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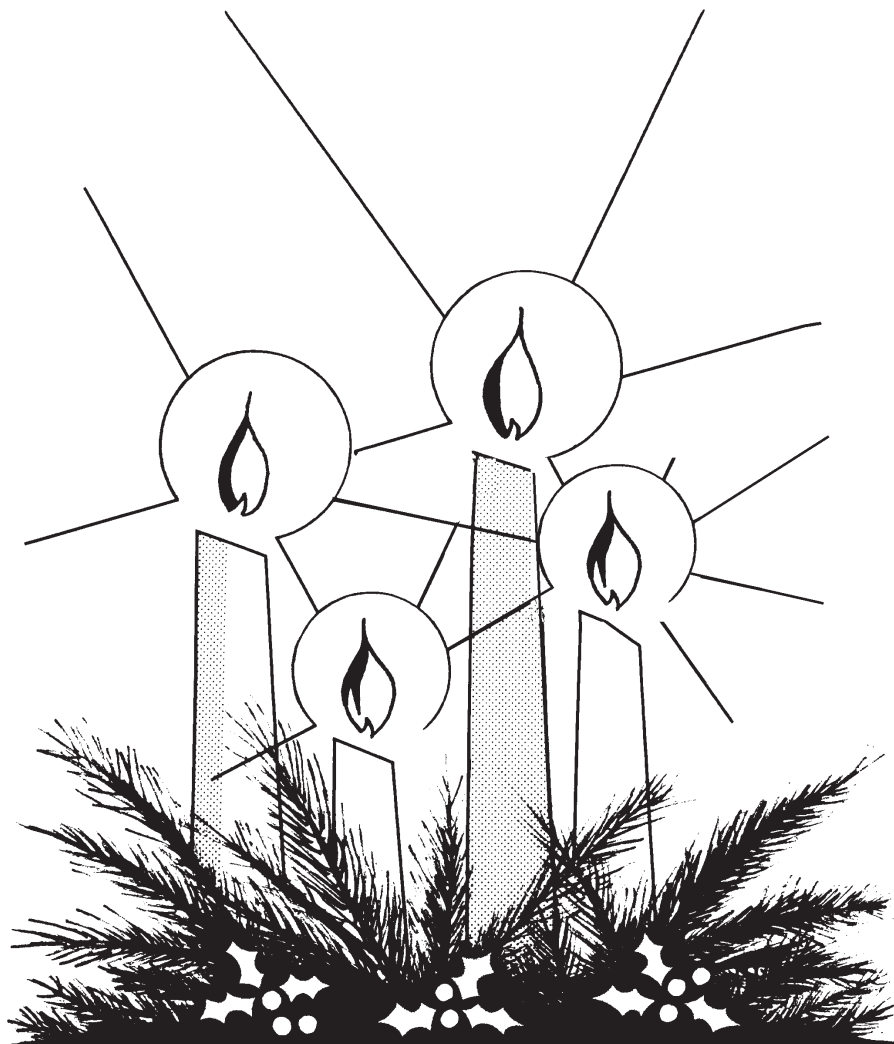
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# Advent



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 21

4:30 p.m. Deborah Mangal
Josie Babulal

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. James Boyd
Romeo Malakas
12:15 p.m. Reginal Adams (I) Birthday
Jonathan Rosado

Monday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Anthony Gomes & Agnes Gomes
7:00 p.m. Novena 8

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Primo Lualhati
6:00 p.m. Pastor's Intentions
9:00 p.m. Benefactors' Intentions
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
Pastor's Intentions

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Eriberto Munoz & Luzviminda Munoz
11:00 a.m. Lilia Estabaya

Thursday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Antonio & Rosa Reda

Friday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Anna Maria Doti & Felix Pingol
2:00 p.m. Elsa & Manuel Acenas 50th Wed. Ann.
4:00 p.m. Robert Hewson Memorial Mass

Saturday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Teresa Hiltz

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in manger. ...Luke 2.15-20

Remember to regularly visit our website ... www.fatimashrine.ca Regular updates and weekly announcements.

4th Sunday of Advent - A



God, Emmanuel, is with us. The promise made long ago to King Ahaz is fulfilled. The king lacked trust in God, and feared to ask for a sign. Matthew applies this ancient prophecy to Jesus' birth, of a virgin who, at last, put total faith in God. But what was Mary's predicament?

We must not let false piety obscure what an earlier age saw clearly. Matthew tells the story from Joseph's point of view. We hear of an angel's visit to him rather than to Mary, for she was misunderstood and Joseph faced a dilemma. As a just man, he must obey the Law and repudiate his pregnant fiancée; as compassionate, he did not want to expose her to disgrace or punishment. He was about to divorce Mary quietly when God revealed his design. The child to be born, who will save from sin, shares with those closest to him the uncertainties and anguish of human life. Even his parents must learn to trust God completely. As Christmas nears, let us pray for trust like Mary's and Joseph's that God may work out his plan in each of us.

4th Sunday of Advent A - December 22, 2019

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly prepare the way of the Lord. " If you



God is calling you to be sent as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Rev. Fr. Chris Lemieux at 416-968-0997 or on vocations@archtoronto.org or call Rev. Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD at 416-757-2806 or email ofatima@rogers.com for information.

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Flowers For Christmas Offering form with fields for Name, Address, Postal Code, Amount \$

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David. Matthew 1.18-24



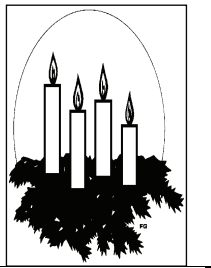
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**INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2020**

*The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague Will this year be Celebrated within the evening Mass Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. .*



**Kindergarten Registration in Elementary Schools**



Kindergarten Registration starts on Wednesday, **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020** – for children born in the years 2015 & 2016. Registrations will be accepted online at <http://soar.tedsb.org>. School No. 416-393-5252.

**For more details contact the Schools office.**

**Christmas Blessings**

The **PASTORAL TEAM** at Our Lady Fatima Parish extend wishes for God's peace, joy and every blessing on all our parishioners and friends or family visiting them this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Thank you all for your help and support. We are so blessed to have you and very proud of all of you. Have a blessed celebration!



*No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit... helen keller*

**CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday, Dec 25**

As does every feast of the liturgical year, Christmas celebrates the miracle of our redemption. God has sought out his people to make us holy. He acts in history – world history and our own history – but who could imagine the ways he chooses? Luke's gospel shows us the least of Israel's poor gathered about a crib in wondering amazement, while Mary keeps in memory everything that is happening. She will live out her life in faith, pondering all the while on God's immense goodness. His gracious gift of Jesus to her is his gift to us, the people he loves. In his letter to Titus Paul reminds us that our relationship to Christ is completely undeserved; baptism has made us members of God's holy people and heirs with Christ our brother. The Light has appeared: the gift of faith allows us to recognize Christ as the savior sent by God. God's Christmas gift, his own Son, gives us reason to be joyful the entire year!

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- Wednesday - December 25, 2019 --- closed all day
- Thursday - December 26, 2019 ---- closed all day
- Friday - December 27, 2019 ---- half day: 9:00 am to noon
- Saturday - December 28, 2019 ---- closed all day
- Sunday - December 29 2019 ----- closed all day
- Monday - December 30, 2019 ----- Open all day
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