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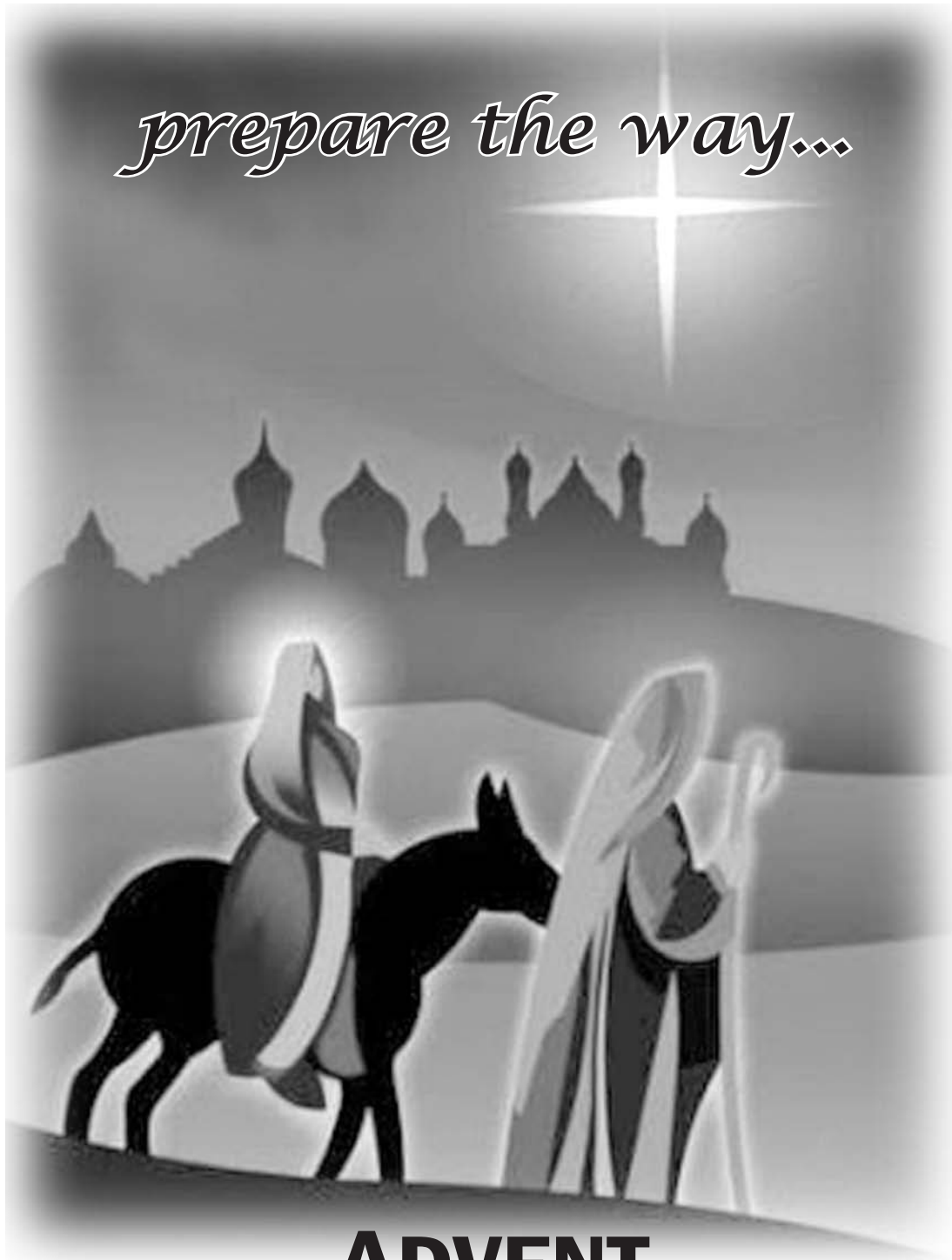
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Deacons: Anthony Ruta P.D., Timothy Dunlop P.D.

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*prepare the way...*



## ADVENT



## **Blessed be the Lord!**

"God so loved the world": We can never fathom God's love for us, for each one of us. This is beyond all knowledge, beyond all imagining. The readings for this last Sunday of Advent take us to the deep mystery of God's love for us. Human that we are, we can understand this only in a limited way. But we do try to contemplate his love and be moved to a generous and faithful response.

