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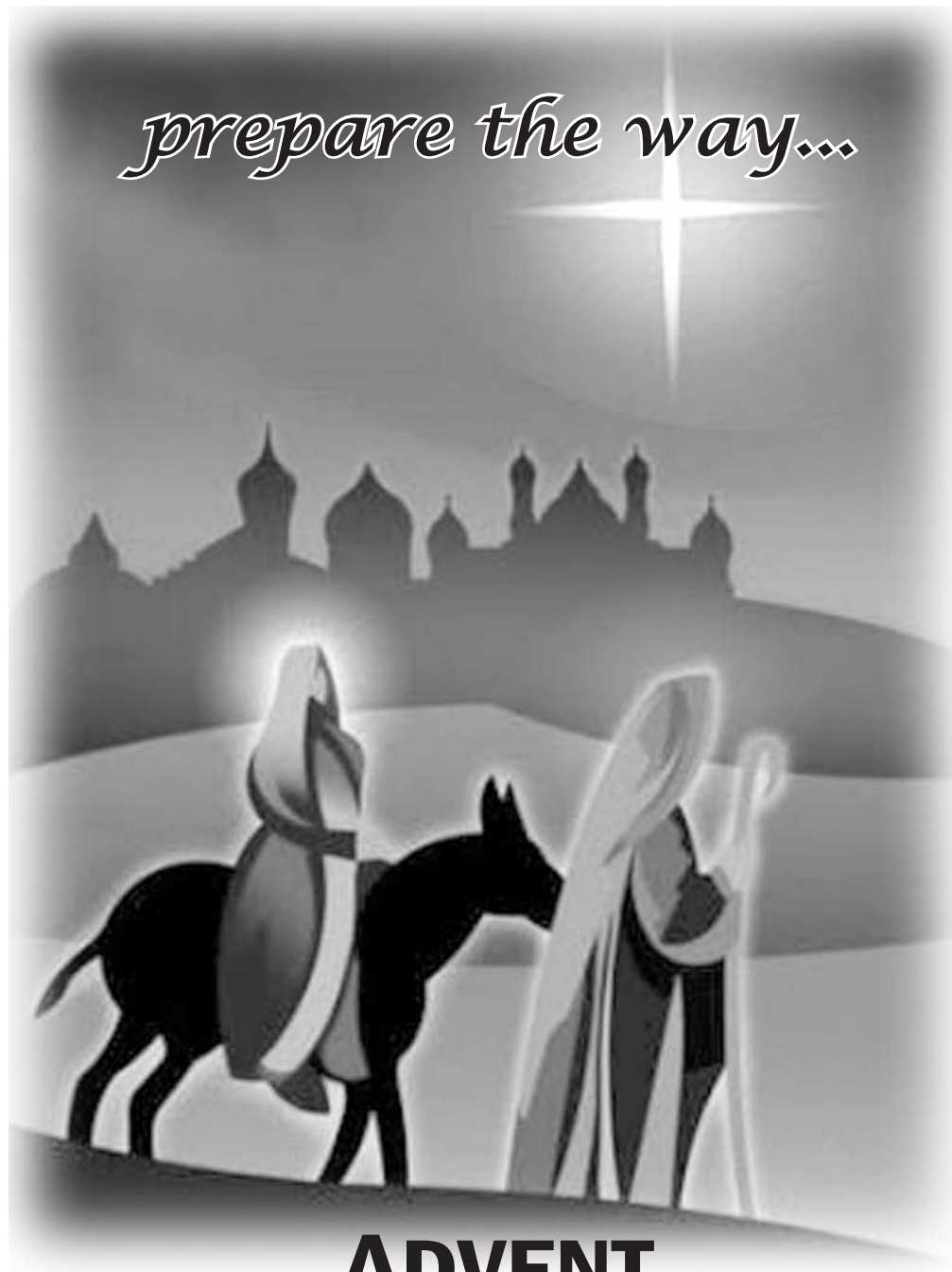
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# ADVENT

