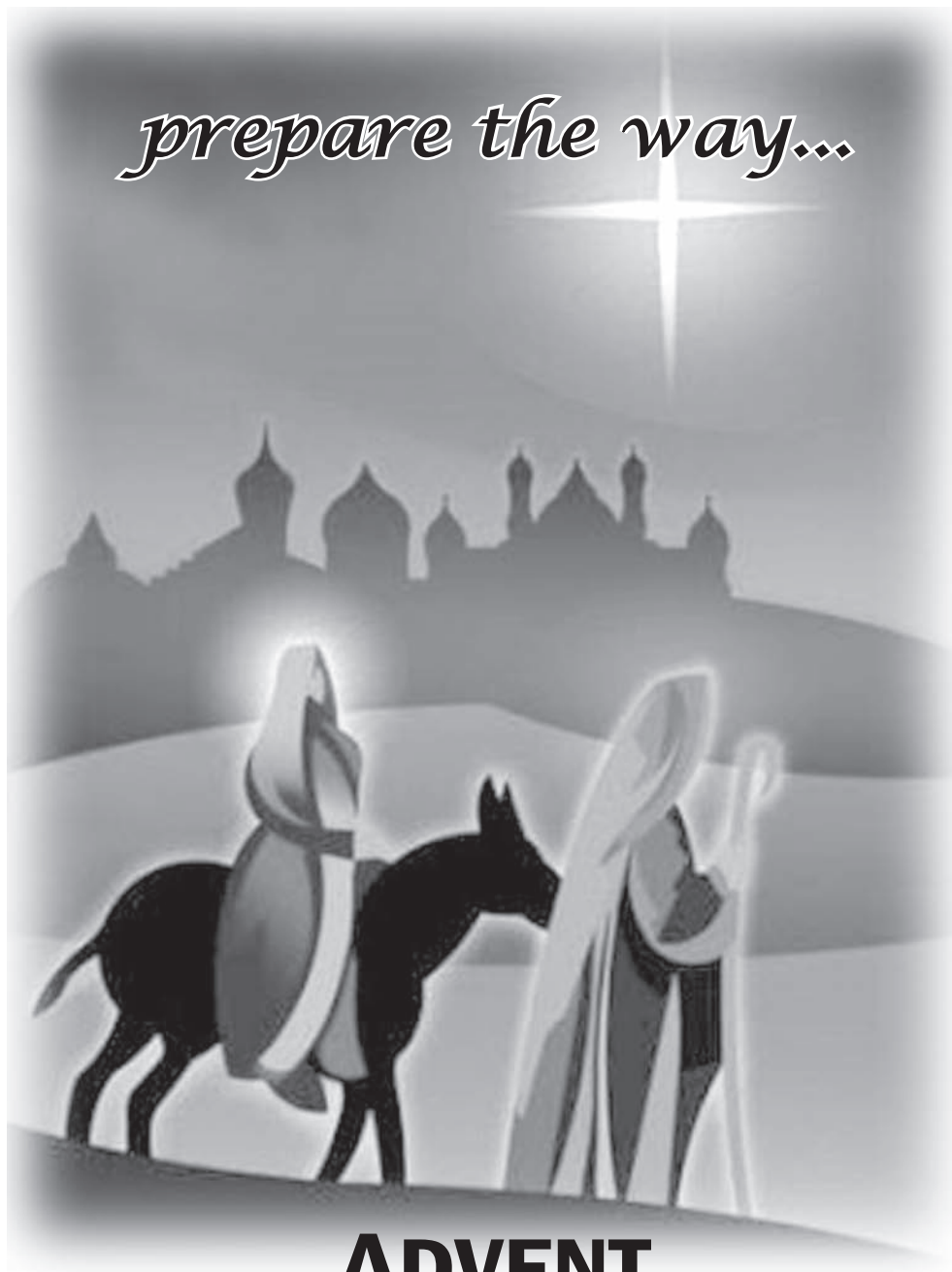
Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest

Fr Anish Alex Associate Pastor

Deacon George Jurenas

Deacon Oliver D'Mello

*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 21  </b>	
4:30 pm †	Beverly Bolster & Family
<b>SUN 22  </b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am †	Antonio Ricciardi
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am	Special Intention
12:30 pm †	Deceased of Danuco Family
6:00 pm †	Assunta & Evelino Cortelluci
<b>MON 23  </b>	
8:30 am †	Walter Teodoro
<b>TUES 24  </b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
4:00 pm   6:00 pm   8:00 pm   12:30 pm	
<b>WED 25  </b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
8:00 am   09:30 am   11:00 am	
<b>THUR 26  </b>	<b>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</b>
8:30 am †	John Francis Mendonca
<b>FRI 27  </b>	<b>St. John the Apostle</b>
8:30 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>
<b>SAT 28  </b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
9:00 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>

**\*\*\* TAX RECEIPTS 2024 \*\*\***

2024 donations must be received by the parish (or dropped in lock box outside at back entrance of church) **by Tuesday, December 31 (not post marked)** to be included in 2024 donations, otherwise they will be credited to 2025.

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office closes on Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon and will reopen on Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am. For funerals or an anointing leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For other urgent matters please leave a message or send us an email.

