

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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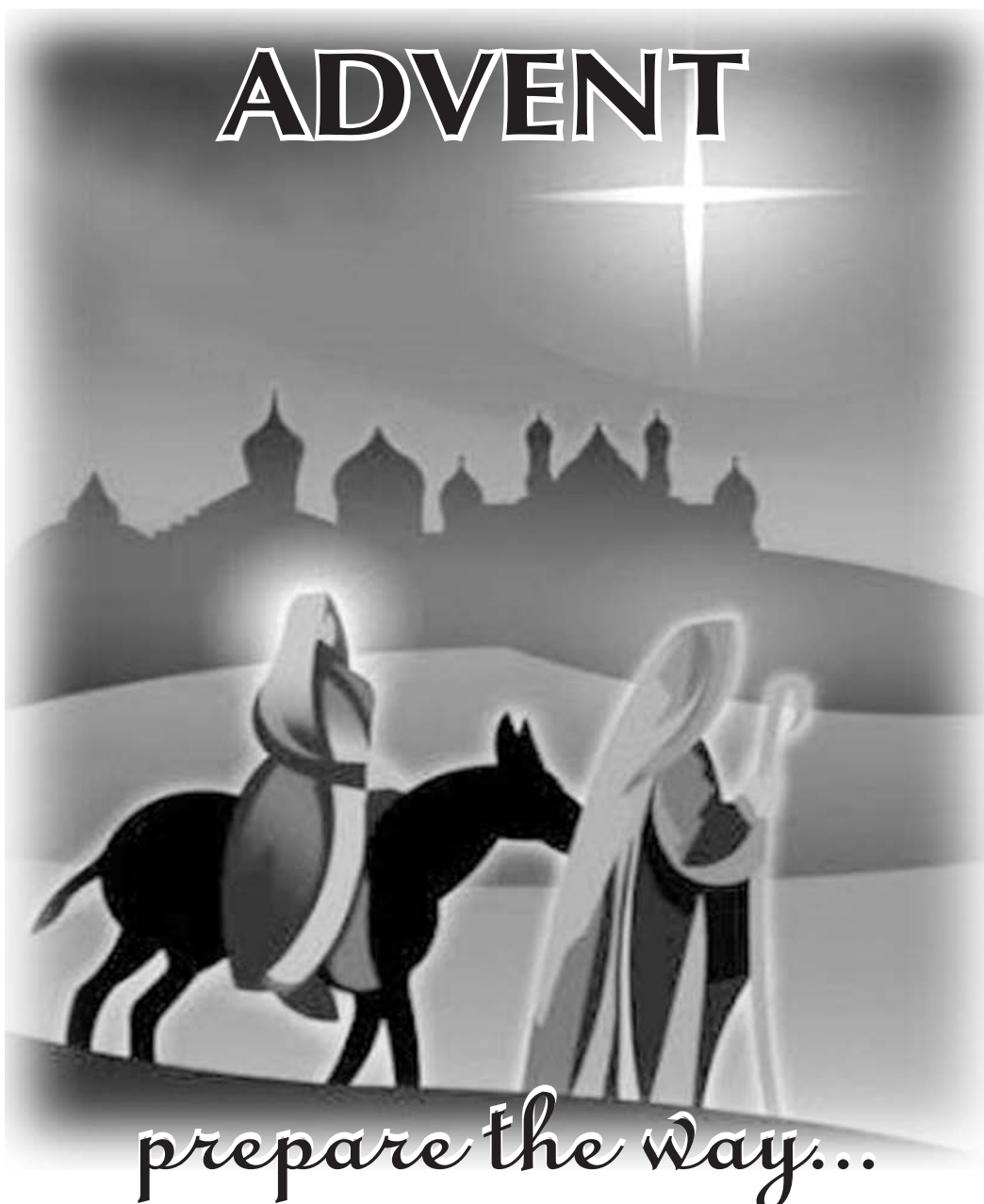
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prepare the way...

We **welcome** new members and visitors to our parish. **Thank you** for praying with us and for helping build a Christian community.