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CHRISTMAS DAY 2024**



**Luke 1:39-45**

Today's Gospel from Luke draws us into one of the most beautiful and tender moments in the story of salvation: Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth. It's a meeting overflowing with love, faith, and joy—qualities that resonate deeply with young families. Mary has just received the incredible news that she will be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Instead of staying home to process this life-changing announcement, she sets out on a journey to visit Elizabeth, who is herself experiencing a miraculous pregnancy. As Mary enters the home, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, and her unborn child, John the Baptist, leaps for joy. Elizabeth recognizes the presence of Jesus in Mary and proclaims her blessed for her faith and obedience to God. For young families, this passage speaks volumes. First, it reminds us of the importance of relationships and connection. Mary's journey to Elizabeth was an act of love. She didn't visit out of obligation but out of genuine care and joy for her cousin. In our own families, this is a powerful reminder of how meaningful it is to be present for one another. Life can be busy, especially with young children, but Advent calls us to slow down and focus on what truly matters: our relationships, our love for each other, and our shared faith.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



On behalf of the entire parish and staff, I extend warm wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas! May this festive season be filled with joy, love, and the blessings of togetherness. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas!

Fr. Bruno

**Children to perform at Christmas mass**



We are excited to share some wonderful news! This Christmas, your children will have the special opportunity to perform during our Christmas Mass. Their hard work, beautiful voices, and joyful spirits will help make this celebration even more meaningful and memorable for everyone in our community. The performance will take place on Christmas Day (December 25). We invite all families to join us for this heartfelt occasion as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy, music, and love. We kindly ask that children attend the practice every Sunday to ensure they are prepared and feel confident in their performance.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE  
Tuesday December 24**



**Christmas Eve**  
8:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass  
(Italian/English)

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass  
11:00 a.m. – English Mass

**New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass  
11:00 a.m. – English Mass

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed on December 26, 2024 and January 1, 2025. Please call us if any emergency occurs and we will respond as soon as possible.

**MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS SALE & RAFFLE!**



Join us in the Church Foyer every Sunday, Nov 10 - Dec 22, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Raffle tickets: \$5.00

(Grand Prize: Meat and Cheese Slicer!)  
Toiletry gift packages: Starting at \$10.00—perfect for Christmas gifts!  
Support our fundraiser and invite family and friends. Thank you, and may your season be merry! The proceeds will be used to purchase an industrial refrigerator.

**POINSETTIAS**



In anticipation of adorning the Altar for the upcoming Christmas season, we extend a warm invitation to our parishioners to contribute by donating poinsettias (red or white). Alternatively, you may choose to make a donation towards acquiring poinsettias for the Church. For further details, kindly reach out to the parish office. Your participation in enhancing the festive beauty of our worship space is truly appreciated.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Weekly offerings : \$1,598.25  
Donation for Fridge: \$1,500.00  
Maintenance: \$255.00  
Flower Donation: \$135.00  
Saint Nicholas mass: \$175.35

## 4° DOMEMICA DELL'AVVENTO - SANTO NATALE 2024



### **December 22 Sunday/Domenica**

**9:00am** – Michele e Maria Lamanna e Michele e Carmela Camicata; Saverio Bianco e Annantonia De Cotiis; Giuseppe Macri, Filomena Macri, Pasquale Macri, Joe Saverino, Aurora Ramos, Victor Ramos, Mary-Ann Ramos

**10:30am** – Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocky; Adelina O. Costello

**12:00pm** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### **December 23 Monday/Lunedì**

*No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi*

### **December 24 Tuesday/Martedì**

**8:00am** – Maria Domenica Pelaggi e Antonio Cirillo; Luciano Carini; Serafina e Domenico Vecchiarelli; Assunta Paniccia, Michelina Chiovitti e tutti defunti e La Madonna; Repose of the soul, of Zofia & Stanislaus Misko; Birthday blessings upon Vanessa Monge Sandoval, Shahira Wahba

