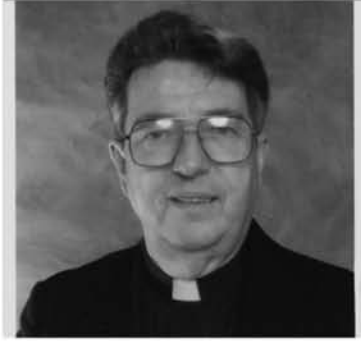
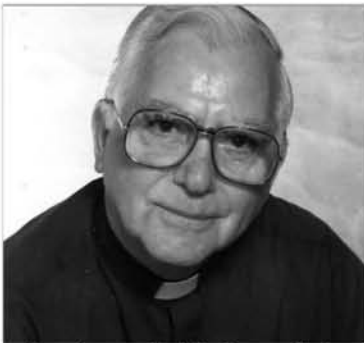


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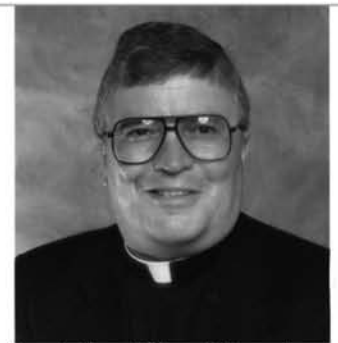
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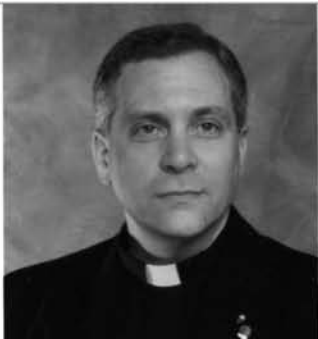
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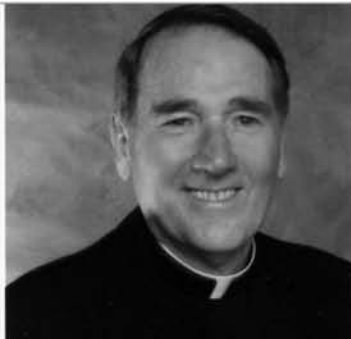
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 July 1, 1994



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**First Reading: ISAIAH 61:1-2A,10-11**

The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

**Second Reading: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

**Gospel: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28**

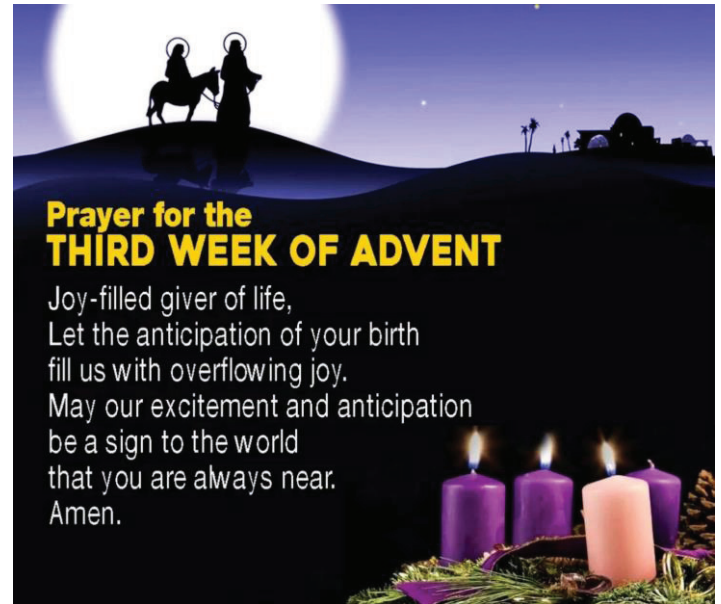
John gives testimony that he is preaching and Baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is

present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).



**Mass INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>DECEMBER 16, 2023</b> ALESSANDRO FERRANTE (†) SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF TORONTO FIRE FIGHTERS TOY DRIVE, MCCOWAN
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>GREGORIO BELTIJAR (†)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 AM	<b>DECEMBER 17, 2023</b> FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>JOSEFINA TAN (†)</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>WHOLE DAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 18, 2023</b> <b>PASTOR'S REST DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30AM	<b>DECEMBER 19, 2023</b> FRANCES LAI (†)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30AM	<b>DECEMBER 20, 2023</b> 89 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF FRANCISCA NERY
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30AM	<b>DECEMBER 21, 2023</b> MONA JEAN (†)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30AM	<b>DECEMBER 22, 2023</b> SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF RICK & TESSIE MALONZO

If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. FZS





1. To ensure that your donation will be included for 2023 all donations must be in by December 17, 2023. Donations after this date will be in your 2024 tax receipts regardless of the date on the envelope and/or cheque.



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2023-2024**

**No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1, 2024**

**DECEMBER 23, 2023 (SATURDAY)**

9am &  
5pm (With Children's Christmas Pageant)

**DECEMBER 24, 2023 (SUNDAY)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

9:30am, 11:15am, 5pm & 10pm

**DECEMBER 25, 2023 (MONDAY)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:30am & 11:15am

**DECEMBER 26, 2023 (TUESDAY)**

**BOXING DAY** 10am

**DECEMBER 30, 2023 (SATURDAY)**

9am & 5pm

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 (SUNDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE**

9:30am, 11:15am & 5pm

**JANUARY 1, 2024 (MONDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY** 10am

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Closed on: Dec 22, 25, 26, 29 & January 1, 2024.**

*From the Pastor's Desk*



It's indeed a wonderful year of celebration of the parish as His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo said a milestone of our faith community - Building the Body of Christ through the years with fervent faith, hope and in service of others by our love of God and others. As we come to close our Jubilee Celebration our sincere gratitude for all those who served the parish and as for ourselves let us continue to be witnesses of Christ.

Let us continue to preach and live the Gospel.

For you I'm your priest and pastor with you I'm your fellow worker with Christ.

Fr. Fernan Serrano



**FOOD BANK**

Please remember our needy brothers and sisters especially at this time of the year. Bring non-perishable food items for the Foodbank.



Pictures and video of the Dinner Dance and the Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo are now available in the website.

We would like to thank Albert Alo for taking the pictures and Derek McDonald for recording the video of the Mass with the Archbishop last Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to Anne Wylie for uploading all the pictures and videos and keeping our website up to date.



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