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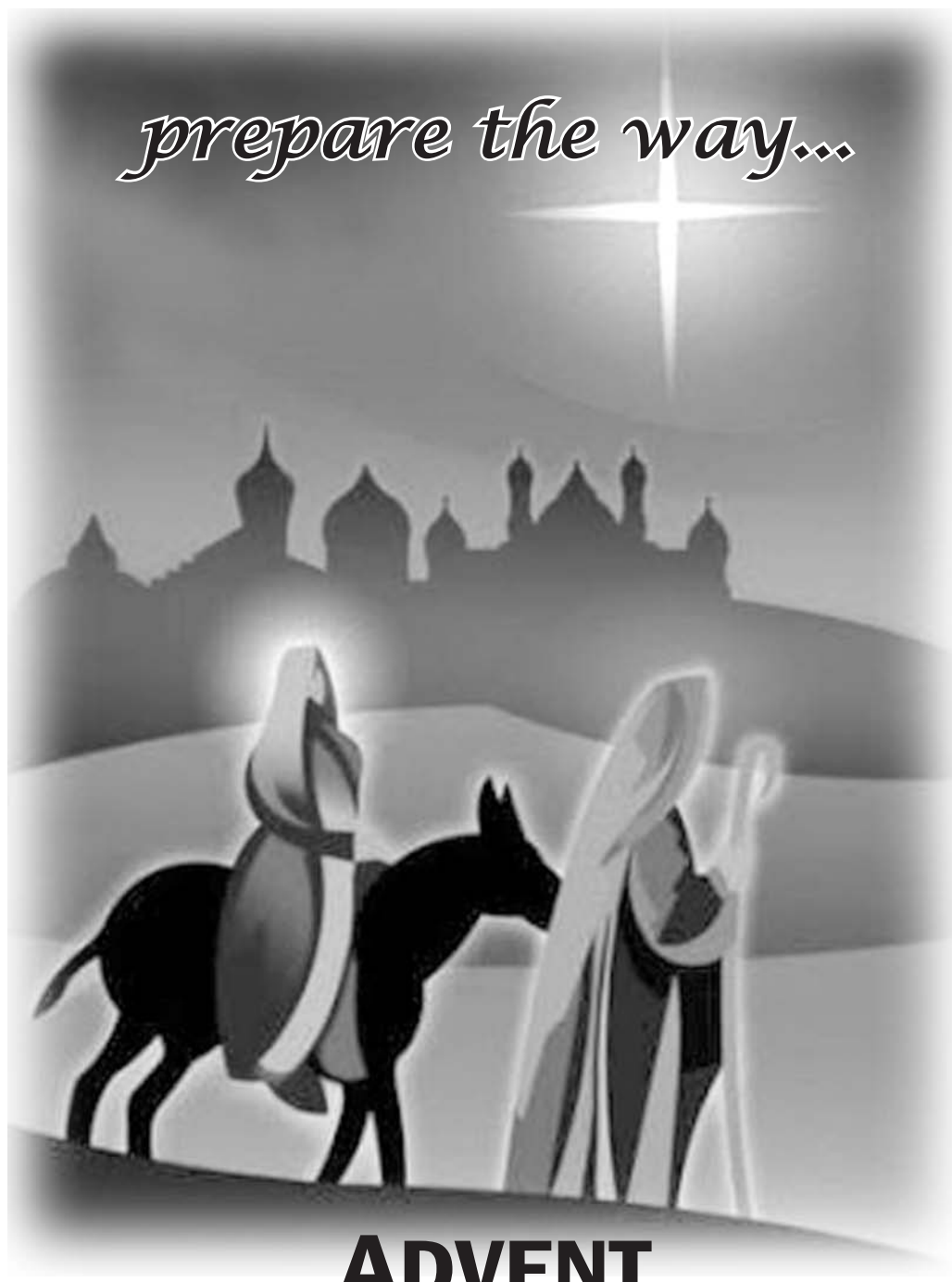
Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor

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ADVENT

Mass Intentions

(† = Deceased Intention; No Marking = Intentions of...;
Thx = Thanksgiving; Hlg = Healing)

Mon. Dec 23, 9am	David & Charlie Kelner
Tue. Dec 24, 5pm	† Jim, Clinton & Christopher Cox
Tue. Dec 24, 8pm	† Joe Fauteux
Tue. Dec 24, 10pm	† Jill Olds
Wed. Dec 25, midnight	† Carl Schiller
Wed. Dec 25, 8:30am	† Roberto Moniz
Wed. Dec 25, 10am	† Betty & Joe Nedelko
Wed. Dec 25, 12 noon	Victoria del Prado & Maria Corazon Legaspi
Thu. Dec. 26, 9am	Arnold de los Angeles
Lucy Deroche	Tom & Lee Olds
Dianne Peeling	† Raina Nagasen
† Elizabeth Cross	
Fri Dec 27, 9am	† Clare Penfold
Sat Dec 28, 5pm	Thx. Rina & Jonathan Fowler
Francis Ruhard & Family	Emmett Shields & Family
Alton & Marlene Shields	Thx. Justin Anthonypillai & Family
† Jim Cox	† Donald Gravelle
† John Yurincich	† Glenn Akeson
Sun. Dec 29, 9am	† Francis Onuska
Sun. Dec 29, 11am	For Our Parishioners

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 15, 2024

Envelopes \$7175
Pre-Authorized Giving – December \$8,765

Thank you for your generous support

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your box of 2025 donation envelopes in the parish lobby. Please note, to reduce waste many envelope numbers have changed for the coming year. Please do not begin using the 2025 envelopes the new year and **please do not use any envelopes from previous years for your donations.** For assistance, please contact the office.

