

# All Saints' Parish

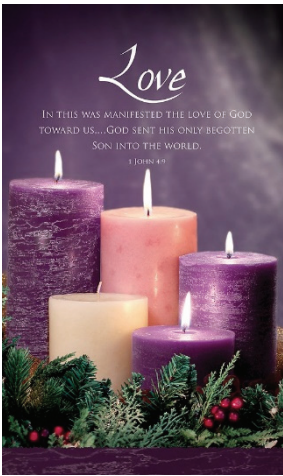
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)*

Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known.

Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

*"Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to walk the path of trust as I await the coming of your son."*

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



There is an exciting opportunity, which has the power to amplify the impact of your compassion. From now through December 31, **your contribution to ShareLife will be matched dollar-for-dollar** by an anonymous donor, up to **\$500,000.00**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$153,000.00**. Thus far we have collected **\$140,339.00**. Please support our Campaign at <https://sharelife.org/donate/> or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**December 25<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon., December 25<sup>th</sup>, Nativity of the Lord**

**Christmas Day**

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

**Tue., December 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen, First Martyr**

**Boxing Day**

Giacomo, Vincenzo & Angela Capiello  
Italo Marti

In Thanksgiving: Rita & Emilio Carinci & Family

**Wed., December 27<sup>th</sup>, St. John**

Enzo Simone  
Italo Cianfarani

Bruna De Palma & Concetta Capone

**Thur., December 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Innocents**

Rosanna Maneli  
Waldemar Arent

Carmen & Emma Capone

**Fri., December 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Becket**

Grazia Maida

Sebastiano & Maria Rinella

Carmine & Annunziata Imbrogno

**Sat., December 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family, St. Anysia**

Antonio Grisolia  
Giannina Mazzanti  
Francesco Sottile



**Wishing You All a Merry and Blessed Christmas & Happy & Prosperous New Year 2024!**

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 Ministries of All Saints' Parish*



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR - OFFICE HOURS:**  
The parish office will be open **ONLY from 9am to 12:30pm**

on the following dates:

December 27, 28, 29. **The Office will be CLOSED** on the following holidays: Monday December 25, Tuesday December 26 and on Monday January 1, 2024.



**NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS:**

**Saturday, December 30, 2023 (Sunday Vigil)**  
5:00 pm English Family Mass  
**Sunday, December 31, 2023 - Feast of the Holy Family**  
8:00 am Italian Mass  
9:30 am English Mass  
11:30 am English Mass  
**Sunday, December 31, 2023 – New Year's Eve**  
5:00 pm English Mass  
**Monday, January 1, 2023 - Solemnity of the Virgin Mary Mother of God**  
8:00 am Italian Mass  
9:30 am English Mass  
11:30 am English Mass



**The All Saints' Seniors Group:**

The Seniors group will meet again on **Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm** in the Hall. Join us for cards, coffee & refreshments. All parishioners are welcome!



**NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2024**

The new donation envelopes for 2024 are now available in the parish hall. **Please pick up your box of envelopes as soon as possible.** Thanks!



**A Christmas Prayer:**

Almighty God and Father of Light,  
a child is born for us, and a son is given to us.  
Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven  
in the silent watches of the night,  
and now your Church is filled with wonder  
at the nearness of her God.

Open our hearts to receive his life  
and increase our vision with the rising of dawn,  
that our lives may be filled with his  
glory and peace,  
who lives for ever and ever. Amen.

**All Saints' Virtual Recommendations for December and January - Brought to you**

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**Little Saints - for students in Grades 2 – 4**

Date: Friday January 19, 2024 @ 6:45 – 8 PM - Hall

Title: Following in His Footsteps

**EDGE – Raising Saints - for students in Grades 5 – 8**

Date: Friday January 12, 2024 @ 7 – 8:30 pm.

Title: For the Love of God



**Baby Jesus Birthday Party 2023!**

Please join us in the celebration and reflection on the birth of Jesus!

When: Wed. December 27, 2023

Where: All Saints' Church, Parish Hall

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Light refreshments (pizza & veggies) will be served.

**Please RSVP at** [babyjesusparty2023@gmail.com](mailto:babyjesusparty2023@gmail.com)

with the name and the age of the child/children attending.



**December Program**

*Advent: A Hopeful*

*Expectation*

*Thursday 9 pm*

*and repeated Saturday 2 pm*

on [radiomaria.ca](http://radiomaria.ca) click "ON AIR" then "Radio Maria Canada – Toronto"

Join parishioners Mariangela and Nick as they share the meaning and significance of the Advent candles: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus on Christmas day. They will also talk about the role of Mother Mary in this season. They end with a year-end review recap of all 12 shows this past year.



**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

**COURSE AT ALL SAINTS' PARISH:**

Our marriage preparation course for **2024** will be held in February on the following dates: **Saturday, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Engaged couples can register for the course at the parish office. **The fee is \$150.00 per couple.** Payment can be made in cash or cheque payable to All Saints' Parish.

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!" ...and so, the Saviour came into the world. Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or visit [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

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