God is really Father to us, with no desire and delight other than to give happiness and joy to us, his children. God's plans are bathed in mystery and gradually unfold in their glorious fulfillment. God chooses what the world considers little or of no significance: "one of the little clans," a barren woman in her old age, a young maiden newly betrothed, small towns in Galilee and Judea. He uses what is ordinary and graces them with extraordinary grandeur.

He sends his only begotten Son, "born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God," to be "made flesh," "to have his tent pitched among us," "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary.." Born as a little infant in a manger, he grew into manhood in an ordinary carpenter's household. Truly human, he gradually came to the consciousness of his own identity and mission in life.

Needed in God's plan were the cooperation, obedience and surrender of men and women to carry our God's great plan. Announced to an unbelieving Zechariah by an angel, barren Elizabeth bore John the Precursor in her old age. Invited by the angel Gabriel Mary the young maiden gave her fiat, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said," Joseph her husband, the just man, quietly followed God's wishes told him in dreams.

It is amazing to see the joy which comes in the fulfillment of God's will. An angel proclaimed great joy, "Don't be afraid; I am here to give you good news, great joy for all the people." The shepherds who visited the baby lying in the manger "returned giving glory and praise to God for all they had heard and seen."

Zechariah sang God's praises at the birth of his son John, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has come and redeemed his people." Mary sang with great joy, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit exults in God my savior!"

May we too join them in singing God's praises and relishing God's goodness with great joy.

Grace and peace,  
Father R C R A

### **Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm Mass for the People

8:00 pm Intentions of Families of St. Margaret's

11:00 pm In Memory of Friends & Loved Ones

### **Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Christmas Day**

10:00am Mass

### **Thursday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

12 :05pm + Rade Macut and parents

Requested by Kata Macut

### **Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

#### ***11:00 am Holy Hour***

12:05pm Special Intentions for

Catherine Elaine Perrault (Calvert)

Requested by Donald & Velma Perrault

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm Mass for the People

### **Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am + Rev. Hubert Rooney

Requested by Charles & Dolores Maguire

11:30 am + Gordon Lavigne

Requested by Bill Lavigne

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### **Pope's Prayer Intention for December**

*For Pilgrims of Hope*

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, Helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of Our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

**2024 Christmas Mass  
Schedule**

**Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve**

*No Noon Mass*

Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm  
(5:00pm Living Gospel)

**Christmas Day**

Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am Mass Only

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Vigil Mass—Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm  
Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am, 11:30 am

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of  
God**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Vigil Mass—Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00 pm  
Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
10:00 am

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Vigil Mass—Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm  
Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am, 11:30 am

**Baptism of the Lord**

Vigil Mass—Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm  
Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am, 11:30 am

**Office Holiday Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024,  
to Jan. 3, 2025.

**Sanctuary Lamp**



**Dec. 22-28**  
In Memory of  
*Jonathan Therrien*

**ShareLife Funds for St. Vincent de Paul**

ShareLife, based on the recommendation of the St. Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council, will allocate \$15,000 toward the food/meal program at St. Margaret's parish. Please note that these funds are provided by ShareLife, Catholic Charities, and a generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We are pleased to be able to support this program at your parish. The ShareLife Advisory Board has made it a priority to provide funds for the purpose of supporting food and meal programs across the archdiocese, and we thank Catholic Charities and our donor for their financial support of this initiative.

As we enter the final weeks of the campaign, we would encourage parishioners to contribute to the ShareLife campaign. All contributions made before December 31 will be matched up to \$500,000. The support of your parish community has helped to make this grant possible. We are grateful for all that you are doing to provide food and meals to those in need, helping to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

*From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff*

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim,  
Juanita, Katie, Richard, Rose, Sharron, Steve  
Wishing you.....



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please remember the following people in your prayers :** Barb Ledoucer , John Charlebois; Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson; Lisa Wright; Judy Martin; Michael Pontze; Frank Whitkins; Bob Dorion; Carol Quesnelle; Barrett Smith; Alex Latondress; Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif; Lynda Stanek; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Betty Laurin; John Gunther

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