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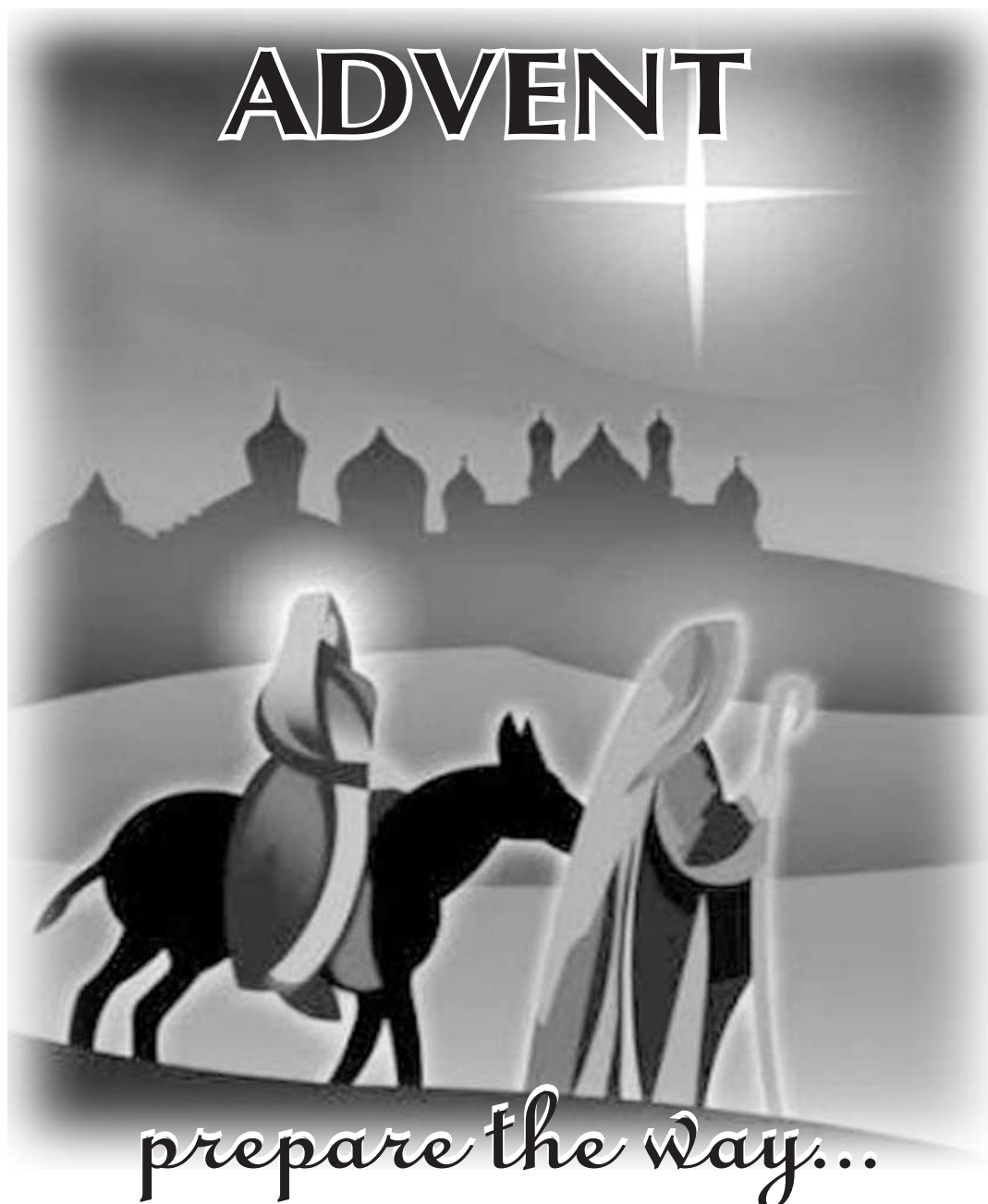
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## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (18 DECEMBER— 24 DECEMBER)

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: ST. JOSEPH, OUR PATRON SAINT**

*When Joseph awoke, he . . . took his wife into his home. (Matthew 1:24)*

Joseph was a “righteous man,” a faithful Jew who knew the history of his people (Matthew 1:19). He knew that God had miraculously freed the Israelites from slavery and had rescued them time and again over the centuries. He knew the many signs that God had performed and the many battles he had won for them.