*Deacon George's* **WALK-IN MINISTRY**  
is suspended over Christmas until further notice

**2025 ENVELOPES** are in the parish hall.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES AT ST. JOSEPH**

LifeTeen: Grades 9-12 | Edge: Grades 6-8  
For more info or to register, email Megan, our Youth Minister at [ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com](mailto:ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com)  
Follow us on Instagram @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH - HOPE IS BORN**

On Christmas Day we celebrate the appearance on earth of God in our human nature. This is the “**miracle of the Incarnation**”.

For by becoming man, Jesus did not in any way cease to be God. Only insofar as He hid His glory and lived in great humility did He seem to disguise His Godhead. Yet even so we believe that to all those who accept Him in faith as the Son of God, Jesus reveals Himself as God—not yet in His full majesty and glory, but as the living sign of hope to the world in darkness.

Christmas is celebrated in the darkness of the year in order to remind us that Christ has conquered darkness. For the darkness of the world around us in midwinter is a symbol of the inner darkness of our hearts and minds caused by sin. Only Christ can take that away from us—only He can enlighten us.

The best-loved Christmas Mass is, not surprisingly, the Midnight Mass, because it is the one that most seems to express the wonder of Christmas—the paradox of darkness and night-time which is shattered by the strange and wonderful light of the stable at Bethlehem.

This light in the darkness also speaks to our innermost hearts of the hope that shatters the darkness of sin and despair. Even though human sorrow, which is no less real for so many at this time of the year, is not taken away, it is nonetheless lightened by the hope that Christ brings with Him at His coming.

When Mary sees the face of God, her Son, for the first time, she rejoices beyond all human rejoicing in the history of the world, and she shares her joy with all those who come to her at Christmastime and pray for her help. ~ FR. PAUL DOBSON

**Pilgrimage with Fr. Anish Alex - April 28 – May 11, 2025**

Fatima, Avila, Valencia, Montserrat, Barcelona, Andorra, Lourdes and other locations. Toronto Departure.

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**YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES**

These designated holy places of worship have been identified in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The Archdiocesan site is St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto and for Western Region (our region) we have **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Etobicoke & St. Mary's Parish in Brampton**. Each region will host Masses & Celebrations to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community and bring us together on a regional level. For Western region St. Mary's Parish in Brampton will host Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a reception on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

**For more information, please refer to the letter to parishioners in last weeks' bulletin or find the letter at the church entrances.**

**St. Joseph Parish Mass Schedule**  
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2024 - 2025

**Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | 8:00 pm | 12:00 midnight

**Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

\*\*\*NO 6:00 pm Mass\*\*\*

**St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

Thursday, December 26, 2024 8:30 am

**St. John, The Apostle**

Friday, December 27, 2024 8:30 am

**The Holy Innocents**

Saturday, December 28, 2024, 9:00 am

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Vigil 4:30 pm Saturday

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm | 6:00 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

VIGIL Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 4:30 pm

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:00 am | 12:30 pm

**MINISTRIES**

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE – Adult Faith Study**

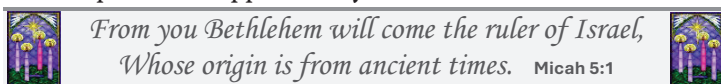
Learn how to read and understand the entire Bible with Jeff Cavins, a renowned Bible teacher and author. The Bible Timeline study program uses a color-coded chart and video presentations to guide you through salvation history and the narrative of Scripture. Join these no cost sessions Monday evenings at 7pm (start Jan 13) in the hall or Tuesday mornings (start Jan 14) upstairs at 9am. Next sessions are Conquest & Judges Part 1 & 2 (read Joshua 1-4, 6-8, 16-24).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Vita Centre Donation Drive:** In Support of Vita Centre, we are collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the Church foyer. Please contact

**Catholic Women's League Christmas Tree Angels**

These unique and lovely hand-crafted tree ornaments are again available for sale. Please contact after Sunday Mass. Cost is \$5. All sale proceeds support many charities.



**HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST**

**Are you looking for an Act of Charity this Christmas?**

Please consider sponsoring an underprivileged child from Bolivia. Only \$5/day for 40 days [\$200 per year] will provide education and healthcare to a child for a whole year. Or make an impact with a one-time gift.

For information, please contact Marie Morrison at [kilgallenmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:kilgallenmorrison@gmail.com) | (226) 384-3979 or Teresa Pimentel at (905) 858-0117.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

**Prayer meetings every Wednesday in the Hall at 7 p.m.**

After Christmas Break Our services will be resumed from Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Special Services:

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 7 p.m. – Hall

**SAINT FAUSTINA AND THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE**

Wednesday, January 29 – 6.45 p.m. – Church

**"HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS"** Celebrant: Reverend John Paul Bolger C.C. Catholic Chaplaincy at York University

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**PICK OF THE WEEK**



Dec 22, 2024

**The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen**  
This timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music, is sure to become a family favorite!



**Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message - Narrated by Jim Caviezel - 58 min**

Over four days, in December, 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized.



**The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Kids Christmas Special • 56m**

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**THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.**

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**Smile for the week:**

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**Answer**

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