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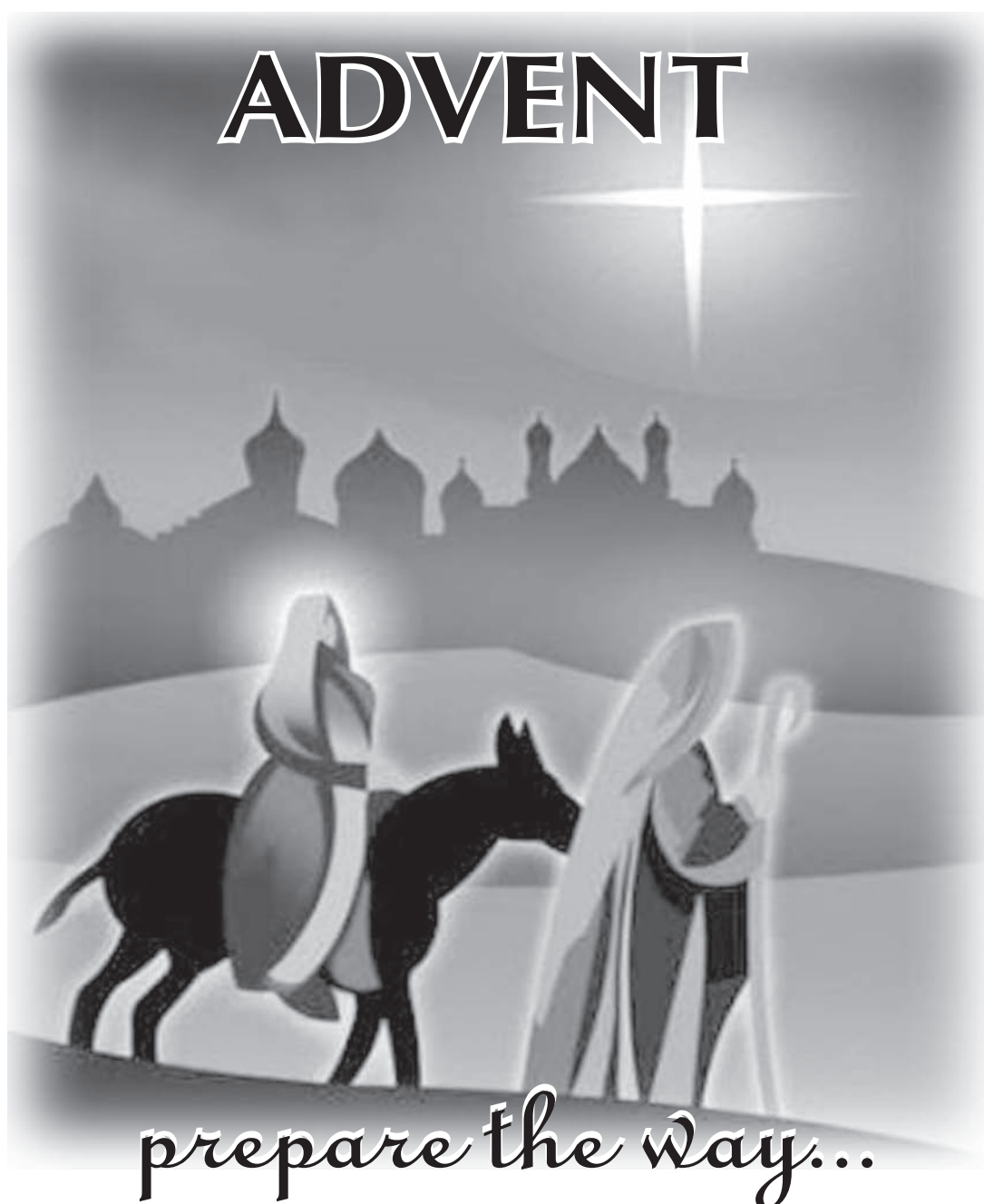
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PARISH TEAM

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest Fr Anish Alex Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr George Jurenas Deacon



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 17| Vigil Mass
 4:30 pm † Maria Boscarino
SUN 18| 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:00 am † Ignatius & Harry Fernandes
 9:30 am *Pro Popolo*
 11:00 am † Zoila Flores & children
 12:30 pm † Marilda Raulino
 6:00 pm † Manuel Guzman
MON 19|
 8:30 am † Josephine Quintiliani
TUES 20|
 8:30 am † Roy Zaka
WED 21| St. Peter Canisius
 8:30 am † Jose Araujo
THUR 22|
 8:30 am † Walter Teodoro
FRI 23| St. John of Kanty
 8:30 am † Ada Grella

SAT 24| Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm
 8:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 12:00 pm

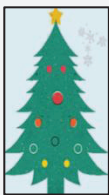


YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Registration for children wishing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2023, is closed. Registration for 2024 will begin next fall.

