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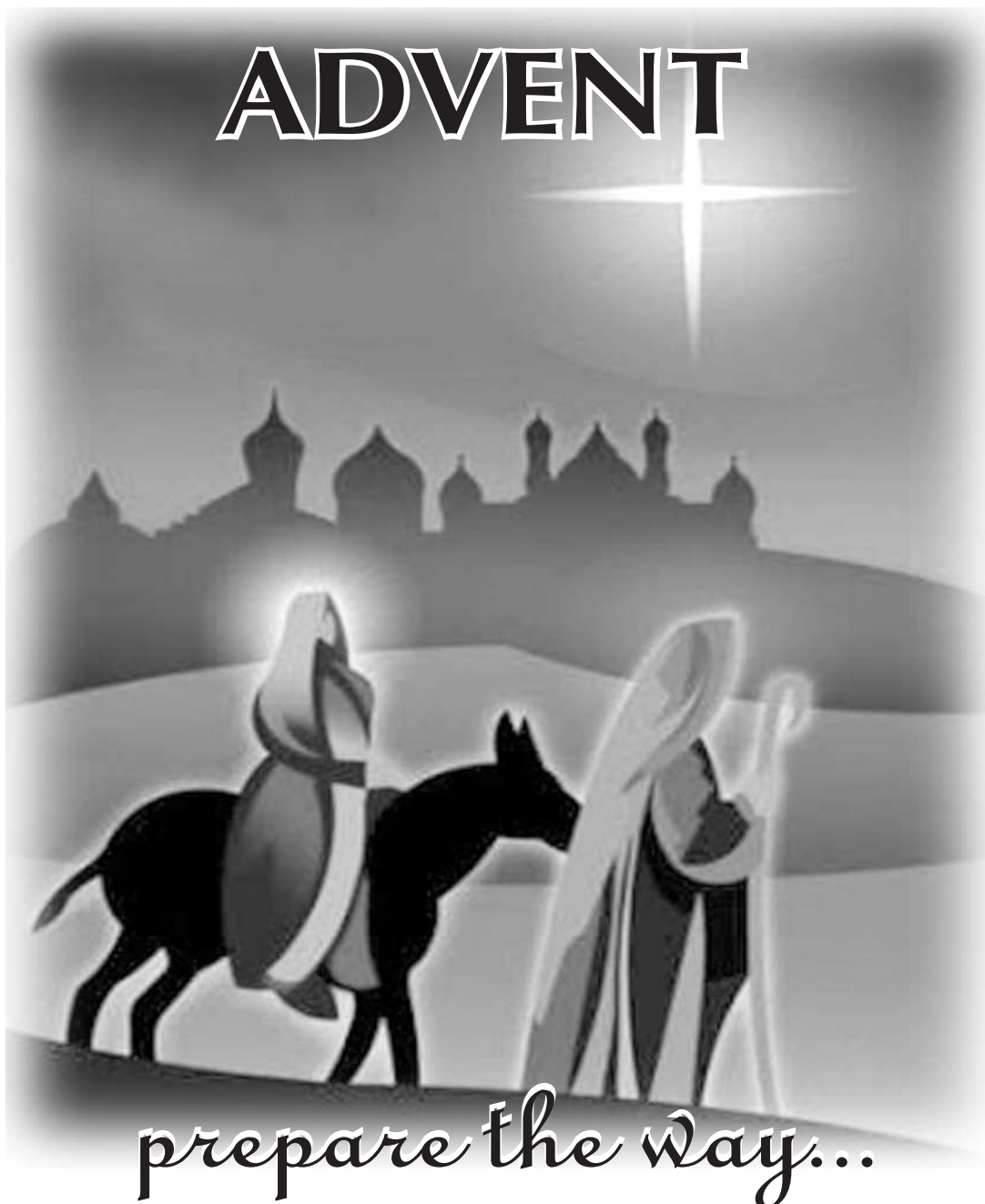
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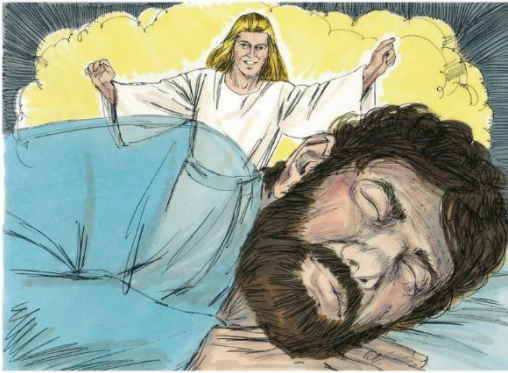
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Matthew 1:18-25: *An angel appeared to Joseph, and told him to take Mary as his wife anyway, and to name the child Jesus.*



### **Christmas Caring and Sharing**

Caring & Sharing is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with those less fortunate in our community. More and more families are suffering from food insecurity and are turning to food banks such as "The Compass", our outreach

partner, for assistance.