So when an angel told Joseph that it was through the Holy Spirit that his wife, Mary, had conceived a child, he must have recalled the many great things God had done in the past. If God could do all that, then surely this was possible as well.

Joseph was able to trust because he believed in God’s power and goodness. Though he probably considered himself an ordinary man, Joseph knew that God could act just as marvelously in his own life as he had in the lives of his forefathers. That helped him believe that God had brought him and Mary together for a special purpose, one that would unfold day by day. So he agreed to take Mary into his home and prepare to be a father to her child.

Trust: this is our call as well. It’s not easy, especially when there is no angel or dream to guide us! But unlike Joseph, we know the purpose behind God’s great plan for us: Jesus, God incarnate, died and rose from the dead so that he could give us new life.

This knowledge can be our strong foundation when we are tempted to doubt. When we are walking in the dark, when we don’t see a way forward or a way out, we can choose to believe that God will find a way for us. He has a good plan for us, and he will carry it out in his own perfect time. And when our trust is flagging, let’s remember Joseph, the righteous man whose trust in God helped bring salvation to the world.

*“St. Joseph, pray for me to trust in God as you did.”*

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7.10-14

**Second Reading:** Romans 1.1-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 1.18-24

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 18 December, 9:00 AM (Italian)**  
+ Filomena Rossi

**Sunday 18 December, 10:30 AM**  
For all Parishioners

**Sunday 18 December, 12:00 PM**  
+ The Deceased Members of the Ariganello & Newton Families

**Tuesday 20 December, 9:00 AM**  
Blessings for the Bagaybagayan Family

**Wednesday 21 December, 7:00 PM**  
+ Molly & Jovito Lobo, and  
The Deceased Members of the Lobo Family

**Thursday 22 December, 9:00 AM**  
Thanksgiving for Liela Piosa

**Friday 23 December, 7:00 PM**  
+ Amanda Navario  
+ Nicolina & Raphael Di Paloma  
+ Serofino Virgilio  
+ Luigi Martini  
Special Intention for Mary Joyce Mariano

**Saturday 24 December, 4:00 PM**  
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

**Saturday 24 December, 6:00 PM (Bilingual)**  
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

**Saturday 24 December, 10:00 PM**  
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

**CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY AT OLR C.E.S**

Join us in celebrating one of the milestones for our 40th Anniversary Celebrations. To commemorate the beginnings of our Parish, there will be a Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School on Monday December 19th 2022 at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to attend!

**SUNDAY MISSALS & ADVENT BOOKS**

The new Sunday Missals and Advents Books are available to purchase in the resource center on weekends and in the office on weekdays.

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

Virgil of the Nativity of the Lord

#### Mass Time

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

*No 9:00 AM Mass*

*No 3:00 PM Confession*

4:00 PM — English

6:00 PM — Bilingual

10:00 PM — English

### Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

#### Mass Time

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

9:00 AM — Italian

10:30 AM — English

12:00 PM — English

Please note that the Office will be CLOSED from Saturday, December 24, 2022 to Tuesday, December 27, 2022 and we will open again on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.

There will be NO MASS on Monday December 26, 2022

### New Year's Eve

Virgil of the Mary the Mother of God

#### Mass Time

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

*No 9:00 AM Mass*

*No 3:00 PM Confession*

5:00 PM — English

10:00 PM — English

### New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

#### Mass Time

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

9:00 AM — Italian

10:30 AM — English

12:00 PM — English

Please note that the Office will be CLOSED from Saturday, December 31, 2022 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and we will open again on Wednesday, January 3, 2023.

There will be NO MASS on Monday January 2, 2023

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023. Starting in the new year, classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday. If there are any questions, please contact John at [bible.stjw@gmail.com](mailto:bible.stjw@gmail.com)

## STUDY OF CATHOLICISM

There will not be any more Catholicism meetings for the duration of December. Meetings will resume on Thursday January 5, 2023. All are welcomed to join!

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th anniversary of our Parish is next year and we are celebrating in a grand way! The celebration will include diverse events and it will also be a means to do the necessary maintenance and repairs of our entire parish edifice.

Please save the dates for the following celebrations of our parish's 40th anniversary:

- Parish Feast Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau: May 1 2023, 7:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Grand Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins: September 24th 2023, 12:00 PM
- 40th Anniversary Gala: Friday September 29 2023,

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