

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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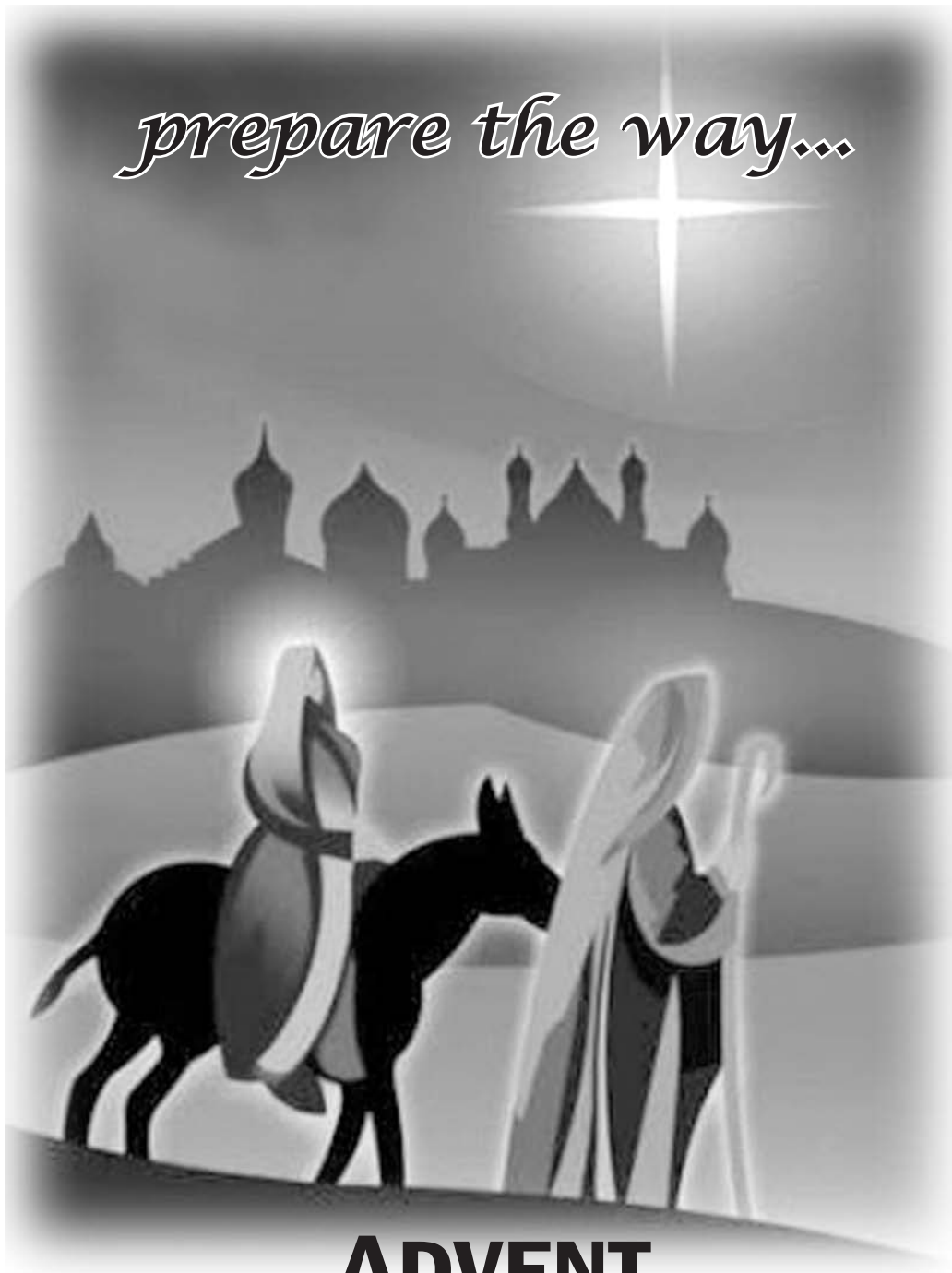
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*prepare the way...*



## ADVENT



**Pastor's Christmas Message**

*'For a son has been born for us, a son has been given to us, and dominion has been laid on his shoulders; and this is the name given, Wonder Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace' Isaiah 9:5*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

I write to bring you good tidings as we celebrate once more the greatest of all solemnities, The Nativity of the Lord. It is a celebration of Love. We celebrate the Almighty God, who is love and we celebrate also the love He has for us and the gift of himself to us in human form. We also celebrate this love among us as we strive, as his children, to replicate what He has already taught us.

