

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Heaven and Heavenly Creatures

54. What are angels?

Angels are pure spiritual creatures of God who have understanding and will. They have no bodies, cannot die, and are usually not visible. They live constantly in God's presence and convey God's will and God's protection to men. [328-333, 350-351]

An angel, wrote Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, is "so to speak the personal thought with which God is turned toward me". At the same time the angels are turned completely toward their Creator. They burn with love for him and serve him day and night. Their song of praise is never-ending. In Sacred Scripture the angels who have fallen away from God are called devils or demons.

55. Can we interact with angels?

Yes. We can call on angels for help and ask them to intercede with God. [334-336, 352]

Every person receives from God a guardian angel. It is good and sensible to pray to one's guardian angel for oneself and for others. Angels can also make themselves noticeable in the life of a Christian, for example, as bearers of a message or as helpful guides. Our faith has nothing to do with the false angels of New Age spirituality and other forms of esotericism.

VOCATION SEEDS

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be a vocation in His Church,

call, Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997
email: vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

**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 . . . Please bring your own 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 17:

5:00 pm +John Gonsalves
+Indrani Paramasothy
+Rose & Nora
+George Ellul
+Herminia Guiden
+Pauline Selvaratnam
+Rene Chan
+Jimmy Chaney
+Sunil Prakash
+Rose Percival

Sunday March 18:

9:00 am +Ida Morra

10:30 am +Josephine Liloc

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 19:

9:00 am +Felix & Lily Bihis

Tuesday March 20:

9:00 am +Teofila Ylagan

Wednesday March 21:

7:30 pm +Vaughan & Leonard Georges

Thursday March 22:

9:00 am +Laura Pussey

Friday March 23:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Wilfred Silva

Saturday March 24:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

**Stations of the Cross every Friday
during Lent after the 7:30 pm Mass**

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

Sanctuary Life
Ivor & Sally Coutinho

March 18, 2012

Mortal and Venial Sins

Mortal sin is a direct, conscious and free violation of one or another of the Ten Commandments in a serious matter. Mortal sin, also known as **grave** or **deadly sin**, destroys the life of grace in your soul. God's grace begins to draw the sinner back to him through sorrow for sin. He is brought back to him through sorrow for sin. He is brought back to life when he confesses his sins to a priest and receives absolution (forgiveness). The Church recommends that Catholics confess their **venial sins** which are violations of God's law that do not sever the relationship with him or destroy the life of grace in the soul.

If you are not sure whether your sins are "mortal" or "venial," the confessor (the priest to whom you confess your sins) will help you to understand the difference. Don't be shy: seek his assistance.

SHARELIFE

Working Wonders for People with Special Needs

Sherrie has faced many challenges with her mental health and her developmental disability but she continues to challenge herself to live a full and healthy life. She maintains two jobs and swims in the Special Olympics, often winning in her specialty - backstroke. She actively participates with the ceramics program at the Senior Centre at Mary Centre and has recently taken up line dancing. On Sundays, Sherrie is involved with the children's program with her Church. She is always open to new possibilities and suggestions - a shining inspiration to anyone who crosses her path and a bright example of how we can all have fulfilling lives despite adversity and challenges. **ShareLife-funded agencies in our region assisted more than 28,000 people with special needs last year, affirming their value to our society and making us all stronger as a result.**

Next Sunday, March 25, 2012 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give Generously.
You can work WONDERS!

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During this season, we need to stop being selfish and **seeing to the needs of others**, being selfless, going out our way and denying our own desires to **help those in need**.

Thank you all to those who contributed to the Bundle-up Sunday. We appreciate your generosity.

The SVP collection for the month of February 2012 was \$1,083.46

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

We would like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre-authorized giving at anytime of the 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.

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.

Wouldn't it be great to be part of an organization that can enrich your family's life in every way?

WE'RE HERE! JOIN US!

The Knights of Columbus - St. Aidan Council #11332 is looking for practicing Catholic men (at least 18 years old) to take an active role in the largest Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization in the world! The Knights offer an opportunity for fellowship with people who share our faith and proudly serve God and the Church... the calling of every Catholic Man!

Knights will be in the foyer after every Mass this weekend (March 17th/18th) to answer your questions.

We look forward to meeting you!

St. Anthony Novena

The thirteen Tuesday Novenas in honour of St. Anthony will start on Tuesday March 20, 2012 with Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction.