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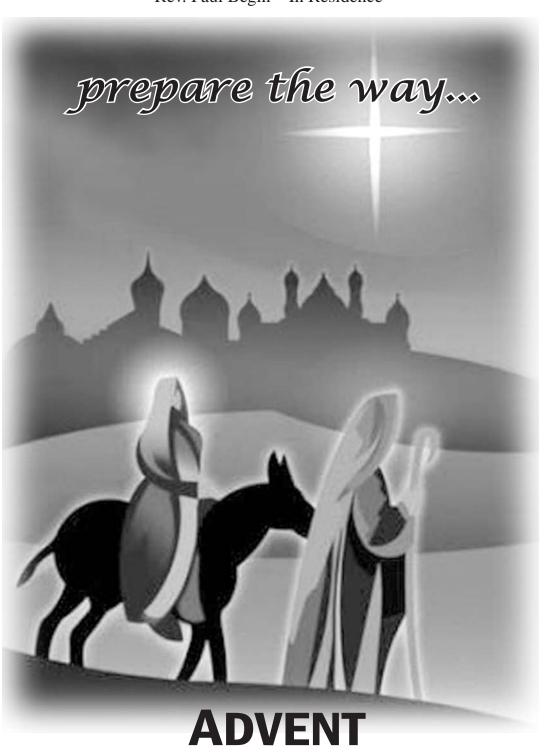
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### Fourth Sunday of **Advent** December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

*Mary . . . entered the house of Zechariah. (Luke 1:39, 40)* 

When you think of the Visitation of Mary, which is described in today's Gospel reading, you normally think she's going to see Elizabeth—and she is. But Zechariah was probably there as well, even though he would have been a silent presence. Just think how his inability to speak might have heightened his perception of what was going on around him. While we have no record of Zechariah's experience, we can imagine what this visit might have been like for him.

When Zechariah first saw Mary, worn from the journey but alive with excitement and hope, perhaps his heart leaped for joy just as his son did. Imagine his tired face and furrowed brow softening into a warm smile as he welcomed their surprise visitor!

When he heard Elizabeth call their young cousin "the mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43), Zechariah could tell that something remarkable was going on. Any shock or doubt he might have felt at hearing his wife give Mary such a title would have dissolved as he remembered the angel's promise that his son would "go before" the Lord and prepare his way (1:17).

When Elizabeth praised Mary for believing what the Lord said to her (Luke 1:45), Zechariah's own faith might have been buoyed up and his anticipation kindled. Any regret at his own response to his heavenly messenger likely faded when he observed Mary's wholehearted surrender to the Lord's will.

Today, just a few days before Christmas, place yourself in the scene of the Visitation as a silent presence like Zechariah. Take some time to slow down your thoughts. Imagine Mary entering your house carrying Jesus in her womb. How does your heart respond to the sound of her greeting? Do you recognize Jesus in her? Can you praise God for Mary's faithful response to his word to her?

"Lord, help me to listen to what you're saying to me today."

(Excerpt from The WORD Among Us)



#### WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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, and the Staff and Volunteers of All Saints' Parish.

### MASS INTENTIONS

# December 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup> Mon., December 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. John of Kanty

Sisa & Saverio Betro

Maria Do Carmo Moço & Jose Da Silva Moço Tereza & Armanda Correia

#### Tue., December 24th, St. Adele

8:15 am Morning Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

#### Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family English Mass 10:30 pm **Choir Singing Carols** 11:30 pm Solemn Midnight Mass

#### Wed., December 25th, Nativity of Our Lord

#### Christmas Day

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

#### Thur., December 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen, First Martyr **Boxing Day**

Giacomo, Vincenzo & Angela Cappiello Italo Marti Josephine Indovina

### Fri., December 27th, St. John

Enzo Simone Carlo & Joe Calandra Civita Rivera

#### Sat., December 28th, Holy Innocents

Rosanna Maneli Waldemar Arent & Family Paolo Morano

#### Advent and Christmas Mass schedule:

https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/advent-christmas-schedule-2024/

#### **NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS**

**December 31 – New Year's Eve** 

5:00 pm **English Mass** 

#### January 1 – New Year's Day

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

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? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Our marriage preparation course for 2025 will be held in February on Saturday, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025 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.



#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR - OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office will be open **ONLY from 9am to 12:30pm** on the following dates:

December 24, 27, 30, 31. **The office will be <u>CLOSED</u>** on the following holidays: December 25, December 26, 2024, January 1, 2025.

#### **PANETTONI & TORRONI**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Panettoni and Torroni in the parish hall after all Masses on the weekend of **December 21 & 22.** Please come and support this annual sale!

#### **Bethlehem Olive Wood Art:**

This weekend of December 21 & 22, our friends from Bethlehem will be back again to sell their traditional arts and crafts in olive wood. They will be in the parish hall before and after all Masses. Please pass by the hall and support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



### Baby Jesus Birthday Party 2024! Please join us in the celebration and

reflection on the birth of Jesus!

When: Friday. December 27, 2024

Where: All Saints' Hall

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Light
refreshments (pizza & veggies) will be
served. Please RSVP at

<u>BabyJesusBirthdayParty.alsc@gmail.com</u> with the name, the age and school the child/children attend.

## **SL ShareLife**

ShareLife has allocated \$15,000 toward the

#### food/meal program at All Saints Parish

We are pleased to announce that ShareLife, based on the recommendation from the St. Vincent de Paul Greater Toronto Central Council, will allocate \$15,000 toward the food/meal program at All Saints Parish. Please note that these funds are provided by ShareLife, Catholic Charities, and a generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The support of our parish community has helped to make this grant possible. We are grateful for all that you are doing to provide food and meals to those in need, helping to live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

LITTLE SAINTS - for students in Grades 2 - 4 Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month @ **6:45** - **8 PM** in the parish hall. Next session January 17, 2025 - Ben-Hur: A Race to Glory.

*EDGE – Raising Saints –* for students in Grades 5 – 8 Meets every  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Friday of the month @ 7 – 8:30 pm. Next session January 10 - A *Most Beloved Son*.

*THE SAINTS – Pizza Nights -* for students in Grades 9-12 Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month @ 7 – 8:30 pm. Next session February 7 – *Not Alone. Please confirm attendance at* 1415 all saints youthministry@gmail.com



### Formation Sessions at All Saints:

Faith Formation We invite the parish community to attend formation sessions offered by our parish in the hall. <u>Session 5:</u> **Prayer - Presenter: Fr. Michael Mascarenhas.** Sunday, January 19 from 4-5pm or Thursday, Thursday January 30 from 7-8pm.

<u>Session 6:</u> **Baptism & Confirmation - Presenter: Fr. Frank Carpinelli.** Thursday, February 13 from 7-8 pm or Sunday February 23 from 4-5pm.

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE - OCT 2025

There are a few seats still available for our parish pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France Oct 2025 - only \$300 deposit required to reserve your spot - flyers with details are in foyer.



## The Rosary Apostolate is calling you!

The Rosary Apostolate in the Schools is seeking volunteers who have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and are willing to visit our elementary schools to pray the Rosary with

the children one day a month. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Maria McEvenue at 416-622-6117 or email maria mcevenue@rogers.com

#### **Christmas Prayer**

Glory to God in the highest!

My precious Lord, Jesus, I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth. Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal. You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection and humility. Yet Your mother knew whom she bore, Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God. Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your mother. Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds. Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself. I love You, dear Lord Jesus. Help me to love You with all my heart. Newborn Savior of the World, I trust in You. Mother Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for me and for all. Amen.

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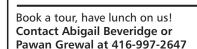
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