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ADVENT

4th Sunday of Advent: December 22, 2024



Saturday, December 21 at 5 p.m. Mass

Letty Bayna – +

Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioner of St Ann

Biason & Acosta Family – Thanksgiving

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

Monday, December 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving Birthday

Victoria Montifar – +

Tuesday, December 24 at 6 pm.

Family Mass: Vigil of Nativity Mass (S)

Victoria Montifar – +

8 p.m. Christmas Night Mass

Wednesday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Christmas Mass

Delfino Sudaria & Rebecca Naraja – +

Victoria Montifar – +

Thursday, December 26 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,

07 p.m. Mass

Alice Farrel – +

Victoria Montifar – +

Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m. Mass

Letty Bayna – +

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioner of St. Ann

Mavic & Manny Galicia – Year-end Thanksgiving

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

4th Sunday of Advent

Reflection
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Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin

Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her.

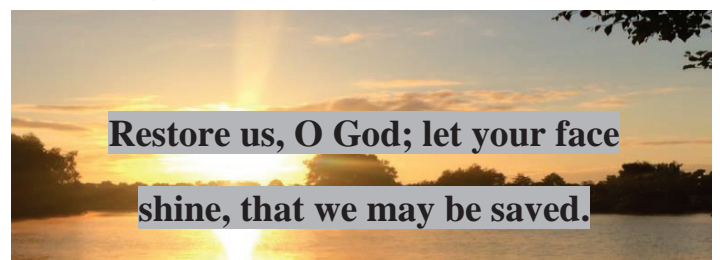
Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary “went with haste” to help Elizabeth. As stewards, we should not sit idly by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support.

Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn't so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her. As stewards, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who says, “I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

Summary

After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship and we can learn a great deal by reflecting on her visitation. Firstly, we should imitate Mary's “haste” in her visitation so that whenever we see a need in our parish community, we can readily use our gifts to help. Secondly, just as Mary brought the Child Jesus with her in her womb, we too need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good, but Christ dwelling within us.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collections

Weekend of **December 14/15**

Envelopes (58) \$ 1,830.00

Loose \$ 318.00

PAG \$ 419.25



Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In **December**, we pray that this Jubilee

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year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. – **Pope Francis**

Offertory Envelopes for 2025

Offertory envelope boxes are already available. If you had a box in 2024 you will find the same number assigned to you with your name and address on it. If you did change your address and contact number, please inform the parish office at 4164662127 and we will update it. If you have not used a box in 2024 and would like to use one in 2025, please talk to the ushers at the back of the church. Alternatively, you also have a choice of contributing through a Pre-authorized Giving Plan (direct debit) monthly. For more details, please contact the parish office either by phone or email.



Holy Days of Obligation

The list of holy days of obligation may vary by location, as bishops' conferences can: Reduce the number of holy days, Transfer the date of a holy day to a Sunday, and Offer dispensation. In Canada, the **Holy Days of obligations** are all Sundays of the year, Christmas Day and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Please inform and encourage your family members and friends to be part of the celebration.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Completing the Circle



On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final Candle on the Advent Wreath, signifying the completion of our journey of preparation for the birth of Christ our Savior. The full circle of light represents hope, peace, joy, and love – the gifts that Christ brings into the world. As the circle is now complete, our attention turns to the center, where the **white candle the Christ candle**, stands ready to be lit on **Christmas day. Christ – The True Light** of the world, who pierces the darkness and brings everlasting life to all who believe. The advent wreath reminds us of God's eternal love and the unbroken promise of salvation through His Son. Let the light of Christ flow into us, filling our lives with His grace and truth. Let it shine brightly in our actions, our words, and our faith, guiding us to put God at the very center of our lives. May this advent season renew our commitment to live as His followers, sharing His light with all we meet. As we approach **Christmas**, let us carry the hope of advent forward, rejoicing in the

love of God and the gift of His son, our Emmanuel God - with us.

Merry Christmas



On behalf of the Parish community of St Ann and the Native People's Mission, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making St Ann Parish a true home of prayer, celebration, life and faith. We especially thank all the ministers and volunteers and individuals who generously share their time, talents and dedication in service to our parish. Your efforts – whether seen or unseen – help build a strong vibrant community rooted in God's love. This Christmas may God bless you and your families with peace, love, and happiness as we continue our journey of faith together. Merry Christmas.



Christmas & New Year Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec 24 at 6 p.m.
Family Mass (with dramatization)

8 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec 25 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec 31 at 6 p.m.
New Year's Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan 01 at 10:30 a.m. New Year Mass



Christ is Born

The eternal Word become flesh, dwelling among us as the Light of the World and the fulfillment of God's promise. In the humble manger, we witness the boundless love of a Savior who brings redemption, hope and peace to all.

May the birth of Christ renew our hearts, drawing us closer to his truth and grace. Let us glorify Him in our lives and share His light with the world.

Christ is born! Glorify Him!



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