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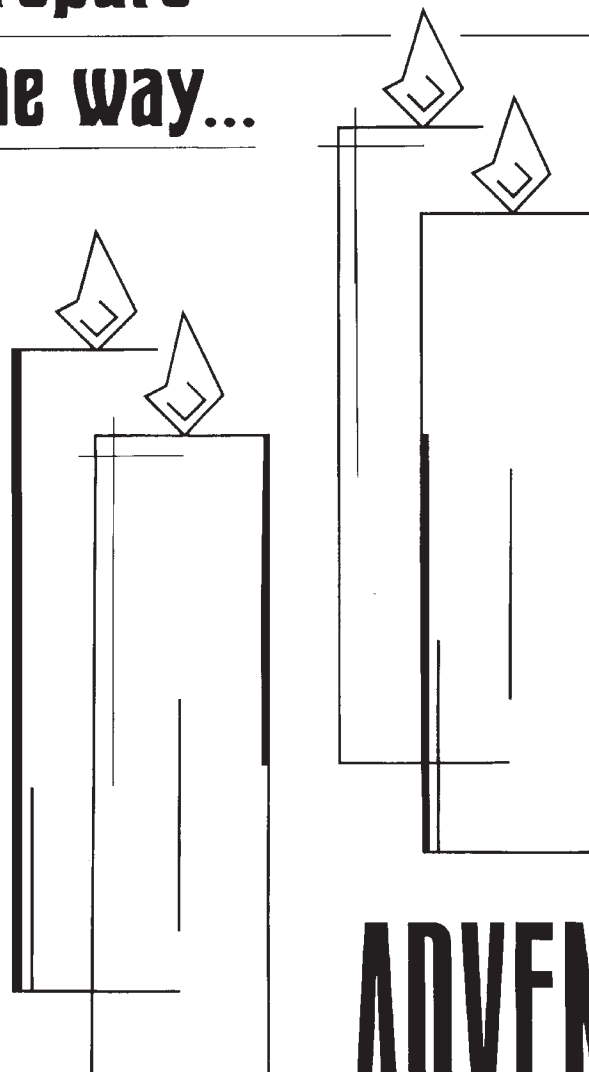
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 20th-26th, 2021

Monday, December 20th

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi
(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

Tuesday, December 21st

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi
(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

Wednesday, December 22nd

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi
(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

Thursday, December 23rd

8:00pm—Simbang Gabi
(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

Friday, December 24th—Christmas Eve
(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

5:00pm

8:00pm

12:00 Midnight

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day

(Mass Intention—Pro Populo)

9:00am

10:30am

12:00noon

Sunday, December 26th

10:00am—Corazon Soriano

12:00Noon—Elena Puzon and Family

5:00pm—Geronimo Fulgencio

Divina Nones

THE PERFECT GIFT ON THIS CHRISTMAS....



One thing that is associated with the celebration of Christmas everywhere is giving. Christmas is the feast of giving. Christmas is the one time in the year when everyone is sure to give and receive a present, even if be only a Christmas card. People spent a lot of time and money shopping for the perfect Christmas gift. We put up Christmas trees to surprise family members with our gifts and to be surprised with theirs. Christmas is a feast of giving even from God's point of view. For at Christmas we celebrate the mystery that **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"** (John 3:16). God gives, and the people of God give, and that is Christmas.

If Christmas is the feast of giving, then the question of what to give and how to give becomes very important. After all what is worth doing is worth doing well. How can we improve on the quality of our giving? How can we improve on the quality of our Christmas celebration?

The beautiful story we read during the Advent season is the story of Mary visiting with Elizabeth. What gift did Mary bring to Elizabeth? We are not told that she brought foodstuff, although she might as well have brought some. We are told she brought just one thing: herself. She gave Elizabeth the **gift of her very presence**. And, dear friends, this is the **best and the hardest gift of all**. It is easy to send flowers, it is easy to send a parcel, chocolates, but to give the gift of ourselves, to make out the time to be with somebody, that is the gift that many people long for but do not receive at Christmas. Following Mary's example, we must, in addition to the flowers and parcels, give of ourselves, our presence, our time. We must find the time to visit and be with people. This is the greatest gift because its value cannot be calculated in terms of money.

Another point we can make out of Mary's gift to Elizabeth is that one should give not according to one's convenience but according to the needs of the receiver. It was not convenient for Mary to travel the lonely, dangerous road from Galilee to the hills of Judea. So Mary, as soon as she learned that Elizabeth was six months pregnant went with haste and stayed with her for about three months, meaning, until she gave birth. Mary gave to Elizabeth what she needed when she needed it. That is the perfect gift.

Do you know one thing everybody needs today? Everybody needs encouragement. Everybody needs the interior peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. This is what Mary's visit did for Elizabeth. Mary's visit was an inspiration to Elizabeth. When we visit people this Christmas, let us try to bring some inspiration into their lives, let us seek to bring them closer to God, and let us try to share with them the Spirit of God in us, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: **\$6,458.00**

Boiler Donation \$335.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



Thank You for Your Financial Support

If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED
NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR
FAMILIES!!!**

**FROM: Fr. Lorenzo and Nora Valeria, Jhun Vilorio,
Lucille Sicat and Rod Lalog**



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th, 2021
5:00 pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
(Livestreaming)
8:00 pm— Family Mass (English)
12:00 am—Midnight Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th, 2021
9:00 am—Mass (English)
10:30 am—Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)
12:00 Noon—Mass (English)

(No 5:00pm Mass)

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26th, 2021

10:00am—Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)
12:00Noon—Mass (English)
5:00pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
(Livestreaming)

(No 7:15pm Mass)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, December 31st, 2021

5:00 pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
(Livestreaming)
8:00 pm—Family Mass (English)
12:00am—Midnight Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

9:00 am—Mass (English)
10:30 am—Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)
12:00 Noon—Mass (English)

(No 5:00pm Mass)

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

10:00am—Mass (English)
(Livestreaming)
12:00Noon—Mass (English)
5:00pm—Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
(Livestreaming)

(No 7:15pm Mass)



**WELCOME BACK
To Our
SIMBANG GABI
(Night Mass)
December 15th-23rd, 2021
at 8:00pm
(There will be no 7:00pm**



***A Prayer for
Christmas Morning***

Henry Van Dyke
The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven,
and crowns another year with peace and good
will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wisemen.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love
all over the world...

Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be thy children, and the Christmas evening
bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



**BOILER DONATION
NEEDED!**

Christmas time is on the air and once again, we celebrate this wonderful event of the birthday of Jesus. We will observe our traditional giving and exchange of gifts. This year, as Christmas is approaching, you might want to consider adding OLA Church in your list. As you all know, we are replacing our Boiler and it will cost us **\$246,568**. We wish to ask for your financial donation of any amount. We hope that you will grant us this simple request and the Lord will bless you with your good deeds.

Thank you and God bless!

Total cost of the Boiler project—\$246,568.00

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