2024 YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael parish are encouraged to do so **before Tuesday, December, 31.** Donations received after Dec. 31 will be receipted for 2025. Your understanding and timely support is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The decoration group invites parishioners to bring in fresh flowers for Christmas to decorate our church. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring plants/flowers to the back of the church, behind the altar, no later than **Monday Dec. 23, before 12 noon** for the decoration group to place around the church for Christmas. Thank-you for your generosity.



THANK YOU: We would like to warmly thank the St. Raphael School Community volunteers and the parish volunteers who helped to make the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **December 12** such a wonderful celebration for everyone. Here is a quote from a note of thanks we received from one of the families who attended: *We always enjoy the school gatherings at the church but this one was extra special, the music and spirit of everyone just made it such a wonderful night for the kids and parents. We are so grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.*

THANK YOU: Thank you to all involved in the Christmas Musical Evening last weekend. Thank you to all our volunteers from our young adults' group and youth group for their hard work in organizing and working throughout the event. Thank you to our many musicians and singers for sharing their delightful music with us. And thank you to all our parishioners, friends and guests who attended the evening and gave their support.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: We would like to renew our Hospitality Committee as we begin the new liturgical year of Pilgrims of Hope. Committee members will help with welcoming new parishioners and will help during the liturgical celebration with ushering and offertory collection. Thank you for your support in welcoming new members to our Parish Community. Please sign up using the sheet in the parish lobby if you are interested in becoming part of this ministry.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES DINNER & DANCE: On **December 31**, on the eve of the feast of Mary the Mother of God, we invite you for a Family Dinner and Dance to celebrate our faith in our Christian Family. Mass at 5pm followed by a Dinner and Dance in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm. Tickets, \$40 per adult, \$20 per child, are available at the back of the church after the weekend masses.

NEW MISSALS: are available to pick up at the entrance. The suggested donation is \$5:00. Thank you for your support.

RENOVATION FUND COLLECTION: We would like to encourage everyone to support our Renovation Funds, please use the yellow envelopes to donate towards the HVAC fund.

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Pageant**

Tues, 24 Dec 2024 - 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Tues, 24 Dec 2024 - 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Wed, 25 Dec 2024 - 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Mass

Wed, 25 Dec 2024 - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sat, Dec 28, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Sun, Dec 29 2024 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, Mass

Tue, Dec 31, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Wed, Jan 1, 2025 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 23: 9am – noon

December 24 - 26: CLOSED

Friday, December 27: 9am – 4pm

Saturday December 28: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Sunday, December 29: 9am – 1pm

Monday, December 30: 9am – 4pm

December 31 – January 2: CLOSED

Friday, January 3: 9am – 4pm (normal hours resume)



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING: Thank you for your generous support of our parish community. Please consider making your regular contributions to support the ongoing expenses for the Church and the many Ministries, through monthly automatic bank withdrawal. We especially ask those who give cash donations to the parish without the use of donation envelopes to consider this method. We would like to be able to credit your family for these donations and issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year. Please find Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Forms in the parish lobby. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

2025 - A JUBILEE YEAR: In 2025 the universal Church will celebrate a **Jubilee Year** – a year of renewal in faith. The theme of the year established by Pope Francis is "*Pilgrims of Hope*." Pope Francis has asked that the preparation for the Jubilee be marked in a particular way by rediscovering the teachings of Vatican II, in particular the four Constitutions, and by prayer. A five-part video series has been developed for use in the Diocese of Hamilton to explore the history and the four main documents of Vatican II. All resources and study guides are available free for digital use here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vatican-ii/>

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 4**, at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

TRIP TO PERU; MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA: Father Wilson will be leading a cultural discovery trip to Peru from September 14 – 23, 2025. This small group tour is being offered exclusively to parishioners and friends of St. Raphael Parish up until January 2025, when it will be released and advertised to the general public. Please find all the details in the brochure in the parish lobby. For more information, please contact Michelle Matthews, 905-510-8853, mimatthews@expediacruz.com

SEEKING ADDITIONAL HOME EUCHARIST MINISTERS: Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish community? We are currently in need of compassionate volunteers to join our team of Home Eucharist Ministers.

Role: Home Eucharist Minister

Purpose: To bring the Holy Eucharist to those who are homebound, ill, or unable to attend Mass.

Requirements:

- A deep commitment to the Eucharist and the teachings of the Catholic Church
- A caring and compassionate heart
- Completion of a brief training session

Responsibilities:

- Visiting parishioners in their homes or care facilities
- Offering prayer and the Eucharist to those in need
- Being a comforting presence and a link to our parish community

Training Provided: Yes

If you feel called to this vital ministry or would like more information, please contact John Fauteux at 905.635.2586 or tjfauteux@me.com

Your service can make a profound difference in the lives of our homebound parishioners. **Join us in this beautiful ministry of compassion and faith.** Thank you and God bless!

PARISH REGISTRATION: If you haven't yet registered in our parish, or need to update your information, please pick up and complete a registration form in the parish lobby.

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