



## Fourth Sunday of Advent **December** 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

You. Bethlehem-Ephrathah... from you shall

come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1)

Did you know that there are more than three hundred verses in the Old Testament pointing to Jesus as the Messiah? In today's first reading, for instance, the prophet Micah says that a great ruler will come from Bethlehem, the village where David was born (5:1). That aligns with other prophecies that the Messiah would come from the line of David (2 Samuel 7:16; Isaiah 11:1).

Yet Micah's words were written centuries before Jesus was born. For the Jews of Jesus' time, living under Roman occupation, that was a long time of waiting, watching, and praying for God to fulfill his promises.

But now the wait is over, and Mary and Elizabeth know it. That's why, in today's Gospel, they are so joyful. Elizabeth greets Mary with a loud cry, and even the young John the Baptist leaps with joy in her womb (Luke 1:44).

Maybe for you, Advent has seemed like a long time of waiting. Maybe you've been waiting for Jesus to speak to you, and you hear nothing but silence. Maybe you've been waiting a long time for him to answer a prayer, and you want to be reassured that he hears you. Maybe your waiting will continue, even after Advent is over.

Unlike the Jews before Jesus' coming, you don't have to wait for the Messiah to appear. And whatever else you are waiting for, you don't have to wait for him to draw close to you. He loves you so much that he offers you his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This is what he came to do-to save you and unite himself to you.

So even if you find yourself still waiting on the Lord, know that he always fulfills his promises. Today he is waiting for you to receive him, and that alone is reason to rejoice!

"Lord, fill me with joy, today and at your coming on Christmas Day."

(Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)



The Knights of Columbus **Annual Panettoni** & Torroni Sale This is the last weekend to

support the Knights of annual sale Columbus' of

Panettoni and Torroni. Please pass by the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend of December 18/19. You may conveniently place vour orders online at KofC.BoutiqueNature.ca for pick up.

## **MASS INTENTIONS** December 20<sup>th</sup> to December 25<sup>th</sup> Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, Sts. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

Maria Pina & Fernando Carinci Ernesta Falzetta Healing of Maria Da Conceicao Carreiras Gomes

### Tues., December 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Peter Canisius

Grazia Maida Antonietta Panetta Antonio & Luisa Uva

#### Wed., December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bl. Gratian

Antonio & Maria Meffe Nicola D' Ambrosio Saverio De Luca

#### Thur., December 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. John of Kanty

Frank Cairo

Maria Do Carmo Moço & Jose Da Silva Moço Di Ilio Deceased Family members

> Fri., December 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Adele Morning Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:** December 24<sup>th</sup> Chuistmas Eres

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5:00 pm	Family English Mass – Live Stream (Tickets)
9:30 pm	English Mass
11:30 pm	Solemn English Mass
	December 25 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day
8:00 am	Italian Mass
9:30 am	English Mass (Tickets)
11·30 am	English Mass (Tickets)



#### Wishing You All a Merry and Blessed Christmas & Happy & Prosperous New Year 2022!

May the joy of Christmas resound in your hearts and in your homes. May the Good

News heralded on that First Christmas continue to fill your hearts and to strengthen your journey. To all of you, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Fr. Andrzej Glaba, Fr. Paul Begin, the Staff and Volunteers of All Saints' Parish

#### **2022 Donation Envelopes**



of our volunteers Some will be delivering many of the donation envelopes, please be patient because this

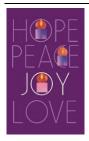
might take a while to complete. If you do not receive yours within 2 - 3 weeks, please contact the office.

# **NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS** December 31<sup>st -</sup> New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Family English Mass

Sat., January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Holy Mother of God

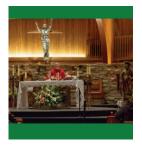
8:00 am	Italian Mass
9:30 am	English Mass
11:30 am	English Mass



The Joy of Advent: December monthly **Internet Broadcast EVERY Thursday** at 9pm and Saturday 2 pm in December www.radiomaria.ca Click to Listen Live Please join our parishioners Mariangela and Nick as the share the Joy in Advent season. Focusing on the preparation and waiting for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world.

May he always be at the center of our lives.

#### Limited Edition All Saints Puzzle Series is back!



Rediscover the joy of a piecing together a jigsaw puzzle this Christmas! During Advent, we are offering a 250-piece puzzle featuring a beautiful image of our Altar. This puzzle promises fun for the whole family. The cost is \$25. All proceeds are in support of families in need in our parish. Contact the office for more info.

#### **CHRISTMAS - OFFICE HOURS:**

The parish office will be open ONLY from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following dates: December 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 2021 and January 6, 2022.

The Office will be closed on the following holidays: Monday December 27, Tuesday December 28, 2021, and on Monday January 3, 2022.

#### **Daily Confessions:**

We have daily Confessions from Monday to Saturday from 7:30 am to 8:00 am, Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment. Please contact the office for more information.



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All Saints' Parish Prayer Group & Rosary

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please join us to recite the Holy Rosary starting at 7 pm on Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm by zoom, join: to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83177334627?pwd=cVN1L1pYSV

NsYmpGdWFqb25KcDBndz09 By phone: 6473744685. Meeting ID: 819 0860 6745 Passcode: 421035

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca Email:vocations@archtoronto.org



The SAINTS – Youth Group for students Grade 9 – 12 Group will meet on February 4 @ 7-8:30 pm. No registration required



#### **Incredible Hulk** Friday, January 14, 2022

Little Saints Youth Ministry for Children in Grade 2—4 6:45 - 8 PM - 3rd Friday of every month

Nicholas, The Boy Who Became Santa (Saint Nicholas) Friday, December 17, 2021



Sacraments for 2022-23 close August 30, 2022 For more information on our website at: https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/parishlife/sacramental-preparation/



#### **Christmas Masses** Last weekend to Reserve

Due to Covid restrictions, a maximum number of 300 parishioners may be seated for any given Mass. This includes seats in the Church proper plus seats in the Hall.

Reservations are required for

these Masses: Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and 11:30 am.

**Reservations are NOT required for these Masses:** Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 pm and 11:30 pm and Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am (Italian). First come first serve.

When can I reserve seats for a Mass? You may reserve tickets after all Masses. This weekend December 18/19 This is the last weekend to reserve.

How many seats may I reserve? You may reserve seats for immediate family members living in the same household. The current Covid environment requires us to keep people within their bubble as much as possible.

How do I reserve my seats? Give your name, phone number (contact tracing requirement) and the number of attendees in your household to a volunteer in the Church Hall. You will be given a ticket for each immediate family member.

