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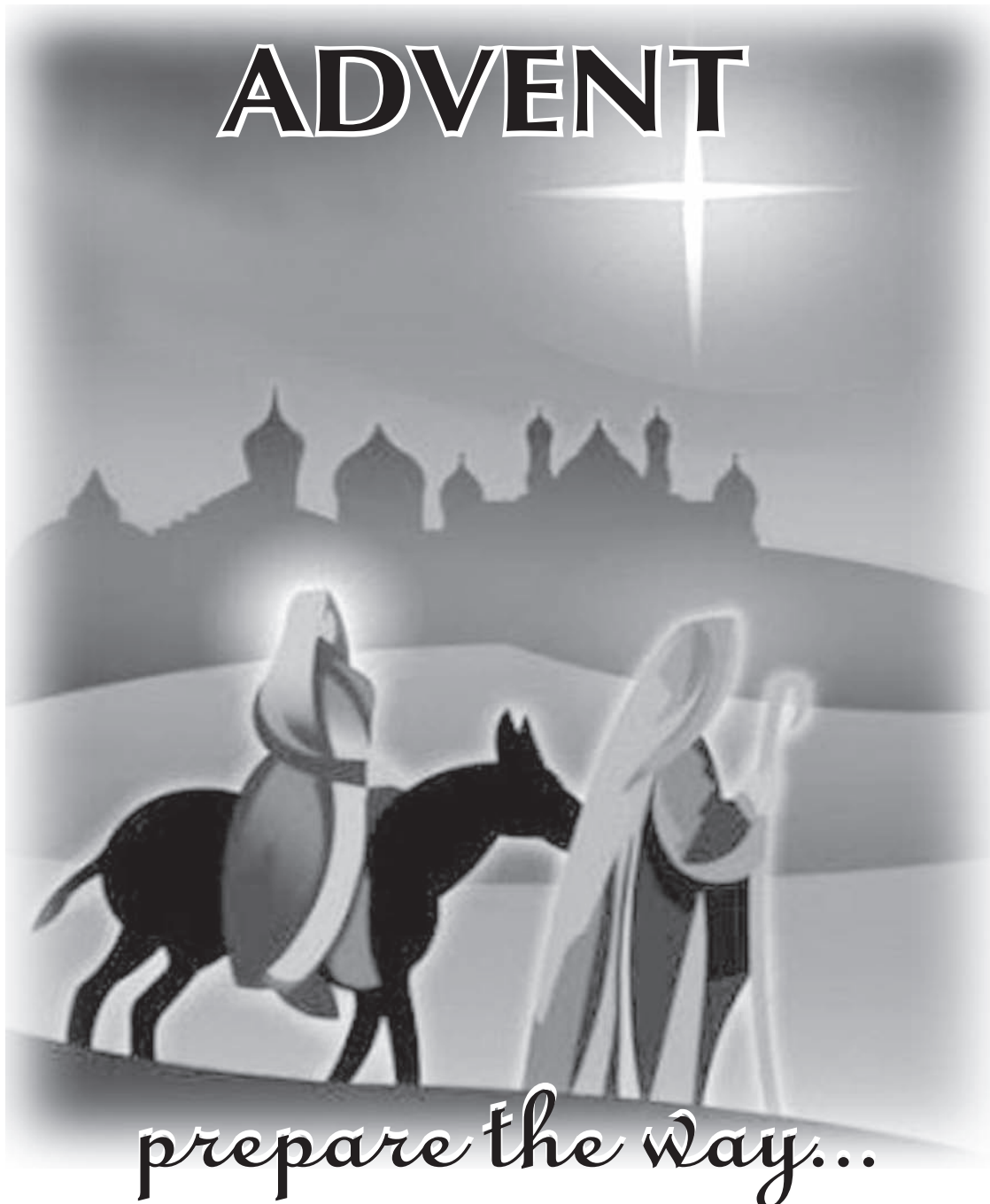
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Welcome home to St. Andrew
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

Embracing the Mysteries of Life

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” [Matthew 1:20–21](#)

As we begin the Fourth Week of Advent, we focus ever more directly upon the miracle that took place over 2,000 years ago. The passage quoted above presents us with the words of the angel of the Lord who spoke to Joseph in a dream. This was one of four dreams that Joseph had in which an angel spoke to him concerning the Christ Child.

