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ADVENT

READINGS for SUNDAY, Dec. 21st
(FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

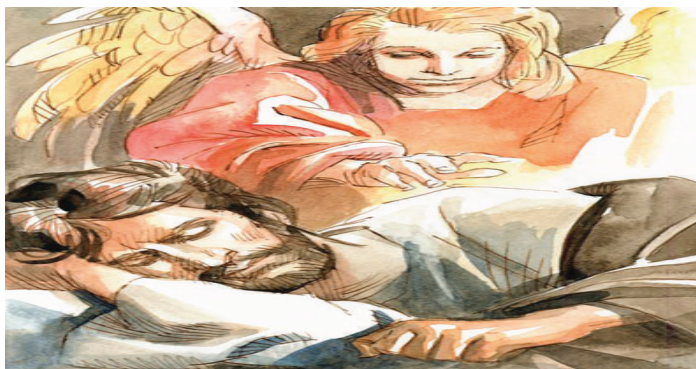
1st Reading - Isaiah 7.10 - 14

2nd Reading - Romans 1.1 - 7

Gospel - Matthew 1.18 - 24

HE WHO IS "WITH US" IS GOD

It should never be taken for granted that the Lord is "God-with-us." In life, we experience many companions: this is right, positive, and allows us to share experiences, thoughts, and actions. Everything in life, however, is relative and destined to end. Having the certainty that we have someone "with us" who is God, however, fills the soul with deep serenity, stabilizing our projection into the future, because His reality is not only from eternity, but also towards eternity, that life without end, that communion from which no one can ever tear us away. We are preparing to celebrate the Lord's Birth: an opportunity to regain awareness that the identity of God is not distant from us; it is an incarnate reality, which assumes human nature without debasing His divinity. Only in this way we, who live in the evil of becoming, can be certain that we are destined for an eternal good, that of the life of God himself. Let us never lose heart: He who remains always with us has a name: He is God!

**COLUI CHE È "CON NOI" È DIO**

Non deve essere mai scontato riflettere sul fatto che il Signore è il "Dio-con-noi". Nella vita sperimentiamo tante compagnie: cosa giusta, positiva, cosa che ci permette di condividere esperienze, pensieri, azioni. Tutto, però, nella vita, è relativo e destinato a terminare. Avere la certezza che abbiamo un "con noi" che è Dio, invece, ricolma l'animo di profonda serenità, rende stabile il nostro proiettarci nel futuro, perché la sua realtà non solo è dall'eterno, ma anche verso l'eterno, quella vita senza fine, quella comunione da cui nessuno potrà mai strapparci. Stiamo accingendoci a celebrare il Natale del Signore: occasione per riprendere nuovamente coscienza che l'identità di Dio non è lontana da noi, è una realtà incarnata, che assume la natura umana senza svilire la sua divinità. Solo così noi, che viviamo nel male del divenire, possiamo avere la certezza che siamo destinati a un bene eterno, quello della vita di Dio stesso. Non perdiamoci mai d'animo: colui che rimane sempre con noi ha un nome: è Dio!

**SATURDAY, DEC. 20**

5:00pm: † Tamara Sarli

SUNDAY, DEC. 21 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

9:00am: † Earl Bastien

† Collin Lazarus-Munnick

10:30am: † Rocco Negri

† Casimiro & Francesca Rendine

12:00pm: † Bobby Alleyne-Eckstein

TUES. DEC. 23

9:00pm: † Deceased of Edattukunnel Family

WED. DEC. 24**CHRISTMAS VIGIL.**

NO 9am MASS

6:30pm: **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**7:00pm: **BILINGUAL MASS**11:00pm: **TAMIL MASS****THURS. DEC. 25****NATIVITY OF THE LORD.**

9:00am: † Franco Pagliuso

† All souls in Purgatory

10:30am: † Agostino & Salvatore Dibenedetto

† Giovanni Falcone & Deceased of Falcone Fam.

