

# *St. Theresa's Parish Shrine of the Little Flower*

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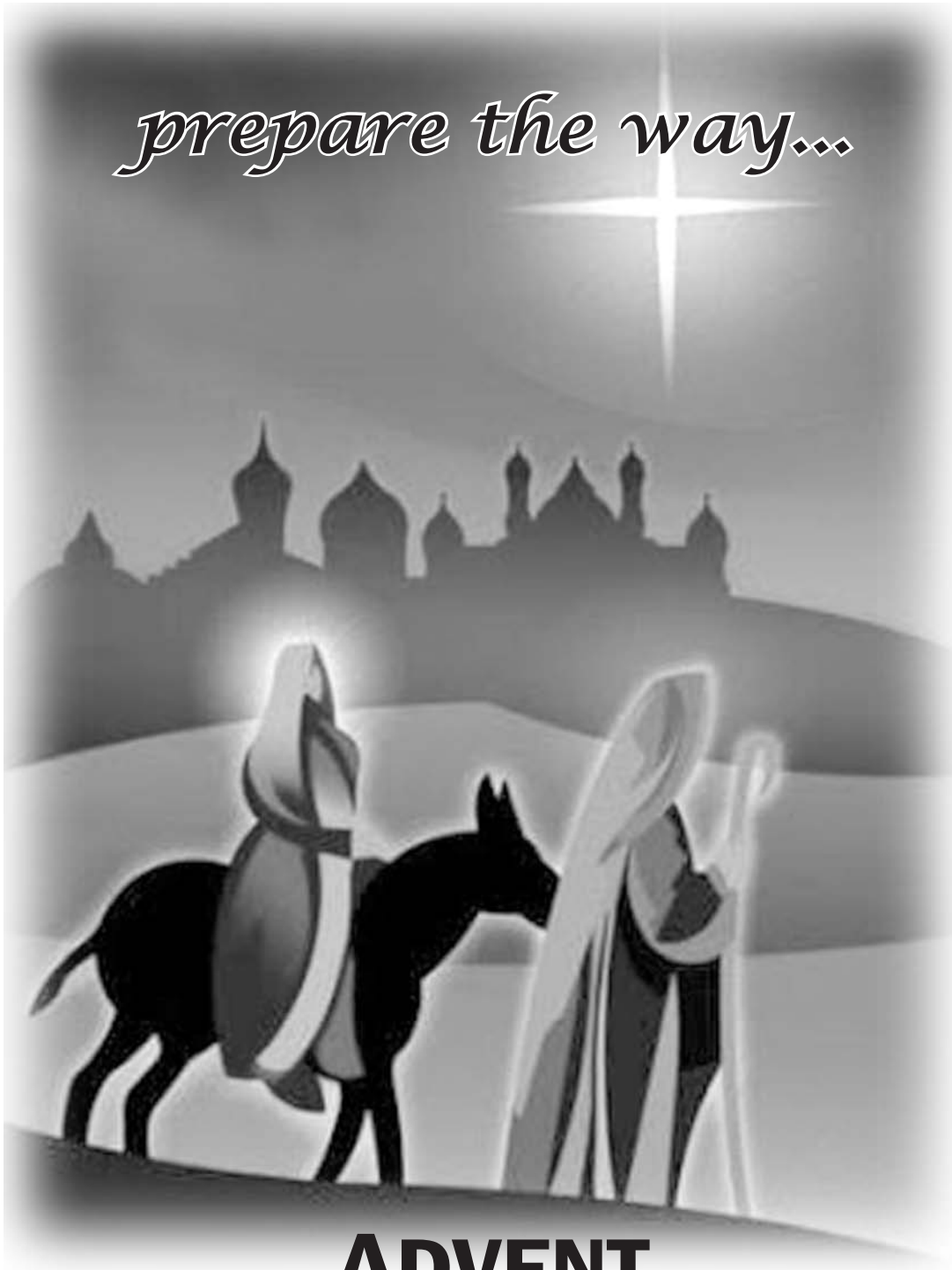
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*prepare the way...*



## **ADVENT**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm For the People  
10:00 pm For the People

### Wednesday, December 25

#### The Nativity of the Lord

10:am For the People  
12 noon For the People

### Thursday, December 26

#### Saint Stephen

10:00 am † Robert & Margaret Simpson (*Frank & Margaret Brewster*)  
† Tomas Hashim (*Maria Tiongson*)  
Thanksgiving for the Nativity by Rocha & Lopez Family  
Healing for Xavier Nihal JohnPule (*Mary Tisseverasinghe*)

### Friday, December 27

#### Saint John

7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Immanuel Madrigal (*Belen Bayawa*)  
† All Souls in Purgatory  
† Lucille & George Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)  
† Shirley McBrearty (*Marian Robertson*)

### Saturday, December 28 (Vigil Mass)

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 pm Parishioners of St Theresa's Church

