

St. Ambrose Church

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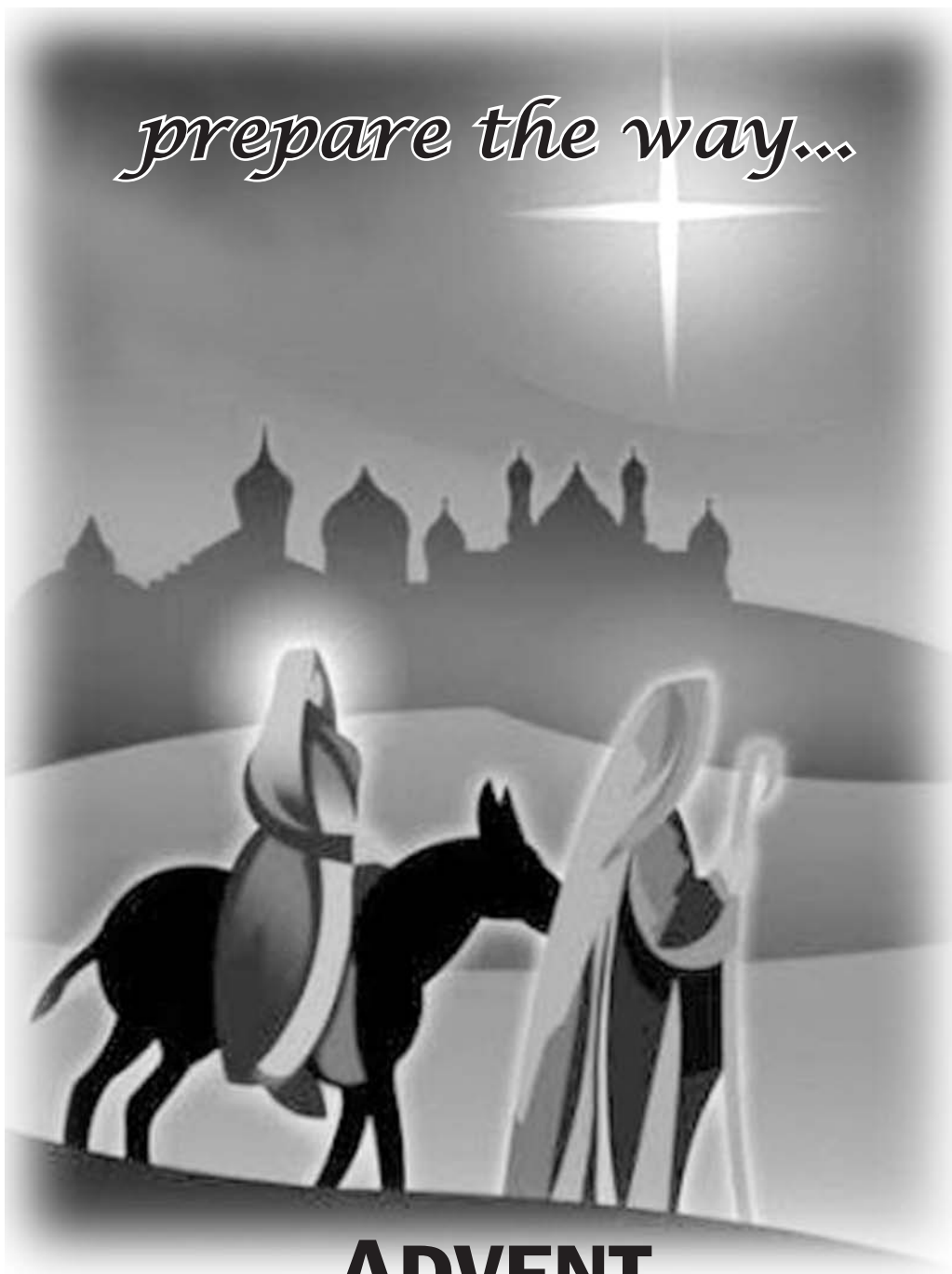
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prepare the way...



ADVENT

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the One who the rulers of the earth ignored, and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

I believe in the One whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ!
Amen.



Tuesday, December 24 – NO MORNING MASS TODAY

Christmas Eve Masses:

7:00 pm + ED & OPHELIA GROZELLE – Doreen & Tony

12:00 midnight – For the intentions of all parishioners

Solemnity of Christmas Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am + LUDOVIT HORVATH

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

Thursday, December 26 – St. Stephen

8:00 am – for the intentions of Todd and Bernadette

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 27 – St. John the Apostle

8:00 am – healing of Maria Stanowska

+ HAROLD MacKINNON – Debbie Wagner

+ LUCIA CHELLI – Teresa and Nick

+ DECEASED FAMILY OF Doreen Lehnen

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + FRANCISCO FARIA – his wife

+ CARMELA FORMIGIO – Chelli family

+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria

+ MARC VILLENEUVE – Patricia Maton

+ EMILIA & MANUEL MOREIRA – Rosa

+ HELENA & JOSE and ANTONIO JOSE COSTA – John and Alice

Sunday, December 29 – Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am + LUIGI INCITTI - Lucia

11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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St. Ambrose Parish

Come home for Christmas!

Christmas Mass schedule:

December 24 at **7:00 pm** and **12:00 Midnight**

December 25 at **9:00 am** and **11:00 am**

Christmas Mass schedules for all the parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton are available on their website at hamiltondiocese.com

Visit their website for a Christmas message from Bishop Crosby hamiltondiocese.com/comehome

Sign-up to take up the offertory at Christmas



Masses. Parishioners are invited to take up the offertory gifts at the Christmas and New Year's Masses. There is a sign-up sheet

at the main entrance area. Thank you.

USHERS – please sign up to assist at the Masses of Christmas, so we can ensure all Masses are covered. Thank you

Domestic Church Christmas Social

Please join the Domestic Church for a Christmas party on **Saturday January 25 after 5pm Mass**. Come share in the joy of the season with potluck, social, and fun. This event is organized by the domestic church and is open to both Domestic Church families and St. Ambrose parish community. Please RSVP on the sheet in the sacristy.

Church bulletin advertising

Liturgical Publications, who prints our weekly bulletin free for the parish, will be renewing the advertisements for our Church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025. If you have a business that would like to advertise on the back of our bulletin, please contact their office directly at 1-800-268-2637.

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Happening in January 2025 – Meeting for Parents of Grade 2 students, regarding the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation – Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

Prayer for Christmas Dinner

Dear Heavenly Father, love brought Jesus to the earth, and love brings us to this Christmas table.

As we share this holiday feast, may we also share with one another a joyful and loving heart.

We pray for those who are lonely, and for those of our family who have passed away; please keep them in your loving embrace.

May our celebration of Christmas be filled with kindness. And may the memories of today warm our hearts for years to come. Amen

Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica

December 25, 2024 at Midnight Mass

The traditional Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI and will be livestreamed on their YouTube channel. Preceded by choral music.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1st 2025

(Holy Day of Obligation)

In Canada, **January 1st**, New Year's Day, is celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - a day devoted to our Blessed Mother.

Masses will be:

December 31st **5:00 pm**

January 1, 2025 **9:00 am**

11:00 am

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Monday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. Registration is required, please email momtotsprayplay@gmail.com Please register for the upcoming date of Monday, December 30th.

The Church office will be closed December 24th to January 30th. Emails and phone messages will be checked regularly.

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