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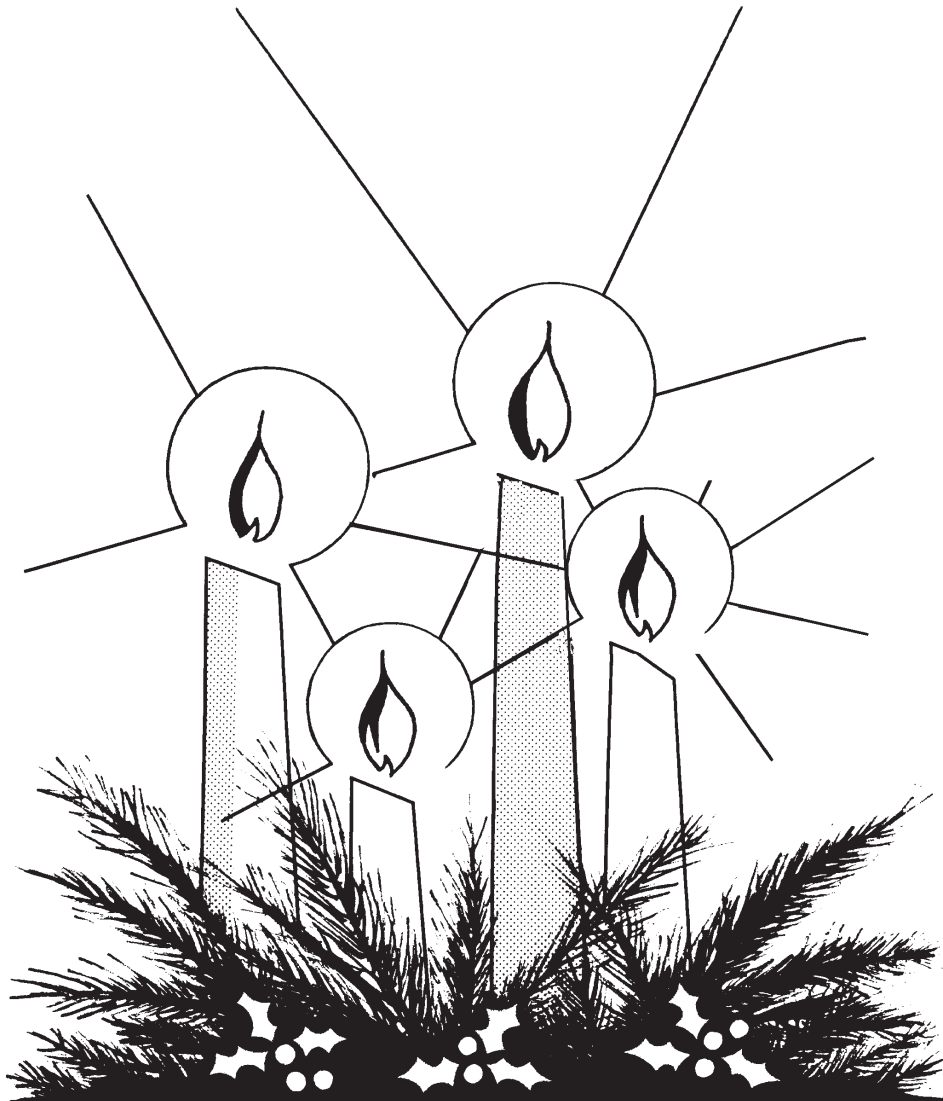
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This Sunday brings us at the door of Christmas. On the First Reading from the Book of the prophet Micah, presents a prophecy in which the Lord is going to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. We all know that this prophecy became fulfilled in Christ. We are waiting for the Shepherd, the King, the Lord, who is going to be born in Bethlehem. He is not coming with human power, but to share our weaknesses so that in Him we may find strength and support. On the Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews, it invites us to recognize in Christ our Savior who has come to offer Himself for our sins to give us life. From the moment that He came into our world, Christ had always in mind to do the will of God, which is to die for our sins to save us. It is in the Lord in whom we can find the answer to find release from our sins and new life. In the Gospel from St. Luke, we are presented with the Blessed Virgin Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth. The Virgin Mary brings within her the Messiah, the Giver of Life. When she speaks to Elizabeth, her cousin is filled with joy and exultation because she welcomes the Lord of life in her heart. St. John the Baptist leaps up with joy as well, as he also receives the joyful news of salvation. We are called to welcome the Savior in our lives and experience such joy and gladness in our own hearts. As we approach Christmas, let us open our hearts with expectancy to the Lord who comes to fill us with unending love and mercy!