### Sunday, December 29

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 am Special Intention for Risky Sordilla & Family (*BCBP- Daz AG*)  
12:00 noon † Susan Tighe (*Judy Romero*)



## Let Us Pray

### FOR THE SICK

Paul Pinnington, Dorothy Belins, Jim King, Rita Wojick, Adrian & Marcelle Britto, Joe Santoro, Derek Dalton, Gordon Giblin, Valerie Trutwein, Ariel Lingad, Paul & Vivian Potter, Sheila & Cedric Wilson, Gloria Sunico, David Deeson, Carmelina Aquino, Colleen Mills, Earl Villareal, John Facchini, Sally Baker, Irene Barnes, Margaret Wilson, Norma Salmingo, Paul & Monica Brewster

### FOR THE DECEASED

Giullia DeGirolamo

## Light A Sanctuary Candle

Offering: \$20.00

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

Blessed Sacrament: Intention for Teresa San Juan  
Blessed Virgin Mary: Intention for Teresa San Juan



## Advent Prayer

### Week 4: Peace



Light 3 purple candles & 1 pink  
& 1 white candle in the centre

Jesus, be born in our hearts today and fill us with your love. As we light these candles, we celebrate your birth. You came into a world of darkness and sin to save us. Because of you, we are now called children of the light. Help us to live lives worthy of your love. Amen.

## Join Us for the Holy Rosary During Advent!

We invite you to gather with us to pray the Holy Rosary on Saturdays and Sundays throughout Advent. The Rosary will begin 30 minutes before all the Masses. Let's come together in prayer and reflection. All are welcome!



## Christmas & New Year Schedule



DATE AND TIME	FEAST/ PARISH EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday <b>DEC. 24</b> 5PM Mass	Christmas Eve Masses	Parish Office is Closed.
10PM Mass		
Wednesday <b>DEC. 25</b> 10AM Mass	The Nativity of The Lord 	Holy Day of Obligation  Parish Office is Closed.
12NOON Mass		
Thursday <b>DEC. 26</b> 10AM Mass	St Stephen's Mass	7PM Mass is Cancelled. Parish Office is Closed.
Tuesday <b>DEC. 31</b> 5 PM Mass		New Year's Eve Mass 7PM Mass is Cancelled.
Wednesday <b>JAN.1</b> 10AM Mass	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	New Year's Day Mass No 12 NOON Mass Holy Day of Obligation



We continue our Eucharistic Adoration schedule on Fridays from 12 Noon to 6 PM.



**MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul is most grateful to all of you who through your prayers and generous donations have helped us to make Christmas brighter this year for 92 households in need in our local community, including 30 families with children. 18 of these families received Christmas baskets of food and gifts donated by the students and staff of our two parish schools - St. Theresa Shrine Elementary School and St. John Henry Newman Secondary School. Our SSVP took care of the remaining 12 families, as well as the many adults- only households. None of this would have been possible without your help.

We at SSVP wish all of you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

**Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025, a special celebration in the Catholic Church. Here are the key points:



**Opening**

December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis.

**Closing**

January 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door.

**Local Celebration**

Solemn Opening Mass on December 29, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto.

The Jubilee Year aims to inspire hope and faith through various celebrations and initiatives.

**Parish Jubilee Year of Prayer T-Shirts for Sale**

Support St. Theresa's Shrine Church by purchasing a Jubilee Year of Prayer T-shirt. To place an order or schedule a pick-up, call the parish office at 416-261-7498. Proceeds will help raise funds for the Shrine Wall Project.



COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024	
<b>Parish Income</b>	
Offertory	\$2,957.75
Pre-Authorized (Offertory & Renovation)	601.00
Renovation	\$245.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Flowers for Christmas	\$175.00
Candles	\$414.60
<b>Total Weekly income</b>	<b>4,473.35</b>
Estimated Weekly Expenses	4,500.00
<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-\$26.65</b>
<b>Shrine Wall Project</b>	
Weekly donation	\$2,650.00
Tshirt Fundraiser	1,000.00
<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>32,103.05</b>



**Guidelines on the Use of Envelopes**

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 are available at the back of the church. Please make sure you take the right box that has your name on it. To make sure your donations are posted accurately, and to ease the work of our volunteers who count your donations, kindly take note of the following:

1. Always indicate the amount of your donation on the envelope.
2. At least, for the first month, always write your name and contact information on the envelope.
3. If you have been away for some time, and you want to make your donation for the week(s) missed, please put the entire amount only in one envelope, using the most current-dated one.
4. For Special Collections, always indicate your envelope number. If you do not have pre-numbered envelopes, make sure you write your name and address.
5. If you forgot to bring your envelope, you may use the generic offertory envelope and write your envelope number or your name, address and donation amount.
6. Do not use staples or glue, nor too much tape or stickers.
7. **Starting January 2025 do not use any of your 2024 or previous years' envelopes anymore, especially if your number has changed.** Using them would cause confusion with the data entry, and your donation may not be posted under your name. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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