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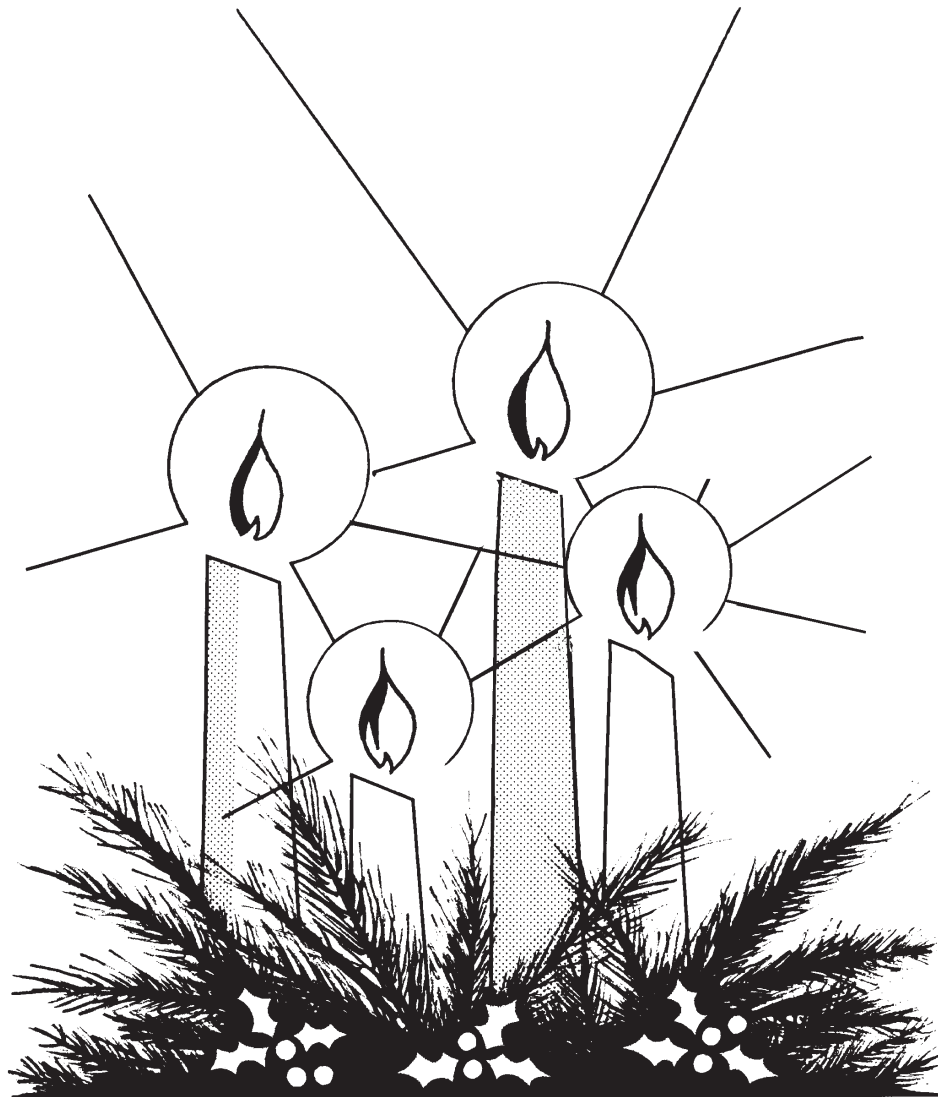
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 19, 2021

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.

URGENT HELP!!!



You may have noticed a few weeks ago some trouble with the furnaces. After 25 years, two of our furnaces have to be replaced. The new furnaces cost us \$10,500 + hst, and the parish is in urgent need of donations to help pay for the new Furnaces.

If you give a donation, please contact Father Bruno or the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity! Donations received: \$1,650

THANK YOU!!

Thank You

A sincere thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary who ran the Bazaar last weekend. They were able to raise \$750 for the Church.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Parishioners and members of the community are invited to make a food donation to support Good Shepherd's Christmas Food Drive. Food items can be dropped off in the front lobby of St. Nicholas of Bari Parish until **Friday, December 24**. Donations will be accepted during the week when the church is open and before/after Sunday Masses. The following items are needed: canned soups & stews, tuna, canned vegetables, legumes (e.g. chickpeas, beans), pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, tea bags, chocolate bars, and granola bars. Thank you all for your kind support.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm: Psalm 80: 1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

"Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" —Luke 1:43

When Mary found out she was pregnant with Jesus, she was probably excited, nervous, scared, worried, and happy all at the same time. She needed to tell someone how she felt so she went to visit her friend and relative Elizabeth. Elizabeth was probably feeling all the same things since she was pregnant with John the Baptist! God knows that we need other people in our life to talk to and share what we are thinking and feeling. When we share with others what is really going on for us and we listen when others share with us, then we are like Mary, visiting others to share Christ and the Holy Spirit. Sharing ourselves is sharing Christ which can be a wonderful gift for someone else - at this time of year and all year round.

