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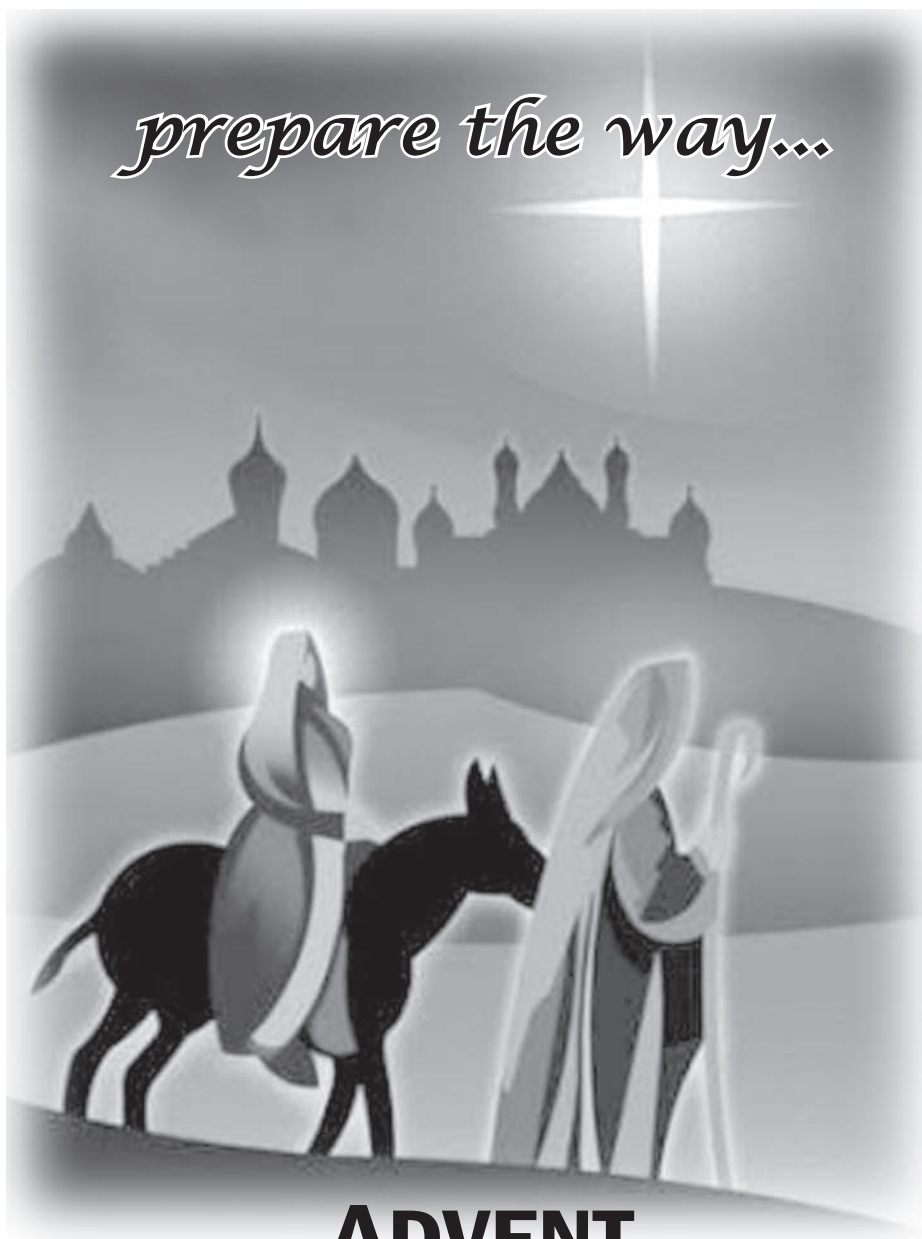
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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21

5:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass: People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels:

Christmas Triduum Mass - Day - 1

7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Maria & Bento Costa

Sunday, December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass: + Jim Swailes

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: Jack Nicholle

9:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Mass: + John O'Donnell

9:30 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Mass:

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Mike Mallon

11:00 a.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Jim Butler

7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels:

Christmas Triduum Mass - Day - 2

Monday, December 23

12:10 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Helen Lemay

7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels:

Christmas Triduum Mass - Day - 3

Tuesday, December 24 | No 12:10 p.m. Mass

The Nativity of the Lord,

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Carols 25 minutes before Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Alana Munro

7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Mass: + Stuart MacNeil

7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Jim Butler

8:00 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Mass:

+ Michael & Eleanor Duffy & Deceased Family Members

9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Mass: Donor's Intention

9:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass:

Intentions of Rita Chapman

12:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Christian Swales

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Mass:

