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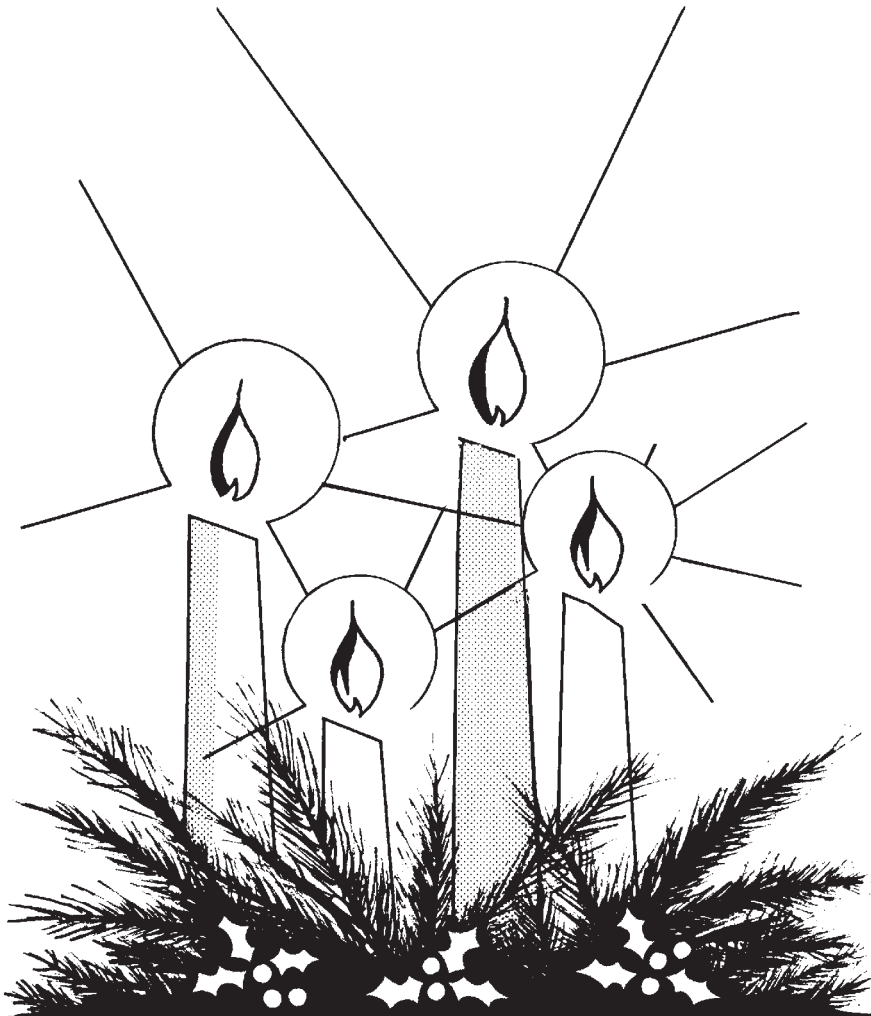
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# Advent

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2020



### ADVENT

At Christmas we will concentrate on the simplicity and poverty of Our Lord's birth: how human he was, born of a young woman, not in luxurious comfort, but in the discomfort of a stable. That shows him as one of us, the human side of "Emmanuel". This gospel mentions the divine origin of Jesus. Although he has a human mother, he has not a human father, but was conceived in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. This unique way of come into life, with God as father, and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is; both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God.

### HOLY DAY LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

December 24 at 8 pm (Christmas Vigil)  
December 25 at 10:30 am (Christmas Day)  
January 1 at 10:30 am  
Currently, Masses will only be livestreamed.

### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Today is the last day we are collecting food items for Good Shepherd Ministries. You can help Good Shepherd feed those most in need by donating the following items: canned vegetables, canned meat, granola bars, juice boxes, salad dressing, canned stew, cookies, canned soup, and wrapped hard candy. A box has been placed in the vestibule to receive your donations. Please donate what you can and help others in our city receive the gift of hope this Christmas.

### OUR COLLECTIONS

Please consider supporting your parish, even if you are unable to come to the church!  
For information on how to donate, please see our website (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/donate>).  
Thank you for your generosity!

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16.  
Psalm: Psalm 89:1-2, 3-4, 26+28.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Roman 16:25-27.  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38.

**Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." —Luke 1:30**

There are times when I do things that I know must disappoint God. There are other times that I've done things that I hope are very pleasing to God. But can you imagine being told directly by an angel that you have found favor with God? That would be amazing! Mary was someone very special to God. He wanted her to carry his Son. She always tried to do everything in her life to please the Lord. During this last Sunday of Advent, ask Mary to pray for us to have the same desire she did, to do everything in our life to make God happy.

*Dear Lord, thank you for showing us through Mary such a beautiful example of faith.*

### REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily and prayerfully say yes to the current step of the mission that He is calling us to. We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church.

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

Current Covid-19 restrictions limit the number of people in the Church to 10 persons. Because of this the Cardinal has canceled all public Masses. The Church will remain open for private prayer, Tuesday to Friday from 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

## 4° DOMENICA DELL'AVVENTO – 20 DICEMBRE 2020



**Because of COVID-19, by decree of His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Masses and other functions in the parishes of Toronto and Peel Region are cancelled, until further notice. Church will remain open for private prayer only.**

Please know, Fr. Bruno will be saying private Masses for the parishioners and their intentions.

### **December 20 Sunday/Domenica**

9:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

10:30 - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED - Maria e Domenico Pileggi e defunti Basile, Luciano, Giovanni, Maria e Vincenza Seminerio, A tutte le anime del Purgatorio Tenuta, I defunti Cesareo Carri, Giuseppe and Carmelina Cagliostro, Vincenzo and Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino and Rocco, Fr Bruno

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 21 Monday/Lunedì**

NO MASS TODAY

### **December 22 Tuesday/Martedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 23 Wednesday/Mercoledì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **December 24 Thursday/Giovedì**

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

11:00am - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

8:00pm - CHRISTMAS VIGIL - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 25 Friday/Venerdì**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / SOLENNITÀ DELLA NATIVITÀ DEL SIGNORE**

10:30am - CHRISTMAS DAY - LIVESTREAMED

### **December 26 Saturday/Sabato**

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR / FESTA DI ST. STEFANO, PROTOMARTIRE

8:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

### **December 27 Sunday/Domenica**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY / FESTA DELLA SANTA FAMIGLIA

9:00am - CANCELLED / CANCELLATO

10:30 - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED - Lorenzo D'Archangelo, Antonio e Francesco Lipa

12:00pm - Catholic Ge'ez Rite - LIVESTREAMED

## AVVENTO



Dopo la testimonianza di Giovanni Battista, ecco la testimonianza di Maria, madre di Dio, che ha serbato preziosamente in cuor suo le grandi cose che il Signore aveva fatto per lei. Il concepimento verginale di Cristo, così chiaramente esposto nel vangelo di oggi (Lc 1,34-35), non è un fatto isolato, una grazia a sé.

Ma non ci è presentato nemmeno come il modo più adatto per la nascita del Messia. Ci è dato come sicurezza che il figlio, nato da Maria, " sarà dunque santo e chiamato Figlio di Dio ", perché " lo Spirito Santo scenderà su di te, su te stenderà la sua ombra la potenza dell'Altissimo".

La nascita di Gesù dalla Vergine Maria non è una verità aggiunta alla verità dell'Incarnazione; è parte integrante di questo stesso mistero. E la divina condiscendenza, per mezzo della quale viene richiesto il consenso di Maria, perché possa realizzarsi il progetto divino, è ciò che san Paolo chiama la " rivelazione del mistero taciuto per secoli eterni, ma rivelato ora... a tutte le genti perché obbediscano alla fede " (Rm 16,25-26)

## RIFLESSIONI SULLA GESTIONE

L'Annunciazione può essere vista come l'evento singolare che ha cambiato il mondo perché è durante questo episodio che Maria acconsente alla volontà di Dio e Cristo è concepito in lei. Molte volte cerchiamo di conoscere tutta la volontà di Dio per la nostra vita, ma possiamo imparare da Maria a dire prontamente e con la preghiera di sì al passo attuale della missione a cui ci chiama. Possiamo vivere questa missione essendo amministratori del nostro tempo e dei nostri talenti per le nostre comunità, per la nostra parrocchia e per tutta la Chiesa.

## DONAZIONE DI CIBO PER NATALE


Oggi è l'ultimo giorno di raccolta dei prodotti alimentari per i Good Shepherd Ministries. Una scatola è stata posta nel vestibolo per ricevere le vostre donazioni. Vi preghiamo di donare ciò che potete e di aiutare gli altri nella nostra città a ricevere il dono della speranza questo Natale.

## LE NOSTRE COLLEZIONI

Considerate la possibilità di sostenere la vostra parrocchia, anche se non potete venire in chiesa!

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