LifeTeen

Are you in grades 9-12 and looking to grow in faith & friendship? We are pleased to announce that we will be launching our LifeTeen program this coming November for you! LifeTeen will include food, games, talks, small groups & prayer time, and will take place 2 Saturdays of the month following the 4:30pm Mass! For more details or questions Please email Megan at ym.stjosephMI@gmail.com Register by scanning the QR code.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Christmas week and will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd at 9 AM. For funerals and anointings, please leave a message on the emergency line as prompted. For other urgent matters please reach us through email or leave a voice message.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

ON ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

A Jewish scholar who became a Christian and who knew the Old Testament very well and all of the traditions of the Jews, said that at the time of Christ the rabbis had gathered together 456 prophecies concerning the Messiah, the Christ, the conqueror of evil who was to be born and to enter into a new covenant with mankind. Suppose the chances of any one prophecy being fulfilled by accident, say the place where he would be born, was one in a hundred.

Then, if two prophecies were fulfilled, the chances would be one in a thousand. If three prophecies were to coincide in Christ, that would be one in ten thousand. If four, one in a hundred thousand. If five, one in a million. Now if all of these prophecies were fulfilled in Christ, what would be the chance of them all concurring at the appointed moment, not only in place but also in time, as was foretold by the prophet Daniel? Take a pencil and write on a sheet of paper the numeral 1, and draw a line beneath it. Under the line write 84, and after 84, if you have time, write 126 zeros. That is the chance of all of the prophecies of Christ being fulfilled. It runs into millions and millions, trillions and trillions.

The crucifixion of Jesus was foretold in Psalm 22:16-18 approximately 1,000 years before Christ was born, long before this method of execution was even practiced. Some Bible scholars suggest that more than 300 prophetic Scriptures were completed in the life of Jesus. A list of some fulfilled prophecies is on the Jews for Jesus website. All other religions, without exception, go from man to God, either by contemplation or by a kind of mortification and self-denial. One, for example, is the eightfold path of Buddha.

But with our Blessed Lord, religion comes from God to man.

We need help and, particularly, redemption from sin.

~ from the book *Through the Year with Fulton Sheen*

Christmas Week Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Saturday, December 24, 2022 4:00 pm 8:00 pm 10:00 pm and 12:00 midnight (All English) *** NO 9:00 AM MASS ***	Sunday, December 25, 2022 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am & 12:30 pm (All English) NO 6:00 pm Mass
Monday Dec 26, 8:30 am	Thursday Dec 29, 8:30 am
Tuesday Dec 27, 8:30 am	Friday Dec 30, 8:30 am
Wednesday Dec 28, 8:30 am	Saturday Dec 31, 9:00 am
<u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u> (Holy Day of Obligation)	
Saturday, December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve) 4:30 pm	
Sunday, January 1, 2023 - New Year's Day 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm NO 6:00 pm Mass	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAX RECEIPTS 2022 – please make note!

2022 donations must be received by the parish (or dropped in lock box outside at back entrance of church) by **Friday, December 30 (not post marked)** to be included in 2022 donations, otherwise will be credited to 2023. We ask that envelopes from past years not be used as the current envelope holder may be different and will be credited with your donations. We also ask that you not use 2023 envelopes until the new year begins to avoid any tax receipt related issues. Please contact the parish office for any envelope related inquiries.

ASHADEEP SCHOOL IN INDIA DONATIONS

Barbara Galbraith of St. Patrick Parish in Etobicoke came last Sunday to say a big and grateful thank you for Donations to the Ashadeep school for Differently abled children. You can still make a donation by dropping an envelope to the office or in the collection basket marked Ashadeep school Attention Fr. Anish. Please include your name and address to get a tax receipt.

MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8661

In support of Vita Centre our Knights are collecting baby items (Formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing & gently used furniture and strollers). Please place items in the crib at the front entrance. Or contact the Knights by email at GK8661@ontariokoc.ca

Nativity Scene Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 8661 are running a contest for a 2nd year due to popular demand. If you have a nativity scene displayed indoors or outdoors, you are encouraged to send in a picture to: kofc8661@gmail.com and include your name with your entry.

Deadline for submissions is December 16, 2022
Winners will be announced on December 20, 2022
This is open to everyone.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings every Wednesday - Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

OUR FORTHCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAM

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Commencing at 6.45 p.m. in the Church

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Peter Choi

Pastor, St. Andre Bessette Parish

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FAITH & LEARNING

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR PODCAST

You are invited to listen to “The Catechism in A Year” podcast, starting January 1st! This 365-day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz. You can listen while driving to work, going on your daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or however you like! For more information visit:

www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish



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Our prayer for you this Christmas

is that you would know the true gift – JESUS

May the peace and blessings of Christmas be with you and may the coming year be filled with love, health and happiness.



PICK OF THE WEEK



Dec 18, 2022

The True Meaning of Christmas Listen 57 min

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



CHRISTMAS IN ROME

A Celebration of the Nativity – 26 min

The birth of Jesus changed the course of human history. Christmas marks one of the greatest days on the Christian calendar, and nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like the Holy City of Rome. Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter's Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter's Basilica. See how one of the greatest events in human history is celebrated today...right from the heart of the Church.

Register with your email and parish code: **V9WRHN** or search for St. Joseph Parish Mississauga.

THIS WEEK ON
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How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?

Answer:

Fleece Navidad!

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