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prepare the way...



ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we enter the final days of advent, the church turns our attention to Mary and her generous “yes” to God’s plan. In today’s Gospel, we witness a moment of quiet trust and profound faith. God comes not with noise or spectacle, but in humility, seeking a willing heart.

Today we light the Fourth Advent Candle, the Candle of LOVE. Its light reminds us of the love that moved God to send His Son into the world, and of Mary’s loving obedience in welcoming Christ into her life.

As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, may we, like Mary, open our hearts in faith and love, making room for Christ to be born a new with us.

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!

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that our weekday Mass schedule will change starting **Friday, January 2, 2026.**

New Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00AM in English

Wednesday, Friday

7:00PM in English

PLEASE NOTE THE 12:05PM MASS WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED.

The 8:00AM mass will continue to be celebrated in both English and Italian.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS’ MASS SCHEDULE



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

CWL – BETHLEHEM CRÈCHE FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

The St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Fundraiser Brunch for the Bethlehem Crèche on Sunday, February 1st at Venu Event Centre from 11am to 3pm. There will be raffles and door prizes. All proceeds in support of the Bethlehem Crèche run by the Sisters of St Vincent de Paul, an orphanage for abandoned babies and children in need in the Holy Land. The Sisters rely on the generosity of donors and do not receive any governmental funding. The Bethlehem Crèche has struggled over the years of the pandemic and now with the war. Tickets are \$100 a person with a cash bar.

For more information and tickets, please contact Gigetta Rizzo 416-857-0108. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office.

QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Mentre entriamo negli ultimi giorni dell'Avvento, la Chiesa rivolge la nostra attenzione a Maria e al suo generoso "sì" al piano di Dio. Nel Vangelo di oggi, assistiamo a un momento di silenziosa fiducia e profonda fede. Dio non viene con rumore o spettacolo, ma con umiltà, cercando un cuore disponibile.

Oggi accendiamo la quarta candela dell'Avvento, la candela dell'AMORE. La sua luce ci ricorda l'amore che ha spinto Dio a mandare Suo Figlio nel mondo e l'amorevole obbedienza di Maria nell'accogliere Cristo nella sua vita.

Mentre ci prepariamo a celebrare la Natività del Signore, possiamo, come Maria, aprire i nostri cuori nella fede e nell'amore, facendo spazio a Cristo che rinasce nuovo con noi.

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!

CWL- RACCOLTA FONDI PER BETHLEMME CRÈCHE

La St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League organizzerà un brunch di raccolta fondi per l'orfanotrofio di Betlemme domenica 1° febbraio presso il Venu Event Centre dalle 11:00 alle 15:00. Ci saranno lotterie e premi a sorte. Tutto il ricavato sarà devoluto a sostegno della Bethlehem Crèche gestito dalle Suore di San Vincenzo de' Paoli, un orfanotrofio per neonati abbandonati e bambini bisognosi in Terra Santa. Le Suore contano sulla generosità dei donatori e non ricevono alcun finanziamento governativo. La Bethlehem Crèche ha sofferto negli anni della pandemia e ora con la guerra. I biglietti costano 100 dollari a persona, con bevande alcoliche a pagamento.

Per ulteriori informazioni e biglietti, si prega di contattare Gigetta Rizzo 416-+857-0108. I biglietti sono disponibili anche presso l'Ufficio Parrocchiale.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Maria Cernaz, Maria Liberio whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:30PM Pro Populo
7:00PM **Christmas Novena**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00AM Angelo e Rosa Di Leo
9:30AM Deceased Members of the Bastone Family, Desmond Cruz
11:00AM Franco e Bruno Gioffrè, Adelina Nardi, Giuseppe Iozzo, Bruno e Lisa Foti, Antonio Scaduto, Agostino Luci, Maria Teresa De Luca, Maria e Francesco Dinatolo

12:30 PM Maria Da Luz Pereira & Family

7:00PM **Christmas Novena**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM Vito Galati
12:05PM Mario & Anna Nacinovich

7:00PM **Christmas Novena**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
12:05PM Special Intention for Nicola Lopreiato

7:00PM **Christmas Novena**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00PM Children's Mass
7:00PM English Mass

10:30PM Italian & English

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day

8:00AM Mass in Italian
9:30AM Mass in English

11:00AM Mass in Italian
12:30PM Mass in English

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 – Boxing Day

NO MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30PM Erlinda Perez

OFFICE HOURS

December 24 9:00AM-12:00noon
December 25 CLOSED
December 26 CLOSED
December 31 9:00AM-12:00noon
January 1 CLOSED

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