Dear Lord, send me your Holy Spirit to make me like Mary, who will help me to bring Jesus to all those I meet.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

December 24 2021 - Vigil of Christmas
8:00pm - BILINGUAL (ITALIAN AND ENGLISH)

December 25, 2021 - Christmas Day
9:00am - ITALIAN
10:30am - ENGLISH

January 1 2022 - New Year's Day
9:00am - ITALIAN
10:30am - ENGLISH

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2022
CONFIRMATION 2022

Registration: December 2021

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/en/contact-us/donations/>).

Thank you for your generosity!

4° DOMENICA DELL'AVVENTO – 19 DICEMBRE 2021



Mass Intentions

December 19 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Luciano Carini, Antonia Pallotta, Peter Albanese, Rocco Pace, Eugenio Caira, Pasquale e Saveria Caira, Alberto Sturino, Francesco, , Alfredo Furguele, Michele e Saveria Furguele, Beniamino e Giulietta Caira

10:30am - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED - Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocco, Rosaria e Onorina Sturino, Olindo e Rosina Bonofiglio & Famiglia

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

December 20 Monday/Lunedì

NO MASS TODAY / NON C'È MESSA

December 21 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am - Saverio Bianco e Annantonia De Cotiis

11:00am - CATHOLIC GE'EZ RITE

December 22 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am - Repose of the soul of Angelita Torres de Panameño, Margarita Torres, Filomena Pacheco; Mirna Leticia Aguirre; for the unborn, orphaned, unbaptized; for the generosity of parishioners to support St. Nicholas of Bari

7:30pm - Pina Venditti

December 23 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am -

11:00am - CATHOLIC GE'EZ RITE

December 24 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am - Maria Domenica Pelaggi, Assunta Paniccia e defunti

8:00pm - SOLEMN VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

December 25 Saturday/Sabato

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

9:00am - ITALIANO

10:30am - ENGLISH

December 26 Sunday/Domenica

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY / LA FESTA DELLA SANTA FAMIGLIA

9:00am - Celeste e Francesco Bianco, Michele Liscio

10:30am - MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED -

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

LE NOSTRE COLLEZIONI

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

Per informazioni su come donare, consultate il nostro sito web (<https://stnicholasofbarito.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/>).

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Grazie per la vostra generosità!



AVVENTO

Oggi il vangelo ci rivela come si sono realizzati la venuta del Messia e il mistero della redenzione che essa contiene. La persona di Maria, la sua fede, il suo "sì", la sua maternità, sono le vie scelte da Dio per fare visita ai suoi e portare la salvezza a tutti gli uomini. Il centro dell'avvenimento evangelico di questo giorno si sviluppa, dunque, attorno a Maria: lei è la più profonda e più radicale via dell'Avvento. Si capisce la ragione della visita a sua cugina Elisabetta nel messaggio dell'angelo. Ella si dirige rapidamente verso il villaggio in Giudea, perché la grazia ricevuta da sua cugina Elisabetta, che diventerà mamma, la riempie di gioia. Il suo saluto ha un effetto meraviglioso su Elisabetta e sul bambino. Tutti e due si impregnano di Spirito Santo. Elisabetta sente il bambino sussultare dentro di sé, come fece tempo prima Davide davanti all'arca dell'Alleanza, durante il suo viaggio a Gerusalemme. Maria è la nuova arca dell'Alleanza, davanti alla quale il bambino esprime la sua gioia.

ORARIO PER LE MESSE DI NATALE E DEL NUOVO ANNO

24 Dicembre - Vigilia di Natale

8:00pm - ITALIANO E INGLESE

25 Dicembre - Giorno di Natale

9:00am - ITALIANO

10:30am - INGLESE

1 Gennaio - Nuovo Anno

9:00am - ITALIANO

10:30am - INGLESE

Nota bene: l'ufficio è chiuso il 27 e 28 dicembre e il 31 dicembre.

GRAZIE!!!

Un sincero ringraziamento alle Donne Ausiliarie che hanno organizzato il bazar lo scorso fine settimana. Sono riuscite a raccogliere 750 dollari per la Chiesa.

AIUTO URGENTE!



Avrete notato qualche settimana fa alcuni problemi con impianti di riscaldamento. Dopo 25 anni, due dei nostri impianti di riscaldamento devono essere sostituiti. I nuovi impianti di riscaldamento ci costano \$10,500 + hst, e la parrocchia ha urgente bisogno di donazioni per aiutare a pagare i nuovi impianti di riscaldamento. Se avete fatto una donazione, contattate Padre Bruno o l'ufficio parrocchiale. Grazie per la vostra generosità!
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