This is a season we strive dear friends to find peace, joy and happiness in ourselves and in all we do. God has continued in many ways to show and assure us of His love for us, irrespective of our flaws as human beings. He wants us to reciprocate those tremendous overtures he has been making over generations.

Dear friends, let us use this festive occasion to re-examine our relationship with our God, that loves us beyond measure, and with the rest of our neighbours. The birth of Christ brought together the Angels and the Shepherds, the Wisemen from the East and the Holy family, Jews and gentiles. It brought down the walls of division, segregation, class and all forms of prejudice. It calls for great celebration. Celebration of the unity and love in God and humankind.

As we celebrate this glorious and joyful season dear friends, let us remember Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Let us remember that He is the reason for the season. Let us be thankful to God for the love he has shown us. Let us resolve to love even in these trying times. Let us resolve to share with the rest of our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, this wonderful mystery that we are blessed to be celebrating.

May God bless each and everyone of you this Christmas and always. Have a wonderful and memorable yuletide.

Fr. Emeka

Lectors	
<b>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Holy Family</b>	
Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	#1 Myles Bunbury #2 Dee Simons
Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
<b>8:00am</b>	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Evan Paulson
Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
<b>10:30am</b>	#1 Janet Snider Belot #2 Alejandra Guidi

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled  
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

**Mass times for Christmas  
and New Year's**



**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am** (regular weekday mass)

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am, 10:30am**

**Solemnity of Mary**

**Tues. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00pm (no 9am Mass)**

**Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
THE  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY!!!**

This weekend is the last Children's Liturgy for the year. After a short break for the holidays, we will resume Children's Liturgy again on **January 5th**.

Thank you to all the children who join us every week and make it fun. We can't wait to see you again in the new year!

*Merry Christmas!!*



## CHRISTMAS SMILE

What do you call it after all the Christmas gifts have been opened? *Christmess*

What kind of pictures do elves take? *Elfies*

What do you call a search engine that sings Christmas songs? *Michael Googlé.*



### MONTHLY SENIORS MASS

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL  
BE NO SENIORS MASS IN  
JANUARY.

*Thank You!*

**The Knights of Columbus** Christmas Turkey Dinner on November 30th was a grand success! A wonderful meal was had and lots of smiles and fellowship. A big thank you to our parishioners and visitors who supported the dinner (which was a sell out!). The proceeds will go towards our parish.

Finally, a big thank you to all the wonderful elves who assisted the Knights behind the scenes - you know who you are and I can assure you that you are on Santa's nice list this year!

*Jamie Burnett, Grand Knight*

**New envelope boxes for 2025** are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners.

**Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2025. *Thank you.*

## Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 21st – 5:00pm

†Adele White by Peter White

†Denise Marie Nanke by Raymonde Malette

Sun. Dec. 22nd – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 22nd – 10:30am

†Sheila Berrea by the family

†Alfred Aaron and Wong Ming Kew  
by Doreen Aaron

†Noreen Quinlan by Elaine McVeigh

Tues. Dec. 24th - 5:00pm

†Joseph Francis Thottungal by the  
Wetscher family

†Robert McCaughern by The Wetscher family

Tues. Dec. 24th - 8:00pm

†Francesco Santagati and Lina Mowat  
by the family

Tues. Dec. 24th - 10:00pm

†Una Iona John by her son Christopher

Wed. Dec. 25th – 10:00am

†Paul Canfield by the family

†Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin  
Living and deceased members of the Gomez  
family by Olivia Gomez

Thurs. Dec. 26th – 9:00am

Fri. Dec. 27th – 9:00am

For the intentions of Fr. John Ogbaje by the  
Holy Spirit Parish family

Sat. Dec. 28th – 5:00pm

†Winifred Weerasooriya

by Franca and Charles Morrison

Sun. Dec. 29th – 8:00am

For the deceased members of the Dervin  
family by Lynn Harriet-Dervin

Sun. Dec. 29th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

† indicates deceased



The Parish Office will be closed from  
December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Merry Christmas to all!!



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