St. Christopher's has a long history of generously supporting those in need and hope to do so again this year.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1. Donation of Gift cards (Walmart, PC or Metro/Food Basics)  
Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets at all masses the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> **OR** at the parish office during business hours.
2. Support 'The Compass' "Spread the Joy" campaign and donate ONLINE ([thecompass.ca](http://thecompass.ca)) or by cheque to The Compass, 427 Lakeshore Rd, East, Mississauga, ON L5G 1H8

Our heartfelt Thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit from your Caring & Sharing this Christmas,

### **YE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE!**

The parish is still open to new members for our mass choirs!

Reach out to the parish office and leave your name & contact information for either Michael (5pm & 8:30) or Darryn (10am & 12pm). Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome!

Join now!

### **Prayer Requests:**

***For those who are sick:***

**Joe Merko Pat Drew Jewelline Sequeira**

***For those who have died:***

**Ann Onyschuk Ross Biancale**

If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayer for, please contact [stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stchristophersmi@archtoronto.org).

Names will be added to our Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend the week the call/email is received.

### **Youth Ministry**

To all First Communion, Confirmation candidates and all their families, have a safe and Merry Christmas. We can't wait to see you all again in the new year!

**JR Edge (Grade 3 – 5) Thurs. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**EDGE (Grade 6 – 8) Thurs. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Lifeteen (Grade 9 -12) Fri. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

On behalf of the youth volunteers & adult volunteers, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! – Levy Anne

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE!**

**Need volunteer hours? Reach out to Levy at [lramos@archtoronto.org](mailto:lramos@archtoronto.org).**

## **Giving Tuesday and the 2022 ShareLife \$1 Million Matching Gift Program**

Until December 31, all contributions to the Parish Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. We hope this initiative will encourage those who have not given yet, as well as those who have given reduced amounts this year, to make a year-end gift to support the vulnerable members of our community.

To participate, parishioners can give at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or at the parish by using the ShareLife envelopes.



### **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00pm | 6:30pm | 9:30pm | 12:00am

**Children's Christmas Pageant:** Sat. Dec. 24 at 3:30pm

**Caroling Service:** Sat. Dec. 24 at 9:00 pm

**Christmas Day:** 10:00am | 12:00pm

**Daily Mass:** Mon. Dec 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Tues Dec 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Dec 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**Feast of the Holy Family:** Fri. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**Mary, Mother of God:** Sat. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

**Epiphany of the Lord:** Sat. Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Sun. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE | MASS INTENTIONS | CELEBRATION OF SAINTS**

**Tues. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> -**

**9 am – Sheila Brylowski†**

**Wed. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> –**

**St. Peter Canisius**

**9 am – Noella Kruk†**

**7 pm – Catholic Moms Group (JC Room)**

**Thurs. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> -**

**9 am – Francesco Contarini†**

**Fri. Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

**St. John of Kanty**

**9 am – Denys & Spearns Families**

**7 pm – Holy Hour**

**Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> –**

**Christmas Vigil**

**9 am – No morning mass**

**3:30 – Children' Pageant**

**9 pm – Christmas Caroling**

**Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -**

**Christmas Day**

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023**

**Jan-22-2023 09:00 PM | St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
Church (73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9)**

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Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

### **CONTACT FOR FURTHER DETAILS:**

Interreligious

Department, [Interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:Interreligious@archtoronto.org)

### **Praying with the Life of Sr. Faustina Kowalska,**

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

**09:00 AM - 03:00 PM**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre,  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A day of reflection open to men and women. While most Catholics are familiar with the Icon of the Divine Mercy which is found in most parishes, less known is the life of Sr. Faustina, an obscure Polish nun, whom Jesus used to proclaim God's infinite mercy for all who desire to receive it. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with program.

**REGISTER:** [manresa-canada.ca](http://manresa-canada.ca)

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