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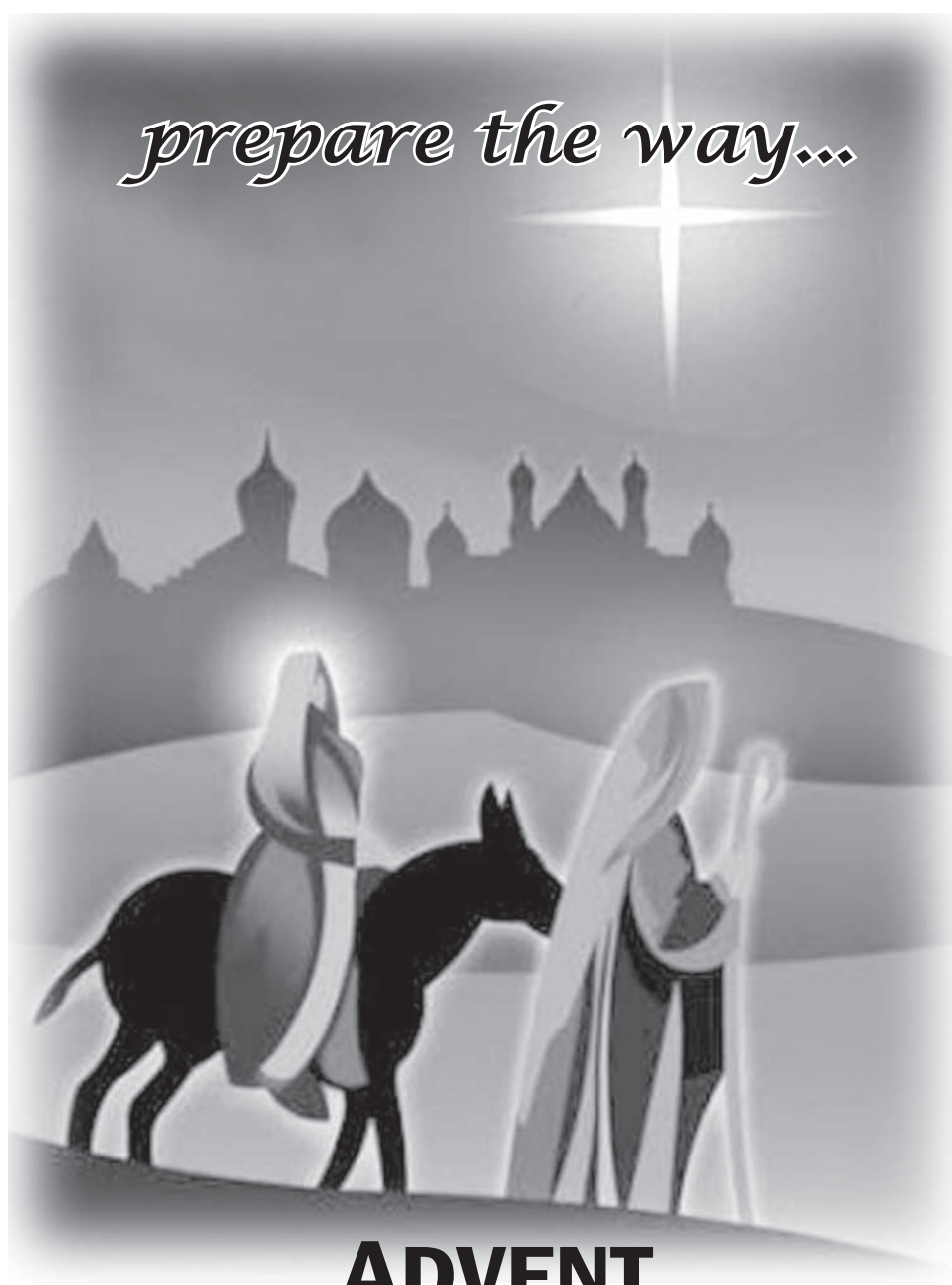
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The bible says that "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus.

