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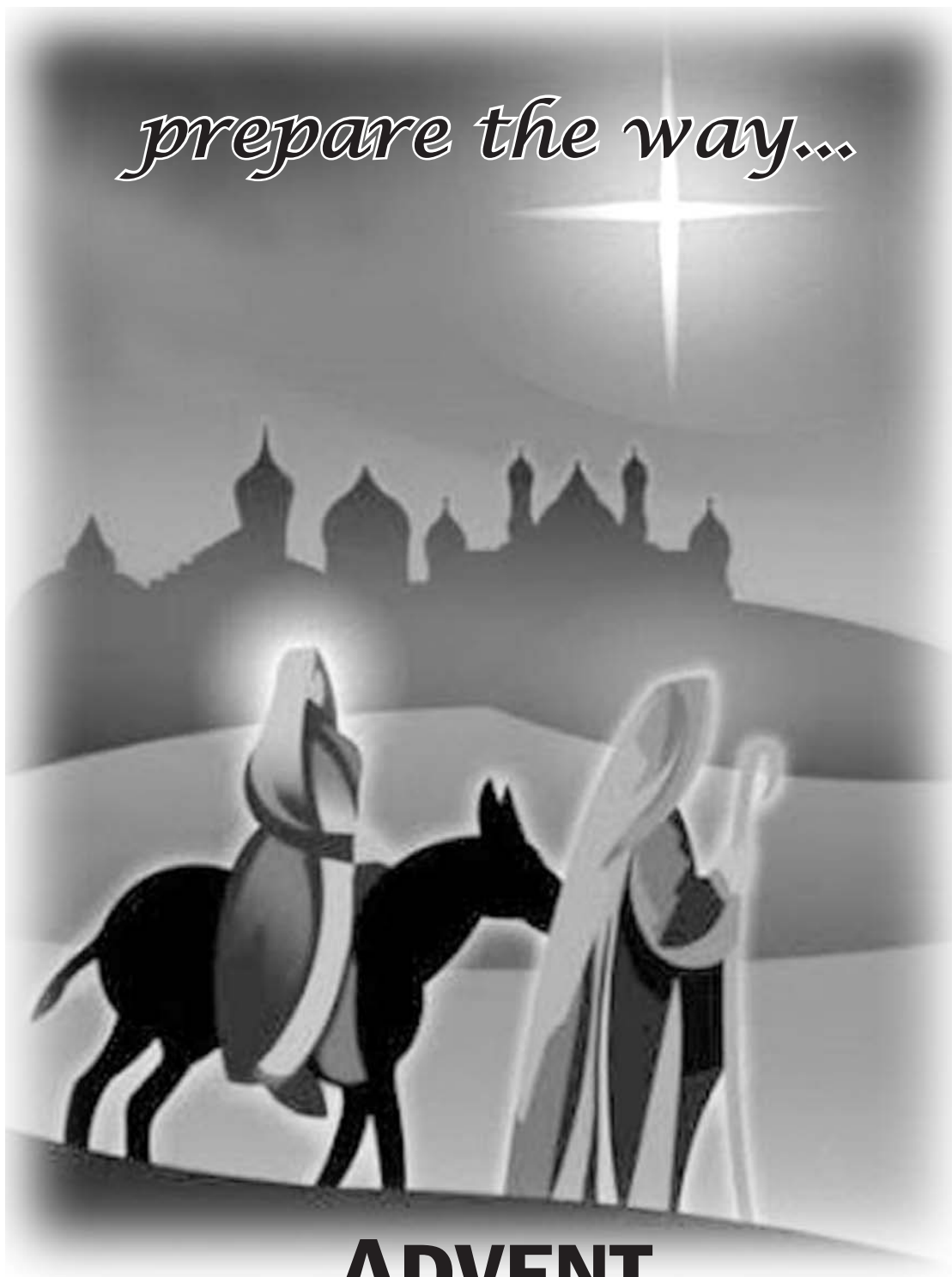
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*prepare the way...*



## ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre, Pastor  
Rev. Archange K  b  , In Residence  
Rev. Mr. Rob Thomas, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Cam Johnson, Deacon  
Charmaine Mahabir, Office Administrator  
Rosanne Quinlan, Director of Music  
Victor Liskauskas, Custodian  
Ana Carolina Leite, Housekeeper

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. (3:30 Mon.)  
Friday Closed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.



