

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Christmas Message from Father Steven

Christ's birth reveals to us the Incarnation; God becoming man. Jesus is the second Person of the Trinity. He is God from all eternity. When He assumed or took unto Himself our human nature, He became fully man while continuing to be fully God. Jesus is not just some great person, He is God incarnate! This is what we celebrate every Christmas. God became man for many reasons; to accomplish our salvation, to show us how to live, to reveal to us what God is like, to enable us to have easier access to Him by focusing on His humanity. His coming into this world has brought us many gifts and graces. One of His greatest gifts is the gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist. Despite the many hardships of this world, may we take consolation in knowing that God loves us. He was born for us, He died for us, and He will be with us always to help us through all difficulties. May we be ever more faithful and trusting during tough times. May the Baby Jesus, His love and His peace, reign in our hearts. May you and all your loved ones have a joyous and blessed Christmas!

## ShareLife

### Warming hearts with your support for ShareLife

**New:** Your gift will be double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

As we shelter from the winter storm, we're thankful for your ShareLife support, keeping many off cold streets and igniting hope for a brighter future. Wishing you a warm and safe Christmas season, and thanking you for your enduring, compassion that extends the same to others.

## 2015 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2025 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you cannot remember your number, one of us from the gift shop will gladly help you. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop or from our website.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday December 21:

5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Luisa Chan Family  
Alice Holt  
In Thanksgiving of Bernales-Pacampara Family  
Wedding Blessing for Charlotte Peng and  
Martin Wong  
Wedding Anniversary of Jocel and Sharon  
Bondoc  
In Thanksgiving of Valentine Amfili  
+Asuncion Jara  
+Maria Atizado & Rafael Atizado Sr.  
+Elizabeth David  
+Guilherme & Esther De Souza

### Sunday December 22:

9:00 am +Wai Yee Lau  
  
10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Wai Family  
  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### Monday December 23:

9:00 am +Florentino Protacio

### Tuesday December 24:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Naomi & Ivor Patterson

### Christmas Eve Masses:

6:00 pm; 8:00 pm; 12:00 Midnight

### Wednesday : December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

### Thursday December 26:

9:00 am + David Ebaló

### Friday December 27:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions

7:30 pm + Tiu Teng Suy

### Saturday December 28:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp  
All Souls in Purgatory

# December 22, 2024

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## Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This Jubilee Year is also referred to as a "Holy Year". Many graces can be gained by the faithful in honouring and participating in the Jubilee Year. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 2024. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we will launch the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, at 5:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

## Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

Our 6:00 am Novena of Masses will continue until Tuesday December 24. After each 6:00 am Mass, a breakfast will be provided by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers after weekend Masses. Mass intentions for these 6:00 am Masses will be accepted by the organizer.

## Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of January 18-19, we will welcome a representative of "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding Christians presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayer and will have unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you and your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at  
[www.HolylandChristians.ca](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

## Winter Clothing for the Poor & Homeless

The cold winter months are quickly approaching. Let us answer Jesus' call to "clothe the naked." Please consider donating gently used or new: Winters coats, hats and gloves. New or unused long underwear and warm socks are also needed. Items needed are for both men and women.

A collection bin will be in the foyer Sunday December 22. Items collected will be distributed at various Food Banks. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Nativity Scene Competition for St. Aidan Parishioners

This Christmas season, let us bring the sacred story of Christ's birth into our homes and hearts!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council invites all parishioners to share the season of joy by creating a nativity scene in their homes! Participants are encouraged to express their creativity and spirituality through their unique, heartfelt interpretations. All ages are welcome to participate!

If you are interested in entering the competition, please register your name in the Gift Shop. Submit a photo of your nativity display for a chance to win by December 24 to [cwlcouncilstaidan@gmail.com](mailto:cwlcouncilstaidan@gmail.com)

A gift certificate of \$50.00 each will be awarded to the best 3 submissions. If you have any questions please contact Artimizia at 416 491 3937 or Patricia at 416 895 4621.

**Don't miss a chance to showcase your artistic Talent!**

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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## Merry Christmas - Thank You!

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Aidan Conference wish you a Christmas filled with peace and gratitude! Your generous contributions this year have been a beacon of hope and progress. May the Christmas season bring you the same joy and fulfillment you have generously given to others.

We cannot have a full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing. Then, afterwards, we may be led on to master the evidence of ourselves. - St. Thomas Aquinas