+ Gordon & Bertil McDonnell

9:30 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Mass: + June Ainsworth

11:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Jim Butler

Thursday, December 26 | St. Stephen the First Martyr

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Bridget Onwuocha

Friday, December 27 | St. John the Apostle

12:10 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass:

+ All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 28 | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass:

+ Krzysztof & Bernadeta Danko

5:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Mass: + Anita Audet

7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Cesarina Bellissimo

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass: + Al & Teresa Schnurr

9:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass: People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Mass: + Timothy Readman

9:30 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Mass: + Tony Hill

11:00 a.m. Guardian Angels Mass:

Intentions of Chinazo Onwuocha

11:00 a.m. St. Columbkille Mass: + Jim Butler

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Tuesday, December 31st

Guardian Angels, Orillia

Thanksgiving Adoration: 4:00 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

St. Columbkille, Ramara

Thanksgiving Adoration: 6:00 p.m.

Mass: 7:00 p.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

Sacred Heart, Warminster 8:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's, Brechin 9:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, Washago 9:30 a.m.

Guardian Angels, Orillia 10:00 a.m.

St. Columbkille, Ramara 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Triduum - Simbang Gabi

Three-day preparation before Christmas

Simbang Gabi (Tagalog: [simˌbaŋ ɡəˈbi]; Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. Originally intended as a practical compromise for farmers that started working in the fields before sunrise, this cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing.

Liturgically, Simbang Gabi is a series of votive Masses celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. White is the liturgical color authorized solely for Masses celebrated within the context of the novena; violet is used for any other Masses said during the day, as these are still considered part of the Advent season. Filipinos celebrate this Mass with great solemnity and the Gloria is sung (which is otherwise forbidden the rest of the day).

To celebrate this great Filipino Tradition, we invite you to join us for a Christmas Triduum Masses - *Three-day preparation before Christmas* - at Guardian Angels Church on December 21st 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Potluck fellowship follows in the Parish Hall after the December 23rd Mass.

Faith Formation Presents....
A four-week series on The Sanctity of Life

"All life has inestimable value". Pope Francis

Join us for 4 nights exploring the Catholic teachings on the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. On Tuesdays starting January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Guardian Angels Parish Hall.

We warmly welcome everyone to Week 1. (January 14, 2025)

Topic: MAID: the Catholic Truth and Our Real Answers.

Our guest speaker will be **Father Tom Lynch**, well known speaker and Professor of Bioethics at St. Augustine's Seminary and Rector of St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral, Peterborough.

This will be a hybrid meeting. Please email eannewaggoner@gmail.com or call 705-238-2663 for more information or for the zoom link.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR 2024

All financial donations made to the Parishes are credited to the year that they are received by the church and **NOT** according to the date on the cheque or the envelope. If you wish to make additional donations this year, please ensure that they are received in the Parish Office before December 29, 2024. This will guarantee that they will be deposited before the end of the calendar year. They will then be added to your tax receipt for 2024.



We are blessed to announce that a generous parishioner within our archdiocese, deeply moved by the vital work of ShareLife agencies, has pledged to match every gift to the ShareLife campaign up to \$500,000 from November 1 through December 31, 2024.

ShareLife Campaign - 2024
for the Orillia Family of Churches
Guardian Angels & Sacred Heart
\$73,000 (Collected so far \$ 67,418.85)
St. Andrew's Church
\$9,800 (Collected so far \$ 3,199.75)
St. Columbkille Church
\$9,500 (Collected so far \$ 9,208.50)
St. Francis of Assisi Church
\$4,400 (Collected so far \$ 5,436)
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"To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ."

Luke. 2:11

Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. How much does God love us? God loves us so much that God gave us the most precious gift imaginable, Jesus, God's own Son. That's the heart of Christmas.

This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another. We share love in and through our human relationships. The love that we share in our human relationships is a reflection of the love of God, calling us to give of ourselves for others.

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable among the poorest people and the farm animals. What does this mean for us today? You and I are called to look for the face of Christ in the poor, those at our own door and in places far from here. Love can look like a cup of coffee offered, a hand held, a smile shared, and a story heard. I firmly believe that, in the end, we will be judged by how we care for the poor.

And Christmas is also about repentance and forgiveness. Love takes commitment and work, and sometimes we don't get it right. We're not perfect. But with God there is mercy and forgiveness, and second chances. And so must we offer those gifts to others. Christmas is a time of renewal, of fresh starts and coming together.

We often hear the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas" and we wonder how to do that. I think that Jesus himself gave us the best insight; if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. He is here. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and love your enemies.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Mathew 25:40

Let us live the true spirit of Christmas.



Along with the parish staff we wish you and your loved ones a
Merry Christmas
and a blessed
New Year!

Fr. Joseph Baal
Fr. Rafal Bartosinski
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