**11:00am** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

**8:00pm** – Christmas Vigil / Veglia Natalizia

### **December 25 Wednesday/Mercoledì**

**9:00am** – Santo Natale (Italian)

**11:00am** – Christmas Mass (English)

### **December 26 Thursday/Giovedì**

**8:00am** - Celeste e Francesco Bianco e Michele Liscio; Repose of the soul of Cecilia Espinoza, Elsa Lucila Santos, Salvador Gomez Lopez; End of abortion & euthanasia; For all Priest living and deceased; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irena, Ania, James Breggar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family, Mily, Yaneth Cardona, Birthday blessings upon Mauricio Rodas, Alvaro Diaz

**11:00am** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### **December 27 Friday/Venerdì**

**8:00am** – Repose of the soul of Rafaela de Jesus Velasquez Carmen, Alvira, For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion; Peace in the world; Healing of Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza, Tatiana; Birthday blessings upon Ivan Ayala, Isis Gonzale

### **December 28 Saturday/Sabato**

**8:00am** – Repose of the soul of Osvaldo Enrique, Rogelia Rocero, Ana Piecha; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory, for all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Birthday blessings upon Aladin Wahba

### **December 29 Sunday/Domenica**

**9:00am** –

**10:30am** –

**12:00pm** – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

### AUGURI DI BUON NATALE



Carissimi parrocchiani, alle vostre famiglie e amici, invio i più fervidi auguri di Santo Natale. Possa il Bambino Gesù riempire le vostre case e i vostri cuori di pace e serenità. Come i pastori che adorarono il Signore e proclamarono la Buona Novella a coloro che incontravano, possiamo anche noi rendere testimonianza dell'amore di Cristo nella nostra vita e nelle nostre azioni. Buon Natale a tutti voi! Padre Bruno

### ORARIO MESSE DI NATALE E CAPODANNO

*Martedì, 24 Dicembre :*

**8:00pm: Vigilia di Natale (Italiano/Inglese)**

**Giorno di Natale – Mercoledì, 25 Dicembre**

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

11:00 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

**Nuovo Anno – Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025**

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

11:00 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

**Nota bene:** l'ufficio rimane chiuso : Giovedì 26 Dicembre 2024 e Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025



Carissimi fratelli e sorelle,

Ci troviamo oggi alla IV Domenica di Avvento, una tappa preziosa e luminosa del nostro cammino verso il Natale. Il Vangelo che abbiamo appena ascoltato ci porta nel cuore dell'attesa, un'attesa piena di fede, di speranza e di gioia. La scena del Vangelo è semplice e familiare: Maria, una giovane donna che ha appena ricevuto l'annuncio più grande della storia, si mette in viaggio per andare da sua cugina Elisabetta. Due donne, due generazioni diverse, unite dalla fede in Dio e dalla meraviglia per ciò che sta accadendo nelle loro vite. Elisabetta, ormai avanti negli anni, vive una gioia incredibile: aspetta un figlio, Giovanni Battista, un dono inaspettato e sorprendente. Quando Maria entra nella sua casa, portando nel grembo il Figlio di Dio, Elisabetta sente subito la presenza di qualcosa di straordinario. Il bambino nel suo grembo sussulta di gioia, e Elisabetta, piena di Spirito Santo, proclama la benedizione di Maria: *“Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo grembo!”* Cari amici, in questo incontro tra Maria ed Elisabetta possiamo ritrovare un messaggio speciale per noi, in particolare per chi, come Elisabetta, vive una stagione di vita più avanzata. Questo brano ci ricorda che ogni fase della vita è ricca di significato e piena di opportunità per incontrare Dio e condividere il suo amore.

Benvenuto a Don Francesco, un diacono ben conosciuto, che verrà dall'Italia per predicare alle Messe di Natale in italiano e in inglese

### LE NOSTRE OFFERTE

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