

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: YOU CAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Divine Providence

51. If God is all-knowing and all-powerful, why does he not prevent evil?

“God allows evil only so as to make something better result from it” (St. Thomas Aquinas). [309-314, 324]

Evil in the world is an obscure and painful mystery. Even the Crucified asked his Father, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46). Much about it is incomprehensible. One thing, though, we know for sure: God is 100 percent good. He can never be the originator of something evil. God created the world to be good, but it is not yet complete. In violent upheavals and painful processes it is being shaped and moved toward its final perfection. That may be a better way to classify what the Church calls physical evil, for example, a birth defect, or a natural catastrophe. Moral evils, in contrast, come about through the misuse of freedom in the world. “Hell on earth” - child soldiers, suicide bombings, concentration camps—is usually man-made. The decisive question is therefore not, “How can anyone believe in a good God when there is so much evil?” but rather, “How could a person with a heart and understanding endure life in this world if God did not exist?” Christ’s death and Resurrection show us that evil did not have the first word, nor does it have the last. God made absolute good result from the worst evil. We believe that in the Last Judgment God will put an end to all injustice. In the life of the world to come, evil no longer has any place and suffering ends. 40,286-287

**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.**

An Invitation to a Holy Hour: “Come Sit With Me”

There is a need for adorers between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If you are one who has a deep devotion to the burning love of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, please contact Naomi Patterson at 416 493 0963 or Helen Johnson at 416 499 0050.

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada St. Aidan Council
Lenten Reflection - Fr. Gerry Scott (CSSp)
Saturday March 24, 2012 at 9:00 am - 1:15 pm
St. Aidan Church
3501 Finch Ave. E., Scarborough, ON M1W 2S2
Light refreshments provided .. Bring a brown bag for lunch
Pre-Registration is required.
A nominal fee of \$2.00 will be charged**

**Please Contact: Naomi Patterson: 416-493-0
Helen Johnson: 416-499-0050**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 3:

5:00 pm +Joel Corales
+Glenville & Virginia Stuart
+Doreen Tom-Yew
+Arturo Dijamco
+Esperance D’Souza
In Honour of Blessed Virgin Mary
Intention of Vergara Family

Sunday March 4:

9:00 am +Vince D’Andrea

10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral
Deceased Members of Wakim Family

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 5:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ng Family

Tuesday March 6:

9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday March 7:

7:30 pm +Mark Pereira

Thursday March 8:

9:00 am +Jose Gonzales

Friday March 9:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganza

Saturday March 10:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

**Stations of the Cross Every Friday
During Lent After the 7:30 pm Mass**

**Welcome Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen
Auxiliary Bishop of the Eastern Pastoral Region**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Nguyen who will be visiting our parish next weekend, March 9th –11th. He will be with us to meet with the different groups, visit our schools and preach at and celebrate most of the weekend Masses. After the 12 noon Mass he will greet parishioners at a brief reception in the hall.

March 4, 2012

A Primer For Confession

Contrition for Sins: In order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation worthily, the penitent (sinner) must be sorry for his or her sins. Sorrow for sins is called **contrition**. **Imperfect contrition** is sorrow for sins motivated by fear of the fires of hell or the ugliness of sin itself. **Perfect contrition** is sorrow for sin motivated by the love of God.

Contrition, perfect or imperfect, must include a **firm purpose of amendment**, that is, a solid resolution to avoid the sin committed as well as the persons, places and things that prompted you to commit the sin in the first place. Without this repentance, contrition is insincere and your confession is pointless.

Whenever you sin, you should beg God for the gift of perfect contrition. Often God gives this gift when a Christian thinks about Jesus' agony on the cross and realizes that his sins are the cause of that suffering. Throw yourself into the arms of the crucified Savior's mercy and resolve to confess your sins to a priest as soon as possible. (to be continued)

"CALLED BY NAME" NOMINATION

The work of encouraging and fostering vocations belongs to every member of the Christian community. One of the simplest ways of exercising this responsibility is to recognize and affirm those among us whom the Lord may be calling to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate. The "Called by Name" program invites you to prayerfully consider putting forth the names of those 17 years of age and older whom you think may have a vocation. The following questions may be helpful in assisting you to nominate individuals.

- Does the person attend the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist with reverence? Do you think that a commitment to a daily life of prayer is important to this person?
- Does the person relate well to others and display an interest in the welfare of others, especially those in need? Is the person involved in a parish ministry or some service to the community?
- Does the person possess leadership qualities? Does the person have the intelligence and good health necessary to serve as a leader?
- Does the person exhibit good moral character and serve as a role model for others?

Please complete this nomination and return to your pastor. You may wish to encourage those whom you nominate by speaking with them to affirm their goodness and remind them that they are in your prayers.

After prayerful consideration, I believe that this person has the qualities needed in a future religious vocation. Perhaps Jesus is calling him/her to this particular path of discipleship. Please provide as much information as you can below:
(Please Print)

Name of Nominee: _____

Parish Involvement: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Approximate Age:** _____

Nominated For: Priest Deacon Sister Brother

Your Name (Optional) _____

Please return this nomination to your pastor as soon as possible. Thank You!

Tel: 416-821-1319

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SVP Recruitment Drive: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is having a recruitment drive this week-end. Please take time on your way out to meet our members to know more about the Society. We look forward to you joining us.

It is also Bundle-Up Weekend: Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes and household linens. The SVP truck will be in the parking lot. Thank you for your support.

The SVP collection for the month of January 2012 was \$1,737.08