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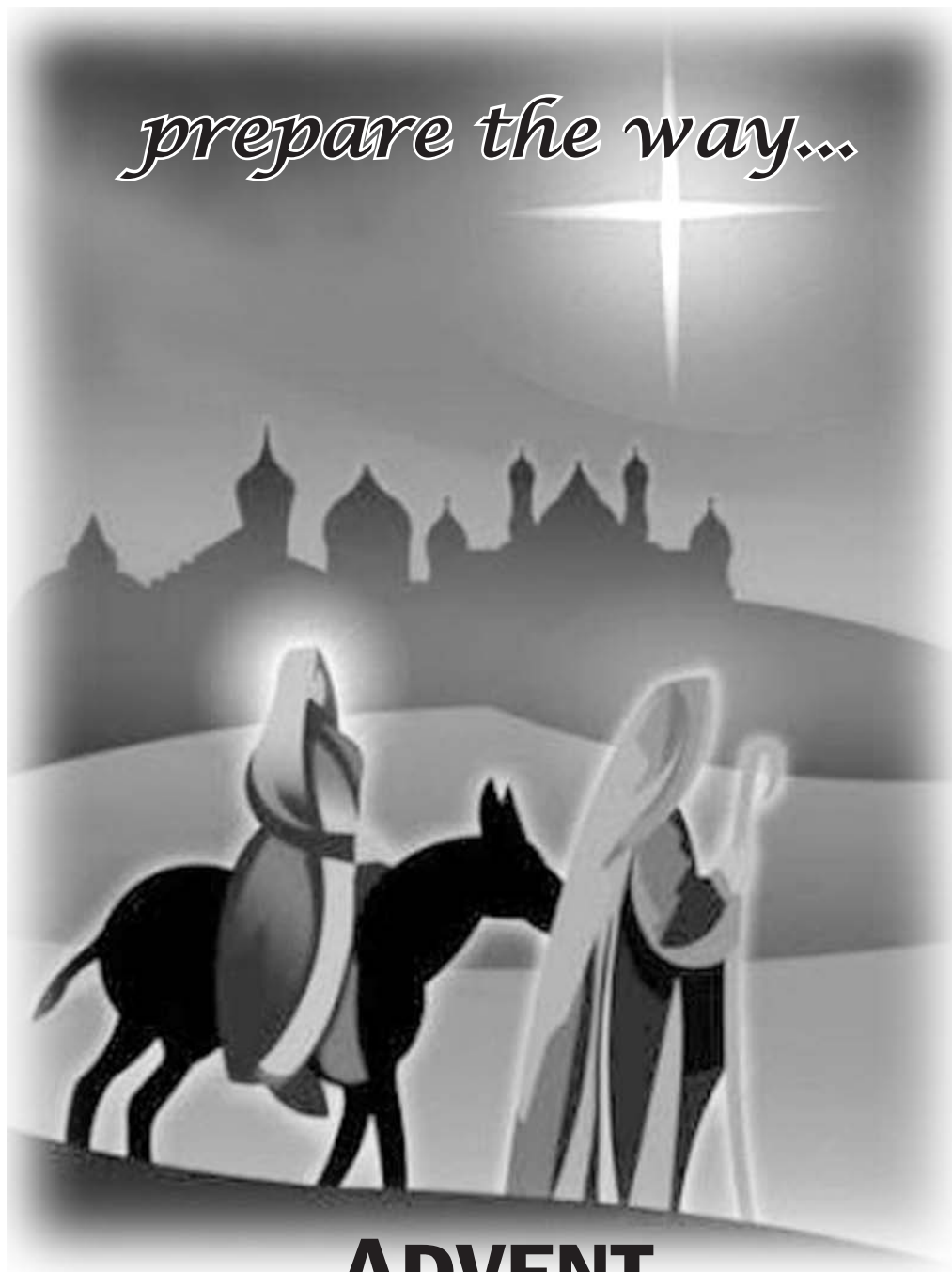
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THE PASTOR’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is hard to believe a quarter century has passed since the last Ordinary Jubilee in the Year 2000 which was opened by Saint John Paul II on Christmas Eve 1999 and which he called the Great Jubilee, heralding the beginning of the Third Christian Millennium. Twenty-five years later, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Holy Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve. We should also consider it a special grace of God’s mercy to be alive at this moment and to be able to participate in this Jubilee. I invite all our parishioners to open their hearts to welcome this grace of salvation which flows from the Saviour who by His birth, death and resurrection has redeemed us. The Incarnation of Christ, which we are celebrating during these days, marked the entry of God into human history in a dramatic and amazing way when the “Word was made flesh” (Jn 1:14) in the womb of the Virgin Mary, for God so loved the world He gave us His only Son (Jn 3:16). My prayer for all parishioners and friends is that we may receive an abundance of God’s grace this Christmas and throughout the Jubilee Year and that Jesus may be born in our hearts. *Father Jeff*