Saint Joseph is described in Matthew’s Gospel as “a righteous man” who was unwilling to expose his betrothed wife, Mary, to shame. We know the story well. Mary became pregnant after being betrothed to Joseph but before they lived together, and Joseph didn’t understand how this happened. Mary’s virtue and goodness would have appeared to contradict the possibility of her becoming pregnant when she did. Joseph was planning on doing what he thought was the honorable thing. He decided to divorce her quietly so that she would not endure public shame.

But God’s plan was so much greater than what Joseph could initially comprehend. The Incarnation of the Son of God within the womb of his betrothed required supernatural understanding. And that’s what Joseph was given. Though he had a dream in which an angel spoke to him, a dream was not enough. The dream also needed to be accompanied by the gift of supernatural knowledge. Joseph listened in the dream and believed by the interior revelation of faith that this incredible reality was true. This Child was indeed conceived by the Holy Spirit within the virginal womb of his betrothed, and Joseph accepted his God-given responsibility.

Joseph’s witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. First, it’s essential that we ponder the story as it happened and be inspired by God’s singularly unique plan by which He took on our human nature. But Joseph also provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life. Joseph inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God’s wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God’s supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God’s revealing Word to clarify them.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you feel challenged by life’s circumstances. What tempts you to doubt, to be confused, or to feel uncertain? What is it that requires supernatural knowledge on your part to embrace? If God the Father chose to bring forth His divine Son in such a mysterious way, then we should not be surprised when God calls us to embrace similar mysteries in life. Walk by faith. Be inspired by Saint Joseph. Say “Yes” to that which God is asking of you. As you do, you will find that you will begin to walk down the most glorious road you can walk.

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ST. ANDREW'S
CHRISTMAS 2022 AND NEW YEAR'S 2023 SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS NOVENA - SIMBANG GABI - MASS AT DAWN FROM DECEMBER 16 - 24 AT 5:30AM

<p>SAT. DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 PM - CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS • 10:30 PM - CAROLS SINGING • 11:30 PM - MIDNIGHT MASS 	<p>SUN. DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 9:30 AM (ITALIAN MASS) • 11:00AM (ENGLISH) • 12:30PM (ENGLISH) • 2:00 PM (TWI MASS) • 5:30 PM (SPANISH) • 7:00PM (UGANDAN)
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ON MON. DECEMBER 26 - MASS AT 8AM ONLY - NO EVENING MASS

<p>SAT. DEC. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 PM - PRIVATE ADORATION OF BABY JESUS • 11:30PM - THANKSGIVING MIDNIGHT MASS 	<p>SUN. JAN. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 9:30 AM (ITALIAN MASS) • 11:00AM (ENGLISH) • 12:30PM (ENGLISH) • 2:00 PM (TWI MASS) • 5:30 PM (SPANISH) • 7:00PM (UGANDAN)
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St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

Collection for Dec 11th, 2022

Sunday Offertory \$

Countdown to Christmas

The second part of Advent (December 17-24) is a direct preparation for Christmas, the yearly commemoration of Jesus' coming among us in human flesh