Masses For The Week

Monday December 23

Malachi 3:104, 4:5-6; Luke 1:57-66 - No Mass

Tuesday December 24 - Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16; Luke 1:67-79

7 PM - Bill O'Rourke

Wednesday December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

9 AM - Kathy Hyatt

11 AM - Pro Populo (For the Parishioners)

Thursday December 26 - St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 - No Mass

Friday December 27 - St. John

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8 - No Mass

Saturday December 28 - Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

5 PM - Sean Floyd

Sunday December 29 - Holy Family

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

9 AM - Andrew Svoboda

11 AM - Pro Populo (for the Parishioners)



IN OUR PARISH

Schedule of Events

Monday December 23

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Friday December 27

AA Meeting - 8 PM - Hall

Preparing for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus (Christmas)

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24: 5 p.m. (Family Mass)

Wednesday, December 25: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Last Mass of the Year - New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31: 7 p.m.

New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1: 9 a.m.

Together at Baptism

Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism on December 15, 2024:

Jackson Matthew O'Connor  
Myles Michael Joseph O'Connor  
Madelyn Leila Elizabeth Sabatino  
Gracie Taylor Lyons

Congratulations to their parents,  
Godparents and family.

The Parish Office will be closed from  
December 24 to December 31, 2024. We will  
reopen on January 2, 2025  
Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

The journey to God follows many routes. So let  
each person take to the end and with no turning back  
the way that was chosen - St. John Cassian



## Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Faith"

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for the entire Church. We are invited to experience in a profound way the transforming power of God's mercy and forgiveness, and a renewal of our faith and commitment to love God and our neighbour as God has first loved us. The theme for this Holy Year is: "PILGRIMS OF HOPE". In our world suffering from the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of Covid-19, the climate crisis, economic hardships and countless afflictions of mind, body and spirit, Pope Francis is inviting us to rekindle the hope which is rooted in our faith: *"Our sure hope which never disappoints"*. The year begins with the opening of THE HOLY DOOR in St. Peter's Basilica at Christmas Midnight Mass by our Holy Father. In our Diocese of Hamilton, we are beginning the Jubilee Year on December 29, the feast of the Holy Family in all the Parishes. We pray that all parishioners can attend one of that weekend's Masses. Part of the Jubilee experience is to make a pilgrimage to sacred places, where prayer is offered, the sacraments celebrated and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the remission of punishment due of our sins. Bishop Crosby has designated six (6) pilgrimage Churches, one in every deanery of the Diocese: St. Basil in Brantford, Immaculate Conception in Formosa, St. Andrew in Oakville, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, Basilica of our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, St. Mary, our Lady of the Seven Sorrows in Kitchener. Let us all be *"Pilgrims of Hope"*.

### Children's Liturgy Corner

All children who would like to participate in the Children's Gospel at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 24, are asked to attend a small practice in the **Warren Room after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on December 22**. Any questions, please e-mail Anne Marie at [childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com)



**THE ANGEL TREE** – *The Angel Tree is St. John's December project. The tree will be set up at the Brant Street Narthex from **November 30 to December 22**. Parishioners are asked to choose a donation suggestion from the tree. Please leave the item(s), unwrapped, in the containers by the tree. They will be given to families in our parish school community requiring support. Thank you for your generosity.*

### The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

*Franciscus*





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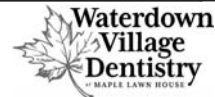
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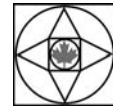
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