MASS INTENTIONS: In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only three (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a **“first come first served basis”**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ALL are requested to pray for the gift of healing of the mind, body and spirit of Fr. Pedro Arana, Fr. Leonides Mateo, Claude Cloutier, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Diane Dunn, Elaine Aldeguer, Betty Barrett, Cora Guillermo, and Carol Lee Kane. *May we be able to reach out to them in compassion.*

MINISTRIES of LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24th at 7:00 pm – Kingsley Nze & Tony McNeil. Lori Scott; at 9:30 pm – Ishi Olano & Nora Cerda. Noly Formoso

DECEMBER 25th at 10:30 am – Nena Coronel & R. Fairweather; Lani Agustin

**POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION
December 2022**

For the volunteer Not-for-profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Regular Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 17 – 9:00am – Precy Dinglas (birthday) and Cecilia Buchanan (birthday). 4:00pm (Sunday Liturgy) - †John Eisl by Colette Eisl

Sunday, Dec. 18 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30am – †Lory & Danilo Tordil by Nena Coronel. 12:00pm - Wellbeing of Charity Marohombsar, Evelyn Barosso, Irma Coronel, and Mercy Espiritu. 7:00pm – *the intentions of our Assumption Parishioners*

Monday, Dec. 19 at 8:00am – †Janko Stos by OECTA

Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 8:00am – †Angelina Di Nunzio by OECTA

Wednesday, Dec 21 at 8AM– Peter & Nenita Clark (wed. anniversary); †Mikael Baranyi (Longe) by OECTA

Thursday, Dec 22 at 8AM – Gloria Piol (birthday) by Nena Coronel

Friday, Dec. 23 at 8:00am – †Amelia & Flavio Gomez by Olivia Gomez

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MASS SCHEDULES ON PARTICULAR DAYS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND ITS OCTAVE

Dec. 24 – **Christmas Vigil Mass** - 7:00 PM
Misa sa Gabi ng Pasko - 9:30 PM

Dec. 25 – **Christmas Day Mass** - 10:30 AM

Dec. 28 – **Feast of the Holy Innocents** – 8AM
(Prayer for the unborn and blessing of baby and children)

Dec. 30 – **Feast of the Holy Family** – 8AM
(Blessing of Families)

NOVENA MASSES December 2022 – The Archbishop has approved of our request to have a 9-day Masses in preparation for Christmas. The following are the dates and schedules: *December 15-16, 18-23 at 7 PM and Dec. 17 at 4 PM.*

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dec. 15 – Maura David; Nora Arriola
Dec. 16 – Elaine Aldeguer; Ben David
Dec. 17 – Gina Distor; Emilyn Suficiencia
Dec. 18 – Ishi Olano & Mary Miguel; N. Murillo
Dec. 19 – Jennifer Cortez; Nora Cerda
Dec. 20 – Lynn Obero; Nieves Murillo
Dec. 21 – Manny Beloy; Edgar Piol
Dec. 22 – Yola Beloy; Jennifer Cortez
Dec. 23 – Helen Belda; Gloria Piol

YEAR 2023 ENVELOPES are now available at the main entrance of the church. We cancelled *the envelopes of all inactive accounts in 2022*. So, if your envelope number is between 201 to 300, you have now a new number. For any clarification, please call the parish office. Thank you.

YOUTH LCS – young people ages 12 to 22 are invited to gather for LIFE IN CHRIST SEMINAR from January 27th (evening), January 28 (whole day) and January 29 (up to 1 PM) at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Francis Hall).

Meals & refreshments will be provided. We look forward to a weekend filled with fun, prayer and fellowship! Interested? Call JOVER (647-882-2116) or NICK (613-858-3106). Registration forms will also be available at the church foyer soon.

WEEKEND COLLECTION WAS NOT INCLUDED this week because of the bulletin publisher's early printing deadline.

From the PASTOR'S OFFICE

We have steadfast HOPE, made strong by the fulfilled promise of the Coming of Jesus in history. As it is written: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (**John 3:16**).

We made every effort to be in PEACE through harmoniously living with one another --- one of the many fruits of true repentance (**cf. Matthew 3:8**).

Staying alert not to succumb to the demand of life's concerns, always giving importance to what nourishes our souls, we can therefore REJOICE always for every good gift we receive and the Lord's gift of himself (**cf. Philippians 4:4**).

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, the readings point us to the sign given by God: *"A young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel"* (**Isaiah 17:14**). This oracle of the prophet finds its fulfillment in JESUS. His birth is our assurance that GOD IS WITH US. This mystery is what we will celebrate at Christmas!

Christmas is not just a commemoration of our Lord's birth but a celebration of the great mystery of LOVE. So let us prepare well for this blessed Season (CHRISTMAS). Everyone is invited to participate in the parish's NOVENA MASSES (*in English with some readings and songs in Filipino*) from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23 (see announcement for details).

POPE FRANCIS: *"In this season of Advent, we are called to expand the horizons of our hearts, to be amazed by the life which presents itself each day with newness. In order to do this, we must learn to not depend on our own certainties, on our own established strategies, because the Lord comes at a time that we do not imagine. He comes to bring us into a more beautiful and grand dimension."*



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