

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

I Believe in God the Father

37. Why is God "Father"?

We revere God as Father first of all because he is the Creator and cares lovingly for his creatures. Jesus, the Son of God, has taught us, furthermore, to regard his Father as our Father and to address him as "our Father". [238-240]

Several pre-Christian religions had the divine title "Father". Even before Jesus, the Israelites addressed God as their Father (Duet 32:6; Mal 2:10), realizing that he is also like a mother (Is 66:13). In human experience, father and mother stand for origin and authority, for what is protective and supportive. Jesus Christ shows us what God the Father is really like: "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus addresses the most profound human longings for a merciful father. 511-527

38. Who is the "Holy Spirit"?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity and has the same divine majesty as the Father and the Son. [243-248, 263-264]

When we discover the reality of God in us, we are dealing with the working of the Holy Spirit. God sent "the Spirit of his Son into our hearts" (Gal. 4:6), so that he might fill us completely. In the Holy Spirit a Christian finds profound joy, inner peace, and freedom. "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship [in whom] we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" (Rom 8:15b). In the Holy Spirit, whom we receive in Baptism and Confirmation we are permitted to call God "Father". 113-120, 203-207, 310-311

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

Patrician Meeting: Saturday January 28, 2012 at 10:00 am to 12 noon - Topic: Salvation History; Sin & Redemption Part 1

The Legion of Mary invites St. Aidan Parishioners to attend their first Patrician meeting in the parish hall on the above date.

The purpose of these meetings are to increase our knowledge of the true Catholic faith and enable us to confidently evangelize the Gospel of Our Lord.

You are welcome to come and see, listen, learn and participate during the discussion period.

There will be 4 Patrician meetings conducted in 2012, in our Parish hall on the **Last Saturday** of the following months: January 28, April 28, July 28 and October 27 from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 14:

5:00 pm +Dharmini Edirmanasingh
+Irene & Tom Patterson
+Margie Scheffer
+Joseph Kenneth De Souza
+Celsa Rodis
+Gualberto Sanchez
+Thevamanya Vallipuram
+Teodoro Olaso

Deceased Members of Crasto & Pinto Families
All Souls in Purgatory
Intention of Gwen & Claude Valladares
Intention of Ainsley & Gabrielle Family
Intention of Esmond & Willa Family
Intention of Brian & Rosalie Family
In Thanksgiving of Rita Benedict

Sunday January 15:

9:00 am +Patsy Abbott
In Thanksgiving of D'Costa Family

10:30 am +Giovanni Colosimo
+Cezar Laxamana & Ramon Cabuhat
Deceased Members of Wakim Family
In Thanksgiving of Krystel de los Reyes
In Thanksgiving of Herly Bautista

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 16:

9:00 am +Andre Cotta
Intention of Virginia Mabbayad

Tuesday January 17:

9:00 am +Rajumariadas
+Christianamariadas

Wednesday January 18:

7:30 pm +Jackie & Valerie Rodrigues
In Thanksgiving of Evelyn & Ramon Cruz

Thursday January 19:

9:00 am +Rhoda Namey

Friday January 20:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Harrison

Saturday January 21:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

January 15, 2012

One Mass for Each Offering

The practice of celebrating one Mass for multiple offerings in St. Aidan’s parish will be stopped forthwith.

The Code of Canon Law, which is the Book of Rules and Regulations for the Universal Church, states:

Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions for which an individual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted (Canon 948).

The Bishop of the Diocese may grant an exception to a parish whereby one Mass during the week will be offered for multiple offerings. Permission for such an exception has been requested and granted for the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Canon 952 states that:

It is the provincial Council or a meeting of the bishops of the province to determine by decree for the whole province what offering is to be made for the celebration and application of a Mass.....

The statutory offering for a Mass in the Archdiocese of Toronto is \$20.00 for announced Masses, and \$10.00 for unannounced Masses. The announced Masses will be celebrated in the parish and the unannounced will be sent to the Missions to be celebrated by missionary priests.

What we have been doing so far is contrary to Canon Law, but this does not mean that the masses offered in the past for the various intentions were not applied to the souls, living and dead, as per your request.

This change may cause some inconvenience to some, but the rule has to be observed and correction has to be made. This change, however, will not apply to the bookings already made for this year.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life—February 2, 2012

On Thursday, February 2nd the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The Purpose of this day “is to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” -Pope John Paul II, 1997 message.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,050 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God’s blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special Mass on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul’s Basilica in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land, Jordan and Egypt

February 19—March 9, 2012

\$3,549.00 CDN/Person

An amazing opportunity awaits you! If you have ever dreamed of visiting the most Biblical sites and walk the path that Jesus walked, then this is the time to make your dream come true.

Seats are still available for this trip. Please contact George Fernandes, 416-493-0016.

For more info, please see the flyer in the foyer.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012 Ecumenical Prayer Service

Come and join us in prayer with His Grace Archbishop Thomas Collins, joined by His Grace Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak and other city-wide religious leaders on:

Sunday January 22, 2012 at 3:00 pm

St. Michael’s Cathedral

200 Church St. (corner of Shuter & Church Streets)

Refreshment to follow in parish hall

For more info, please contact the Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 ext. 344