

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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FROM: YOUCAT  
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Man Responds to God**

24 What does my faith have to do with the Church?

**No one can believe alone and by himself, just as no one can live alone and by himself. We receive the faith from the Church and live it out in fellowship with the people with whom we share our faith. [166-169, 181]**

Faith is the most personal thing a person has, yet it is not a private matter. Anyone who wants to believe must be able to say both “I” and “we”, because a faith you cannot share and communicate would be irrational. The individual believer gives his free assent to the “we believe” of the Church. From her he received the faith. She was the one who handed it down through the centuries and then to him, preserved it from falsifications, and caused it to shine forth again and again. Believing is therefore participation in a common conviction. The faith of others supports me, just as the fervor of my faith enkindles and strengthens others. The Church emphasizes the “I” and the “we” of faith by using two professions of faith in her liturgies: the Apostles’ Creed, the CREED that begins with “I believe” (Credo), and the Great Creed of Nicaea-Constantinople, which in its original form starts with the words “We believe” (Credimus).

**“VOCATION SEEDS”**

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

call Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997  
email: [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)      [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**ROMAN MISSAL PEW CARDS**

Parishioners are kindly asked to ensure that these cards remain in the pews of the church as they are intended to assist our family of faith at all Masses. These cards also help us ensure that all parishioners have the necessary tools to more actively and consciously participate in the Eucharistic celebration. **Thank You.**

**God the Father  
is watching to see whether you will turn to Him.  
He is waiting for you to place your hand in His.  
Will you come?  
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*December 4, 2011*

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**Most Reverend Thomas Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto**

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Last weekend we began the season of Advent, and began using the Third edition of the Roman Missal in our celebration of the Eucharist.

When the celebration of Mass shifted from Latin to the language of the people some 40 years ago, the original English translation was not intended to be permanent. Over the last decade, extensive work by translators, theologians, poets, musicians and bishops has taken place to develop a text more faithful to the original Latin. With more than 3,000 prayers contained in the Roman Missal used by our clergy to celebrate Mass, this project took a significant amount of time and resources.

The results of these efforts is the Third Edition of the Roman Missal that we began using last weekend and at every celebration of the Eucharist moving forward. There are some new responses that we will need to be familiar with as a family of faith. You will also notice many changes in the words that the priest uses in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Our clergy have attended several workshops on the new translation and you will notice numerous resources both at the parish and archdiocesan level to assist with the transition. Our priests have been encourage to help educate parishioners through the use of the homilies, bulletin announcements, pew cards, workshops and other resources. We also have a dedicated website at [www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal](http://www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal) available anytime to provide you with additional information.

As we walk into a newly renovated room, we marvel at the beauty of a space that maintains its strong foundation yet has taken on a new magnificence after many years of use. We pray that the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will bring us new appreciation for a sacrament that is the summit of our experience as Catholics. Renewed in Worship, Renewed in Christ, let us walk together as this new chapter of our faith journey unfolds.

Yours in Our Lord,  
Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Thanks from Fr. Larry Richards**

I want to thank all the people of St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church for welcoming me into your community and being part of the parish mission. I also want to thank you for your generosity in the mission collection - over \$9,600.00! God is indeed will bless your generosity! Please always remember to "**Pray and Love!**"

In His Love,  
Fr. Larry

**Weekly Donation Envelopes**

We would like to advise those parishioners who did not pick up their 2011 donation envelopes, that your envelopes will now be reassigned. If you have any old envelopes left from 2010 please do not use them anymore otherwise, your donations will be recorded under the new owner of the envelopes. If you are new in the parish, please register at the gift shop and pick up your new envelope box.

We would also like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre - authorized giving at anytime of year. This is a very convenient way to support your parish even in your absence. Forms can be picked up at the gift shop and placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

is held every Friday from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm  
starting with a Mass at 9:30 am.

**Thursday December 8, 2011** is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

**Living Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.**

The Legion of Mary invites Legionary Auxiliary members and all parishioners of St. Aidan to join in celebrating the feast by actively participating in the Living Rosary and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. We hope you can all attend, to honour Our Blessed Mother.

**Bundle Up Weekend—December 3rd and 4th 2011**

Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used woolens and household linens this weekend. The SVP truck will be in the parking lot on the above dates. Thank you for your support.