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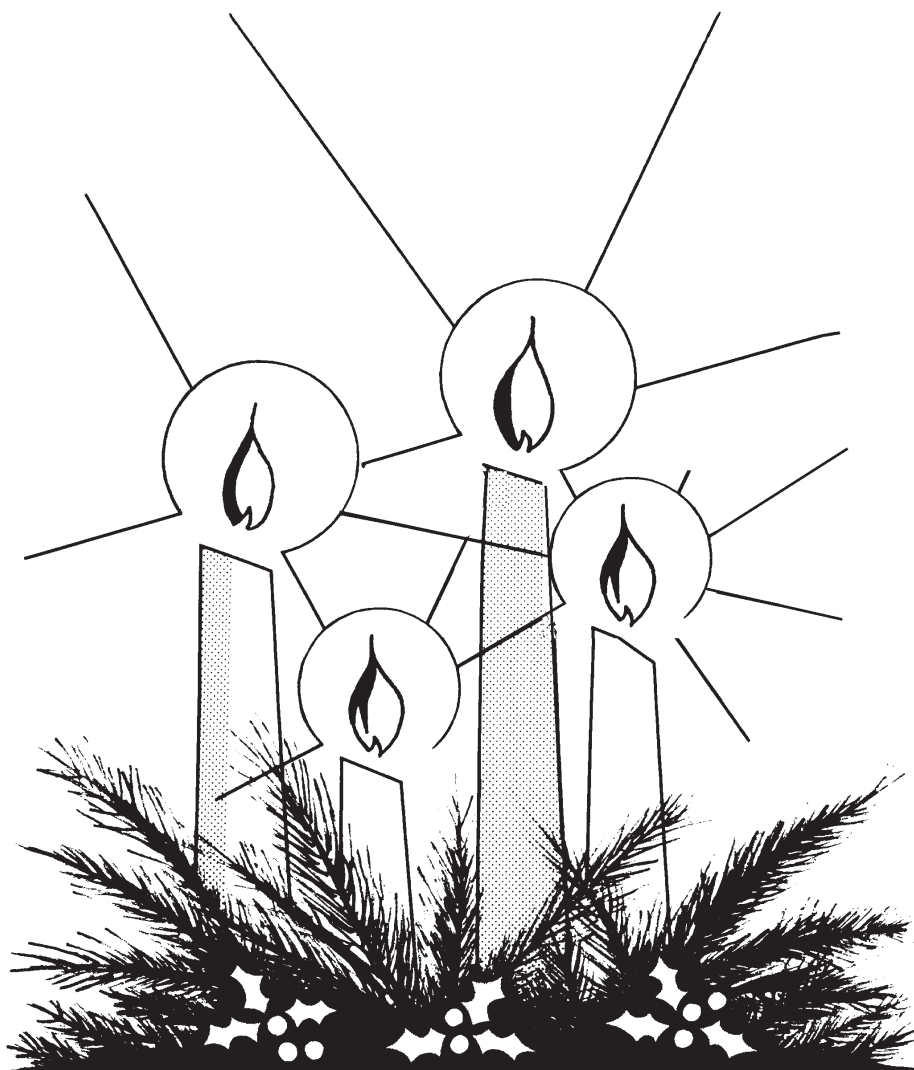
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 19th-25th, 2022

Monday, December 19th

8:00pm—Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 20th

8:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, December 21st

8:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, December 22nd

8:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, December 23rd

8:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, December 24th

5:00pm— (Tagalog) - For OLA Community

8:00pm—For OLA Community

12:00 Midnight—For OLA Community

Sunday, December 25th

9:00am— For OLA Community

10:30Noon—For OLA Community

12:00Noon—For OLA Community

— **No Evening Masses** —



Let us pray!

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



Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$6,681

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 formation, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

Sunday Reflection...

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).



The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate the

FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE

On January 8, 2023 Sunday
Procession will start at 4:30 pm inside the church followed by Tagalog mass at 5pm.
Food will be served after the mass





CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24th, 2022

- 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

Sunday, December 25th, 2022

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

(No Evening Masses)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31st, 2022

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

(Livestreaming)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

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

(No Evening Masses)



**2023 Offertory Envelopes
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Thank you for your continued support of our parish during these challenging times, especially through your use of offertory envelopes and / or Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). Offertory envelopes for 2023 are now available in the parish hall and have been pre-assigned and sorted alphabetically by last name. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

If you are not using the envelope and would like to start using for next year, please see a representative at the parish hall to help you assigned a new envelopes .

If you are not currently registered in the parish and wish to use Offertory envelopes, please fill out the parish registration form on the table in the parish hall and return it to the parish office and we will notify you when your new 2023 offertory envelopes are ready for pick up.

I thank those who currently using the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) here at the parish and remind them to use the general envelope available at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



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Marriage Sunday



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Marriage Sunday: Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://youtu.be/EBvFgH4a1n4>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration opens on December 9, 2022.

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