 <p>Mass Readings Beginning on December 17, the gospel readings from Matthew and Luke recount the events that prepared for the Lord's birth, while the first readings present important messianic passages that relate to the gospel text</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"O" Antiphons</p> <p>In the week before Christmas, a series of antiphons are found for the Canticle of Mary (Magnificat) at evening prayer</p> <p>These are the "O Antiphons", because each one of them begins with the interjection "O"</p> <p>Each verse acclaims a title of the coming Lord and then invites him to act in accord with that title</p> <p>These verses reflect the cry of the Church in the last days of Advent:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: #FFD700;"><i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i></p>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 17</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Wisdom</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">of our God Most High</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 18</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Leader</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">of the House of Israel</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 19</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Root of Jesse's stem</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 20</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Key of David</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 21</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Radiant Dawn</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 22</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O King of all nations and keystone of the Church</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER 23</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O Emmanuel,</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">our King and Giver of Law</td></tr> </table>	DECEMBER 17	O Wisdom	of our God Most High	DECEMBER 18	O Leader	of the House of Israel	DECEMBER 19	O Root of Jesse's stem	DECEMBER 20	O Key of David	DECEMBER 21	O Radiant Dawn	DECEMBER 22	O King of all nations and keystone of the Church	DECEMBER 23	O Emmanuel,	our King and Giver of Law
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DEC. 18, 2022 | ST. ANDREW CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Dec 17

8:30 am - † Maurice Richards, by Tony Joseph and family
11 am - Infants Baptism (Ghanaian community)
5:30pm - Thanksgiving to St. Francis Xavier, by Anthony and family

Sunday, Dec 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8 am - † Annunciata Mukamunazi and Candida Nyiragasigwa, by Adolphine Kambayire
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † For the soul of Tony, by Mary, Carmie and Yollie
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Giuseppe Matrullo, by his loving wife and family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)*

Monday, Dec 19

8 am - † Edward Alex, by family
7 pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

Tuesday, Dec 20

8 am - † Monica Perez, by José Pulla
7 pm - Thanksgiving for the family and safe journey, by Eloho

Wednesday, Dec 21 - St. Peter Canisius

8 am - † Alfred, Mary and Arulammah, by Sebastian family
7 pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

Thursday, Dec 22

8 am - Thanksgiving for Jaxton Grant, by Alma
7 pm - Thanksgiving for Michael Champion on his 32nd birthday, by Florencia Champion

Friday, Dec 23 - St. John of Kanty

8 am - Thanksgiving for Christine Morgan, by Alma and family
7 pm - † Antonio Campese, by wife and family

Saturday, Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

8:30 am - *(No Mass)*
5:30pm - † Harry and Anne McAvoy, by Carol Anne McAvoy
- † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma and family
10:30pm - Carols Singing
11:30pm - Midnight Mass (No personal Intentions)

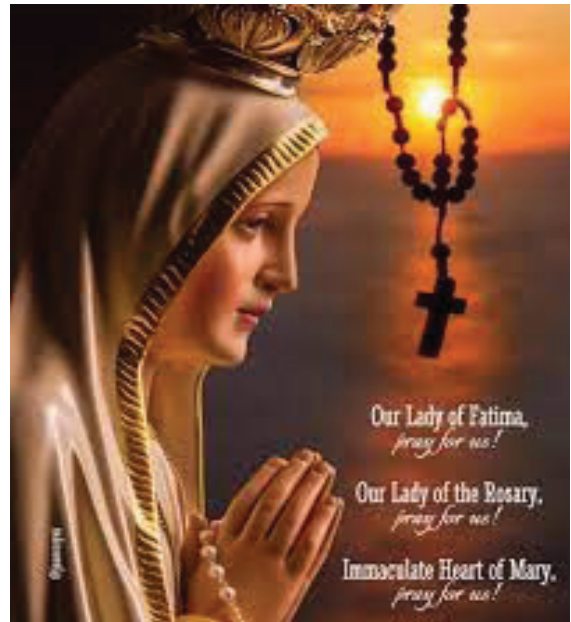
Sunday, Dec 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8 am - Thanksgiving for Emmanuel Anochie on his birthday, by Onye Anochie
9:30 am - *(Ital Mass)* † Christina, Tony, Louie and Eugenio, by Mary and family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Lancy Lawrence Desa, by wife and family
2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
5:30 pm - *(Spanish Mass)* Acción de gracias al Niño Jesús, by José Pulla



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The Knights will be selling Christmas Buttons (like the one in the picture) until December 24th unless they run out of buttons. The supply is limited there is only 400 buttons. Any donation for the buttons is welcome. Some of the proceeds will be donated to St Vincent De Paul where the need is still great in the community and our church renovation fund.



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