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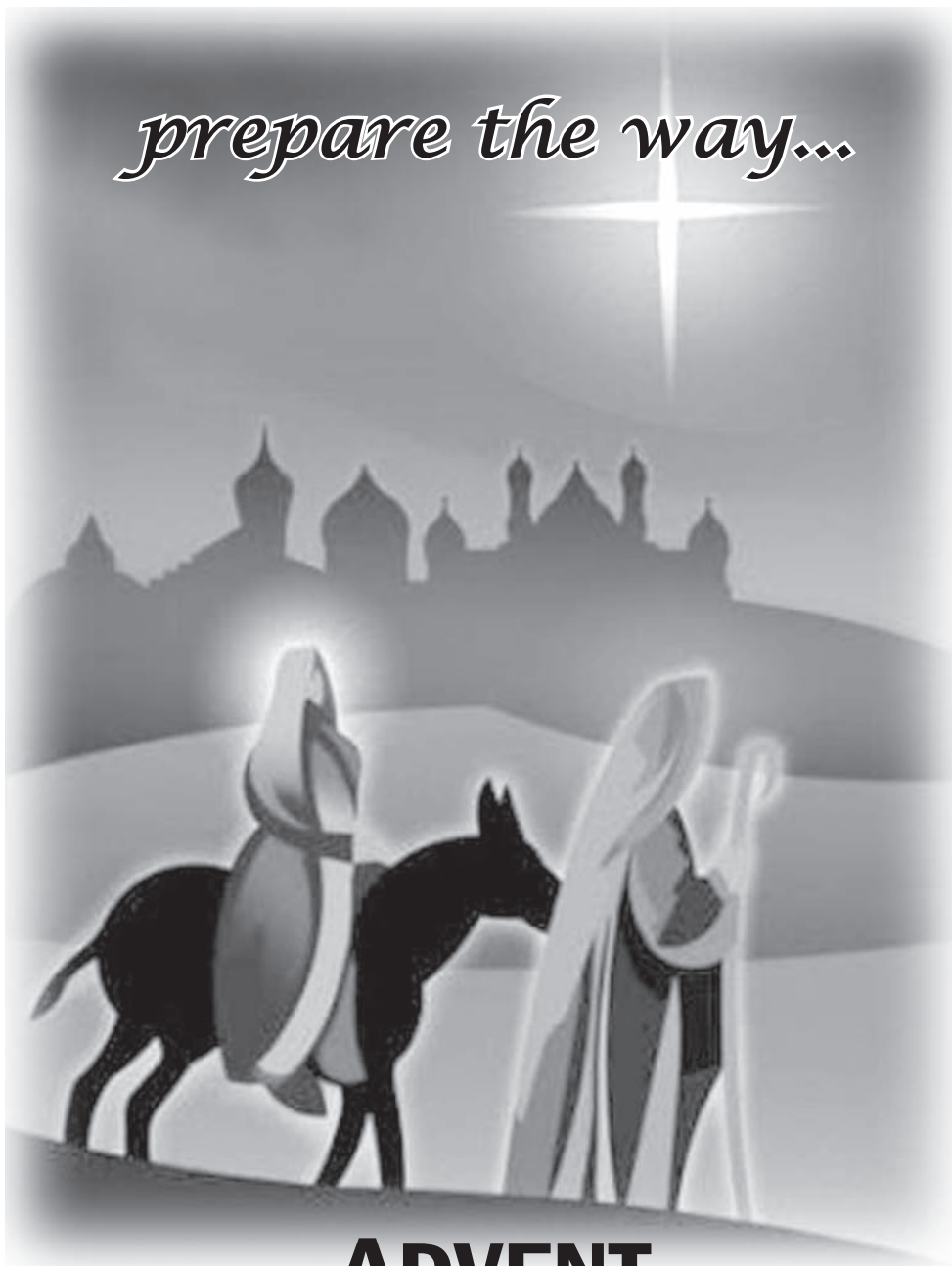
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prepare the way...