We are still asking you to register for weekend masses by going to our website (stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org) and click for register for mass with Eventbrite. The capacity of the Church is limited because of social distance, and we want to make sure that everybody is welcomed. We really encourage everybody to come and attend mass in person. I encourage you to come for Christmas masses and celebrate with us. We will love so see families and young people coming back to mass and everybody else. The schedule for Christmas masses is as follows: December 24th at 5pm, 8pm, 11pm and on the 25th 9am, 11am and 2pm in Spanish. No masses on December 25th in the evening. The tickets will be available from Tuesday, December 21st at 10am. This year December 26th is the Holy Family Sunday. We will have masses at 9am, 11am, 2pm in Spanish and 5pm. The tickets will become available from Thursday, December 23rd at 10am. Let us experience how much God loves us during this time of Christmas!

May God bless us with his peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IMPORTANT!!
EVENTBRITE TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES
ARE MANDATORY, AND
AVAILABLE AT 10AM ON TUESDAY DEC 21.

WHEN THE CHURCH TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT,
TICKETS FOR THE PARISH CENTRE SEATING WILL
BE RELEASED.

NO WALK-IN FOR THESE MASSES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
5PM, 8PM, 11PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9AM, 11AM, 2PM SPANISH
(NO EVENING LITURGY)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021
HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
9AM, 11AM, 2PM, 5PM



4th Week – Look to the Lord
All four candles are lit.

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Leader: And may his love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Light the candle(s). During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.

Scripture Reading

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

All: Amen

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Sunday	“And it came to pass.....” Luke 2:1-7
Monday	Shepherds see and share the Light Luke 2:15-20
Tuesday	Simeon Proclaims the Light Luke 2:25-32
Wednesday	Born of Woman, to Redeem Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday	The Light Shines in the Darkness John 1:1-13
Friday	We Beheld His Glory John 1:14-18
Saturday	The Light Has Shone in our Hearts 2 Corinthians 4:1-6



ADVENT EVENING
RECONCILIATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19,
2021

7pm in the Church
Several priests available

Gift Giving to our Migrant Workers

Envelopes are available on the back counter, to make cash, cheque (or gift card donations) to the Migrants Workers in our parish area for their Christmas in lieu of the annual Christmas dinner this year. Your cash or cheques will be used to purchase gift cards for them. Thank you!



Masses For The Week

Sat Dec 18 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle

req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle

Mon Dec 20 – 8:20am

+Walter McKinnon

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Mary-Louise LaBarre

Tues Dec 21 – 8:20am

+Ante Barich

req. by His Wife & Family

Wed Dec 22 – 7:00pm

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine Marioselva

+Sally Elliott

req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Simone Deagrella

req. by Sherrene Alexander

+Gonzalo Zevallos

req. by Pedro & Amelia Lauer

+James T. Judge

req. by Dave & Joanne Ellis

Thurs Dec 23 – 8:20am

+Judy Tayeb

req. by Gail Stewart & Family

Fri Dec 24 – 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

NO INTENTIONS

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!
MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Thursday evenings from January 20 to February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. Call 668-3676. Fee is \$200 per couple.



Office Hours Christmas to New Year

The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 24th through to Tuesday, December 28th. The office will be open December 29th & 30th and until noon on December 31st. The office will reopen at 9am on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Mass Schedule for Octave of Christmas

Mon Dec 27	9am, Solemnity of St. John the Evangelist, Patron
Tues Dec 28	9am Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wed Dec 29	7pm Fifth Octave Day
Thur Dec 30	8:20am Sixth Octave Day
Fri Dec 31	5pm Vigil of Mary, Mother of God
Fri Dec 31	6pm -7pm Adoration
Sat Jan 1	9am, 11am, 2pm Spanish Solemnity Mary, Mother of God
Sun Jan 2	9am, 11am, 2pm Spanish, 5pm



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for donations to offset the cost of decorating at Christmas. We appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!

The Knights of Columbus next meeting is Wednesday January 4, 2022 at 8PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 133 Brock St North and on Zoom (details to follow by member email). Proof of double Covid vaccination and masking will be required. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process **taking less than an hour**, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

CWL MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Your \$25.00 CWL membership would make a great Christmas gift. Have your family member contact me by email lchilderhouse@hotmail.com to make the arrangements.

The St. John the Evangelist 2022 calendars are available for pickup, generously provided, courtesy of WC Town Funeral Chapel.

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