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas which is the shortest of the Church’s seasons, is liturgically rich and especially meaningful and beloved to the Christian people. It celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus our Saviour and the ways He manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord’s death and rising is more important. Christmas and its Octave centre on the great truth and mystery of the Incarnation ~ that God loves us and sent His only begotten Son in the flesh to redeem us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Epiphany celebrates Christ’s manifestation to the world, represented by the wise men from afar. Jesus is announced as the Saviour of all people. The Christmas season and cycle ends with the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism which continues the theme of Christ’s manifestation as John the Baptist points Him out as the Lamb of God and the Father’s voice is heard and the Spirit is seen as a dove, attesting to the Son’s mission and identity.



Confessions: Monday, December 23
12:00 noon ~ 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday, December 24
7:00 p.m. ~ 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day ~ Wednesday, December 25
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Mary the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1
10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon

Please note: Christmas and 1 January are
Holydays of Obligation in Canada

PLEASE SIGN UP!

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers are asked to volunteer for the Christmas and January 1 liturgies by signing the schedules in the sacristy or in the Ushers Room.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Cardinal Leo invites everyone to a special Archdiocesan Celebration for the beginning of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, December 29 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica with Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass 3:30-4:45 p.m.





Masses For The Week

Monday	23 December
9:00 a.m.	The repose of Benito Salvador Req. by Esperanza Salvador & family
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Tuesday	24 December
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00 p.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12 Midnight	Intentions of All Parishioners
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Wednesday	25 December
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	Intentions of All Parishioners
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Thursday	26 December
	SAINT STEPHEN, the first martyr
10:00 a.m.	Members of the Munyazikwiye-Patrice Family Req.by Marie Claire & Family
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Friday	27 December
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
	SAINT JOHN, apostle & evangelist
9:00 a.m.	Eddie & Bertha Ricketts Req.by Helen Ricketts
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Saturday	28 December
	THE HOLY INNOCENTS
10:00 a.m.	The repose of Richard Vaz Req.by Adult Choir
	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
5:00 p.m.	The repose of Boyd McCoy Req.by Catherine Lobo
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Sunday	29 December
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	The repose of Joffre Arzaga Req.by Arzaga Family



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church customarily observes a Holy Year to mark the anniversary of Christ's birth. This tradition stretches back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII celebrated the first Christian Jubilee. The Archdiocese has provided each parish with Jubilee banners to be displayed for the duration of the Holy Year from Christmas 2024 until Christmas 2025. The banners carry the Holy Year logo which shows pilgrims embracing the Cross which extends into an anchor, a traditional symbol of the theological virtue of hope, for the Cross is our only hope of salvation. Also, we have been asked to pray the Jubilee Prayer composed by Pope Francis throughout the Jubilee Year (which is printed below). The Jubilee 2025 will begin Christmas Eve when the Holy Father will open the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome. The open Holy Door is a sign of the superabundance of God's grace and mercy which is offered to all who seek to follow Christ, the one Saviour of mankind whose birth we are celebrating. For the Jubilee 2025, we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope" (theme of the Jubilee) looking forward to "the coming of the Kingdom" and "yearning for the treasures of heaven" (Jubilee Prayer).

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



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