ADVENT



December 22, 2024
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Ask a child, “Where is God?” and you’ll likely receive a variety of responses: “in heaven,” “in church,” “everywhere” and “in my heart” are all conceivable answers from a child’s lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed “in my heart” – that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is “everywhere,” but because we possess *sanctifying grace*. Grace is *divine life* – God’s life – and if we are “in a state of grace” (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today’s Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out “in haste” to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today’s Gospel suggest that Jesus’ presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit” and John the Baptist “leaped for joy.” As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become “Christ-bearers” to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

SING

*O come, divine Messiah!
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph
 And sadness flee away*

IV Domenica di Avvento



La fede di Maria, di colei che ha creduto nell’adempimento di ciò che il Signore le ha detto, apre uno squarcio nella tenebra del mondo. La creazione tutta gioisce, la cugina la benedice e il suo

bambino esulto nel grembo, il Figlio di Dio entra nel mondo e dice al Padre: “Ecco, io vengo per fare la tua volontà.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 15th was \$3,414.00.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L’offertorio della domenica 15 dicembre era \$3,414.00.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 22nd is offered in memory of Fedele Sabatino requested by his wife and children.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 22 dicembre è stata offerta i in memoria di Fedele Sabatino richiesta da sua moglie e suoi figli.



Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for December 15th was \$18,272.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 15 dicembre era \$18,272.00.



Season of Advent: Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Preparing for the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025: As



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

in the past, we have invited a Jubilee church to host a regional celebration to focus our attention

on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. These celebrations will take place as follows (all at 7:00 p.m.) with receptions to follow Mass unless noted:

Western Region - Wednesday, January 29, 2025

St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Northern Region – Tuesday, February 4, 2025

St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

Eastern Region – Wednesday, February 19, 2025

St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

Central Region – Tuesday, February 25, 2025

St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

St. Anthony Committee: The Feast of St. Anthony Committee invites all parishioners to the Annual Dinner/Dance on Saturday, January 25th at Le Tréport Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$100/person, all inclusive. To reserve tickets, please call Rosanne Falcone at 905-629-4080, committee members, or the church office.

Il comitato della festa di Sant'Antonio invita tutti i parrocchiani ed amici al ballo annuale, sabato 25 gennaio, presso Le Tréport. Per prenotare i biglietti, rivolgetevi al comitato, oppure chiamate Rosanne Falcone 905-629-4080. Il prezzo è \$100/persona, tutto incluso.

Donation Envelopes 2025: are now available! They are available in the back of the Church. *Please be sure to take the box that belongs to you.* If you wish to register for envelopes, please call the office and we will assign you a number.

Le buste dell'offerta per 2025 sono pronte. Chiediamo di prenderne secondo il vostro numero e guardare se il numero corrisponde con il vostro nome.

Mass Intentions December 23rd to December 29th

Monday, December 23rd

St. John of Kanty

8:00 am

† Nicola Farace by Teresa Roberto

Tuesday, December 24th

Advent Weekday

8:00 am - No Mass

5:00 pm - Christmas Vigil

In memory of our loved ones who passed away especially those included in our Memorial ornaments.

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas

12:00 am - Christmas Midnight Mass

For all the intentions of our Parishioners

9:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Michele Longo & Tutti Famigliari Defunti Buon Natale by Moglie Anna Maria e famiglia

11:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Stella Gwozdz (one month of passing) by Family

Thursday, December 26th

St. Stephen

8:00 am

† Stefano & Rosa De Michino by Maria De Michino and sons

Friday, December 27th

St. John the Apostle & evangelist

8:00 am

† For the souls of the faithful departed of the Do and Le Families by Chi Thi Minh Do

Saturday, December 28th

Holy Innocents

5:00 pm

† Silvano Larocca (Memorial) by Lucia Andrenucci & Family

Sunday, December 29th

The Holy Family

9:30 am

† Michele Pilotti by Clorinda Pilotti

11:30 am

† Maria Mandarino (2 years of passing) by Family

Christmas Bazaar 2024: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a great day and to all of you who donated. We had a great line up of new vendors this year, the Spin-to-Win game was a huge success, Louise Visca did a fantastic job with her many helpers at the White Elephant sale, hats off to Giuseppina Zaccaria and Maria Borreca who were in charge of the kitchen...the spaghetti and meatball dinner was delicious! Thanks to Simona Dei-Rocini Dedda for the wonderful Bake Sale table, our HAY youth selling their ornaments and amaryllis plants and Thomas Lombardi for the cookie tray sale. The Bazaar brought in \$5,245.75 for the Church!

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