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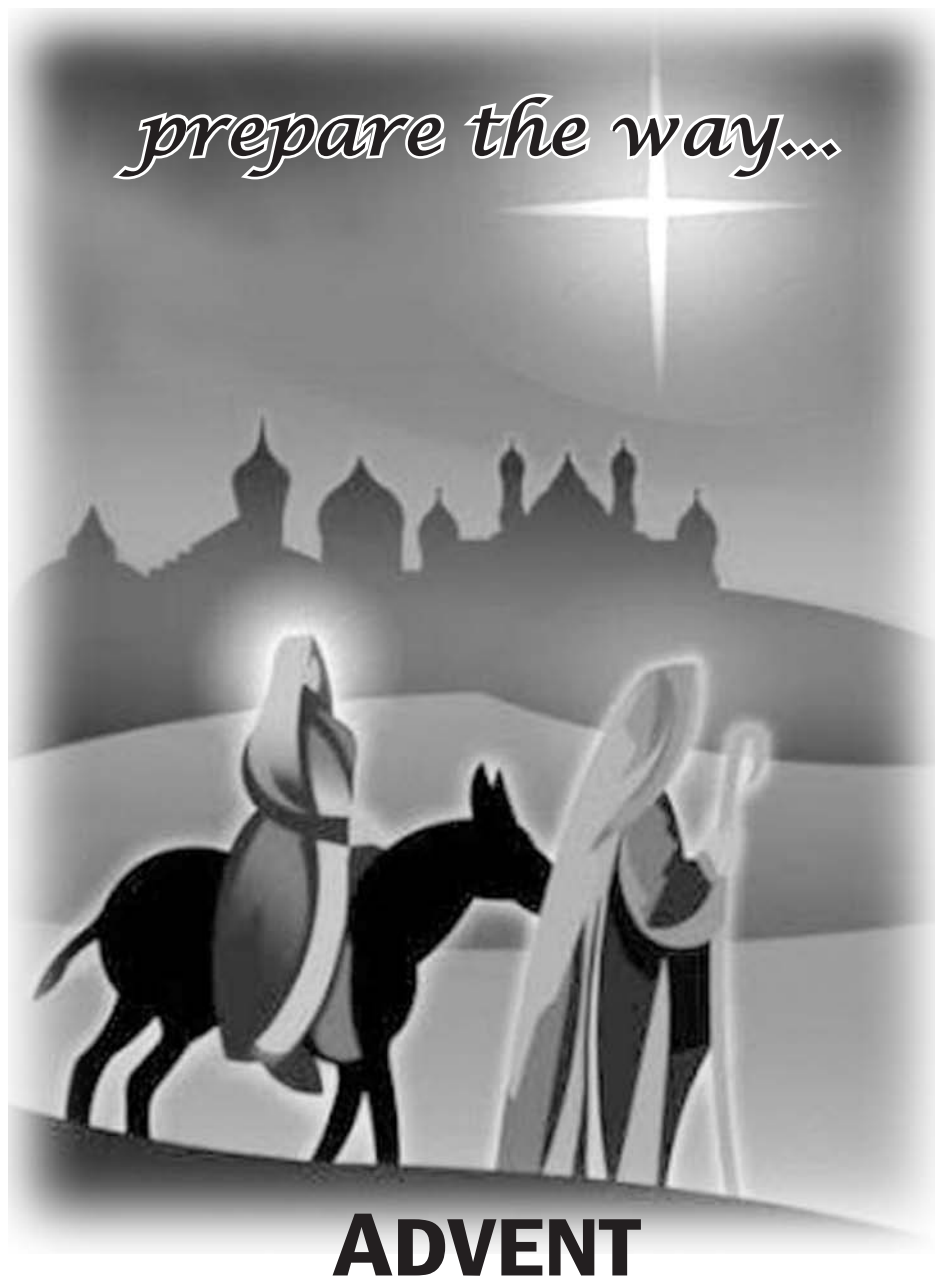
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 23rd-29th, 2024

Monday, December 23rd

8:00pm– Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

6:00pm (Tagalog)– +Tarlac-De Lemos Family

8:00pm (English)

10:30pm (English)

Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

10:00am (English)

12noon (English)

5:00pm (Tagalog)

Thursday, December 26th

Office is closed. No evening mass.

Friday, December 27th

7:00pm– +Zenaida Fulgencio

Saturday, December 28th

5:00pm– Community of OLA

Sunday, December 29th

10:00am–

12:00Noon–Corazon Soriano

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass)- +Katherine Yokota

7:00pm–

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.



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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 BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!



FROM: Fr. Lorenzo and Holly-
Anne Pedrosa, Jhun Vilorio,
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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th, 2024

6:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
8:00 pm - Family Mass (English)
10:30 pm - Mass (English)

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th, 2024

10:00 am - Mass (English)
12:00 Noon— Mass (English)
5:00pm— Filipino Mass
(No 7pm Mass)

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OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 26, 2024

HOLY FAMILY

December 28/29, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedules

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31st, 2024

7:00 pm - Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
10:30pm - Mass (English)

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

10:00 am— Mass (English)
12:00 Noon— Mass (English)
5:00pm— Filipino Mass (Tagalog)
(No 7pm Mass)

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 4/5, 2025

Regular Sunday Scheduled Masses

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 2nd, 2025

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**WELCOME TO SIMBANG GABI
(Evening Masses)**

December 15-23, 2024, At 8:00pm
(There will be no 7:00pm Mass)

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Final Evening of Simbang Gabi

December 23rd, 2024

at 8:00pm

Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun

Auxilliary Bishop of Toronto & Central Region

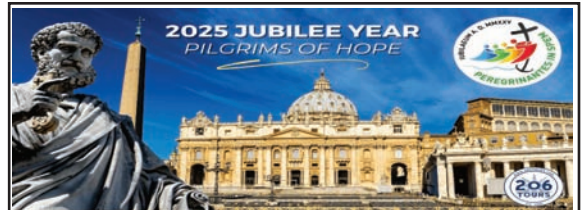
Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year – Eucharistic Celebration



St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

**Sunday, December 29, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to join in this special Mass to formally launch the Jubilee year in the Archdiocese of Toronto.



**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY CELEBRATING THE
JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

September 28-October 10, 2025

Visiting: Rome, Monte Sant' Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Assisi, Florence, La Spezia, San Gimignano, Cinque Terre, Genoa and Milan.

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON Tour Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Martyn, 416-629-0350, pmartyn132@gmail.com SEP 28 - OCT 10, 2025, 13 DAYS - \$5,490.00, incl. taxes and tips Connaissance Travel and Tours, 3852 Finch Ave East, Suite #306, Toronto ON, M1T 3T9, Tel: 416 291 2676



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

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE

On Sunday January 12, 2025

5:00pm— Solemn Mass and Procession inside the church

Food will be served after the mass.



2025 Offertory Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving



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 2024 are now available at the back of the church. Thank you for picking up your offertory envelopes as soon as possible!

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