

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## FROM: YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

### The Christian Profession of Faith

25. Why does the faith requires definitions and formulas?

**Faith is not about empty words but about reality. In the Church, condensed formulas of faith developed over the course of time; with their help we can contemplate, express, learn, hand on, celebrate, and live out this reality. [170-174]**

Without fixed forms, the content of the faith would dissipate. That is why the Church attaches great importance to definite sentences, the precise wording of which was usually achieved painstakingly, so as to protect the message of Christ from misunderstandings and falsifications. Furthermore, creeds are important when the Church's faith has to be translated into different cultures while being preserved in its essentials, because a common faith is the foundation for the Church's unity.

26. What are creeds?

**Creeds are brief formulas of faith that make it possible for all believers to make a common profession. [185-188, 192-197]**

Brief formulas of this kind can be found already in the letters of St. Paul. The early Christian Apostles' Creed has a special dignity, because it is thought to be a summary of the faith of the Apostles. The Nicene Creed is highly esteemed because it resulted from the great councils of the Church when she was still undivided (Nicaea, 325; Costantinople, 381) and is to this day the common basis for the Christian in the East and the West.

### "VOCATION SEEDS"

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

call Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

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### 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.**

*December 11, 2011*

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**Thanks from Good Shepherd Ministries**

Dear St. Aidan Catholic Church Parishioners;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for generously participating in Good Shepherd Ministries' 2011 Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Your kind gifts have helped to fill the shelves of Good Shepherd Centre's pantry. Your thoughtfulness will result in hundreds of thousands of hot, nutritious meals for Toronto's homeless and hungry.

Your generosity makes it possible to serve more than 1,000 meals each day. With your support of the meal program at Good Shepherd Centre, you feed the hungry and welcome the stranger 365 days a year.

Thank you for remembering those in need in our community. Thank you for supporting Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Thank You for making a difference.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ferguson  
Fundraiser, Events and Resources

**Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

We would like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre - authorized giving at anytime of year. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering, and if they wish their ShareLife offering using the "Direct Debit" system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is being widely used in Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it. This is a very convenient way to support your parish even in your absence.

Envelopes will continue to be issued to all parishioners who request them. In 2012, our envelopes will allow you to check "PAG Donation". For now, those who choose to do so can simply write "PAG" on their regular offertory envelope and drop it in the collection basket (without putting any money in it). You can also use your envelopes for special collections not covered by your regular PAG offering.

Forms can be picked up at the gift shop and placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

Please be assured all information is strictly confidential.

**2011 Christmas Program—2012 New Year Program  
Confessions**

**Saturday December 17:** 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

**Tuesday December 20:** 7:30 pm - Penitential Service:  
It consists of examination of conscience, communal act of contrition and individual confession. 3 priests will be available for Confessions.

**Saturday December 24:** 10:00 am to 12:00 noon  
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Masses**

**Saturday December 24, Christmas Eve:**

9:00 am  
8 pm and 12 midnight

Each will be preceded by Christmas Carols  
No 5:pm Mass

**Sunday December 25, Christmas Day:**

10:30 am and 12:00 noon  
No 9:00 am Mass

**Saturday December 31, New Year's Eve:**

9:00 am and 5:00 pm

**Sunday January 1, 2012, New Year's Day**

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

**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.

**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 past years 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.

**"Donate Now"**

1. What is Donate Now?

Donate Now is a new way that a parishioner can make a financial gift to a parish or favourite Archdiocesan charity over the internet using their credit card. A button will be accessible at the Archdiocese of Toronto's website beginning December 1, 2011 at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).