Merry Christmas

Fr. Mario, Fr. Gerardo and Deacon Sergio wish to extend to all our parishioners and their families our prayerful best wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas! We ask the Lord to bless you and your families with joy and happiness in this season. May the New Year be filled with much love and success.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

For the Christmas envelope (24 or 25 December), we ask you to be generous as usual. You have certainly noticed the Church adorned with 4 Christmas trees, wreaths, banners and plants. Don't forget the costs of electricity, heating, cleaning and much more. Let us celebrate this Christmas with joy, faith, spirituality and even financial generosity. Thank you for your continued support of our Church. Merry Christmas!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Francesca Mazzulla, Luigina De Simone whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE

2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope"

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

7:00 p.m. English

10:30 p.m. -Italian & English

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

9:30 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

12:30 p.m. Mass in English

New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass in English

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, December 26

CLOSED

Friday, December 27

CLOSED

Saturday, December 28

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Monday, December 30

9:00 AM – 3:30PM

Tuesday, December 31

9:00AM-12:00 noon

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who joined us in making our annual Breakfast with Santa an enjoyable and successful event. A substantial amount of the proceeds was donated to St Charles Borromeo Church. Donations were also made to the following organizations: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Canadian Food for Children, The Hospital for Sick Children, Scott Mission, and Fred Victor Bethlehem United Shelter.

We encourage anyone who is interested in joining the D.O.I. to email us at: doi1415sjtw@hotmail.com

IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Ultima tappa prima di Natale. L'attenzione si concentra sulla persona del Salvatore. Oggi come ieri il mondo chiede al bambino nato venti secoli addietro, presente nella storia come nessun altro: Chi sei? Cosa vuoi? Perché ci prepariamo ancora una volta a rievocare la tua nascita? Le risposte a questi interrogativi verranno dalle letture.

Michea scrive per un popolo deluso, sfiduciato, smarrito. Chi può risanare le sue ferite? Dove nascerà il Salvatore? Non in Gerusalemme o in altra città importante di Giuda, ma in un villaggio sconosciuto. La grandezza non gli viene dal luogo della nascita, ma da lui stesso e dalle sua azione salvifica.

La lettera agli Ebrei è tutta una lunga, elaborata e insieme appassionata riflessione sulla persona di Gesù. Qui l'autore vuole raccogliere i primi sentimenti all'apparire nel mondo: eseguire puntualmente la volontà del Padre.

Incontro di Maria ed Elisabetta, Lo Spirito opera abbondantemente nell due cugine e nei bambini che portano in grembo. Tutto l'episodio assume valore profetico e salvifico.



Il Signore Gesù nasce anche quest'anno nell'umiltà di un bambino. Essere umili è molto importante perché la vita non è una gara da vincere ma un cammino da fare insieme verso la vita eterna. Quindi, lasciamoci tirare avanti da chi è avanti e cerchiamo di tirare avanti chi è indietro. Fr. Mario, Fr. Gerardo e Deacano Sergio riconoscenti al Signore per la grazia che gli ha concesso quest'anno di venire ad abitare in mezzo a voi, sono lieti di augurarvi Buon Natale e abbondanti benedizioni per un nuovo anno pieno di gioia e di felicità. Dio vi benedica.

COLLETTA DI NATALE

Per la busta di Natale (del 24 o 25 dicembre), vi chiediamo di essere come al solito, generosi. Certamente avete notato la Chiesa adornata da 4 alberi di Natale, ghirlande, striscioni e piante. Da non dimenticare le spese dell'elettricità, riscaldamento, pulizie e tanto altro. Celebriamo questo Natale con gioia, fede, spiritualità ed anche generosità finanziaria. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto verso la nostra Chiesa. Auguri di Buon Natale!

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30PM Rocco Tacconelli
7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM Victoria, Caterina e Domenico Servello, Bruno Romano
9:30AM In Thanksgiving for Antonia Porco, For the Souls of Benito Porco, Filomena Pietrangelo
11:00AM Pro Populo
12:30 PM Mass Association
7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM Luigi e Marta Di Matteo
12:05PM Rev. James Reposkey
7:30PM USC Christmas Novena Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass
7:00 p.m. English
10:30 p.m. -Italian & English

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass in Italian
9:30 a.m. Mass in English
11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian
12:30 p.m. Mass in English

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – Boxing Day **NO MASSES**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00AM Domenico Malavenda
12:05PM Mass Association

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:30PM Mass Association

INCOME TAX ENVELOPE

In your **2024** offertory envelope boxes, the last envelope is the income tax envelope. Should you require a tax receipt, please deposit the envelope (empty) in the collection basket. Please make sure to fill out your name and FULL address. We would appreciate it, if you would put a stamp on the envelope to help defray the cost of postage.

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