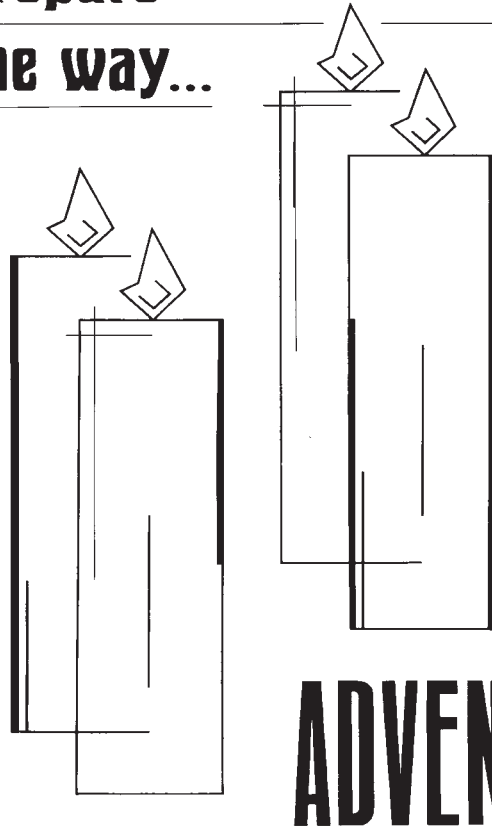


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Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 19, 2021



**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am - Kim Yin Chau †

Wed. 8:30 am - Flory Chan †

Thurs. Noon - Michael Chung †

**READINGS FOR – December 26<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52



## DAYS OF CONFESSION

Father Anthony will be available for face-to-face confessions on:

**Tuesday December 21**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday December 22**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and**

**7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

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## Christmas Mass Schedule

### DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

**NO 8:30 A.M. MASS**

**4:30 P.M.**

**07:00 P.M.**

**10:00 P.M.**

### DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

**09:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

**NO 4:30 P.M. MASS**

### DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

**04:30 P.M.**

### JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

**09:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

**NO 4:30 P.M. MASS**

With attendance restrictions being relaxed, we will not require parishioners to "save their seat" by reserving on line or through the office. All Masses will be on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. We kindly ask to be mindful of social distancing, masks and hand sanitation. So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!



Fourth Sunday in Advent

# The Word This Week

## "Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son"



It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when He comes. Now we prepare to remember how He first came, by listening to the prophecies of His coming and by hearing of the

events before His birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting and his strange news and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept His promise and is with His people.



## DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 OFFERTORY BOXES

Distribution of Offertory envelopes has begun. Please be mindful to socially distance when entering the

hall; four at a time. We kindly ask parishioners to also pick up boxed envelopes for those they know that are not attending Mass during the pandemic. Once you have picked up your envelopes please exit through the back doors. Arrangements can also be made to pick up envelopes through the office during business hours. Envelope numbers over "400" have been eliminated, parishioners with those numbers have been assigned a new number. We would also like to remind you **please DO NOT** use envelopes from previous years or other parishes.



## PROTEIN FOR THE POOR

During Advent, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations with their annual "PROTEIN FOR THE POOR." Donations will go to the Good Shepherd Centre.



## CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Saturday, Dec. 18th and Sunday, Dec. 19th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



Calling everyone who likes to sing and play music! The Saturday 4:30 p.m. choir is looking for singers and musicians. All ages are welcome. Please contact the office for details.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTHONY

*We want to thank all the parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. As your pastor, I have been blessed to witness the presence of Christ in our parish through the dedication, sacrifices and hard work of so many parishioners. I am very grateful for the many who serve in ministry as Lectors, Musicians and Choir Members, Altar Society, Decorators and those who build-up our community - the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, Legion of Mary and all who give of their time and talents in any other capacity.*

*On behalf of Deacon's Michael and James and Ornella, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass.*

May God bless you.

*Father Anthony*

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