12:00pm: † Anna Cascella & Agostino Lattanzio

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 **ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

9:00am: ♦ For Patients & Staff at Etobicoke General Hosp.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament till 11:00am

SATURDAY, DEC. 27 **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.**

5:00pm: † Jose & Maria Fernandes Marques

SUNDAY, DEC. 28 **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

9:00am: † Sandro Kozlovic

10:30am: † Giuseppe Sibio

† Emily Monaco

† Silvana Nigro e Defunti Fam. Nigro e Dattilo

12:00pm: † Maria Palmitessa & Francesco Dibenedetto

**VOCATION SEEDS****December 21 - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org

READINGS for next SUNDAY, Dec. 28th**(HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH)**

1st Reading - Sirach 3.2 - 6, 12 - 14

2nd Reading - Colossians 3.12 - 21

Gospel - Matthew 2.13 - 15, 19 - 23





ON BEHALF OF

FATHER RUGGIERO,FATHER CANISIUS, Deacon TULIO & THE STAFF
MERRY CHRISTMAS**BUON NATALE**இனிய கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு
நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்**2025 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS**

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2025 donations received in 2025. If you wish to have a 2025 income tax receipt, kindly make your donation to the church by next Sunday December 28. Any donations received after December 28 will be reflected in the 2026 tax year. **We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish.**

2026 ENVELOPES

ARE HERE for pick-up after each Mass or at the office Tuesday to Friday 9:30am-3pm and you start using them only from Jan 1. At that time, please discard any unused 2025 envelopes. If you are not using them, please take a new box and fill in the form with your information including the box number and drop it off at Mass or at the Office. **THANK YOU**

**WORKS AT OLA UPDATE and...donations**

Big jobs have been completed in our church throughout the summer (*The new boilers; The lights on the cross; the structure under the bell tower*). Thank you to all those who already contributed and significantly for these projects and we invite everyone to make their significant donation with an extra generosity. At the same time, we are PLANNING NEW WORKS for next year.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

"May our hearts become like the manger, ready to welcome the baby Jesus with love and gratitude". St. Padre Pio



"Che i nostri cuori diventino come la mangiatoia, pronti ad accogliere il bambino Gesù con amore e gratitudine. San Padre Pio"

**TODAY 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT****Message from His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo**

In this holy season of Advent, the Church waits not only for the birth of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem but for the rebirth of the human heart today. Wishing you all a blessed Advent season

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF -**HURRICANES and FLOODS affected countries**

If you would like to support those affected by natural disasters donate at www.archtoronto.org or by cheque to the Parish and at the bottom for.... **Thank you**

**CHRISTMAS 2025/NEW YEAR'S 2026 MASS SCHEDULE**Wednesday, December 24th**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

6:30 pm Christmas Carols & 7:00pm Bilingual Mass;
11:00pm (Tamil)

Thursday, December 25th**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00 am (Eng); 10:30am (Ital); 12:00noon (Eng)

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025**END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION**

5:00pm (Bilingual) Mass with Adoration
10:00pm (Tamil) with Adoration

Thursday, January 1st, 2026**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00am (Eng); 10:30am (Ital); 12:00noon (Eng)

OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Closed Dec 23-27 and will be open only on Tues Dec 30. For all enquiries and

urgencies, leave a phone message at 905-677-4615 or email us at ourladyoftheairways@archtoronto.org

**THANK YOU****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,****YOUTH MINISTRY & all volunteers**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone that participated and helped the children in our community have a wonderful Christmas Party last weekend.

Dec 20-21: BAKE SALE

TODAY Christmas BAKE SALE in the chapel. **Please pass by and support them and the church.**

**SUNDAY MISSALS 2025-26 & Calendars 2026**

THANKS to Newediuk & Glendale Funeral Homes for the Sunday Missals and Glendale FH for the calendars.

Sunday Missals are available for personal purchase at \$5 each.

TRIP/PILGRIMAGE**September 2026 to 6 countries**

With QS travel Agency and Fr. Ruggiero, going to Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Medjugorje, Turkey. **Details to follow. Interested?**



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