

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

\*\*\*\*\*

**FROM: YOU CAT**  
**Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church**  
**I Believe in the Holy Spirit**

117. How could the Holy Spirit work in, with, and through Mary?

**Mary was totally responsive and open to God (Lk 1:38). Thus she was able to become the “Mother of God” through the working of the Holy Spirit - and as Christ’s Mother to become also the Mother of Christians, indeed, the Mother of all mankind. [721-726]**

Mary made it possible for the Holy Spirit to work the miracles of all miracles: the Incarnation of God. She gave God her Yes: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, she went with Jesus through thick and thin, even to the foot of the Cross. There Jesus gave her to us all as our Mother (Jn 19:25-27). 80-85, 479

118. What happened on Pentecost?

**Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the Church began. [731-733]**

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a very short time, thousands had themselves baptized: it was the birthday of the Church. The miracle of the languages on PENTECOST shows that the Church is there for all peoples from the very beginning: She is universal (= the Latin term for the Greek kat’holon, catholic) and missionary. She speaks to all men, overcomes ethnic and linguistic barriers, and can be understood by all. To this day the Holy Spirit is the “soul” of the Church, the essential principle of her life.

## “VOCATION SEEDS”

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life.” Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Hansoo - 416 968 0997

email: vocations@vocations.ca      www.vocationstoronto.ca

## The Following are Available in the Gift Shop

- Catholic Missions in Canada 2013 Calendar \$5.00 each
- Life Coalition Christmas Cakes  
Small - \$ 16.00      Large (Tin) - \$24.00
- 2012 - 2013 Sunday Missals for \$5.00 each

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday December 1:

5:00 pm +Natalia Enriquez Sebastian  
+Encarnacion Esquerria  
+Darwin Currie  
+Edgar Moniz  
+Francis & Carlina  
+Fred Balasingham  
+Domenic D’Souza  
+Cedric Miranda  
Intention of Manny Tan  
Intention of Lynette D’Souza  
In Thanksgiving of Gloria Rodis  
In Thanksgiving of Randolph Doniego  
In Thanksgiving of Ferdinano Esteleydiz Family

### Sunday December 2:

9:00 am +Gerald Seeley  
  
10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday December 3:

9:00 am Intention of Members of St Francis Xavier  
Seniors Club

### Tuesday December 4:

9:00 am +Marie Louise Brennan

### Wednesday December 5:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Mr. & Mrs. Alcantara

### Thursday December 6:

9:00 am +Hilda Mathias

### Friday December 7:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Vince D’Andrea

### Saturday December 8:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**on Fridays starting with Mass at 9:30 am and**  
**concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm**

**Religious Articles made of olive wood from the Holy Land** will be made available in the foyer after all Masses next weekend December 8th and 9th, 2012

*December 2, 2012*

\*\*\*\*\*

**LIVING ROSARY on Saturday 8th of December at 4:00 pm.** The Legion of Mary invites everyone to join in celebrating the Feast of Immaculate Conception with a Living Rosary and Presentation of Flowers.

**SEASON OF ADVENT**

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

**THE YEAR OF FAITH**

The Fruits of the Year of Faith

The fruits of this Year of Faith will be seen in a strengthened commitment to God and one another. When we reach out in compassion to help a neighbour in need, we are bearing witness to the light of Christ. When we share our faith as bold disciples of Jesus, the fruits of this yearlong renewal will be reflected in our efforts. When we receive the Holy Eucharist daily or weekly, we will be transformed by the real presence of the risen Lord and will go forth to live more fully as his disciples.

We are invited to rediscover our faith and become "credible and joy-filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world today."

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Tel: 416-821-1319

[www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

The Church begins its New Year today - the coming of Jesus our hope, our salvation.

**Bundle Up Weekend - December 8th and 9th, 2012**

The SVP truck will be in the parking lot on the above dates. Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes, woolens and household linens.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING IN THE TRUCK:**

TV/Computers/Large Appliances/Furniture/Mattress or Box Springs/Cribs/Car Seats/Golf Clubs/Paint/Chemicals/any liquids/Books of any kind and anything that needs repairing.

Looking forward for your support!

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**In order to prepare yourself to celebrate well the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to have a greater understanding of this important sacrament, please take a little time reflecting on the following:**

- You have come to experience the Lord's forgiveness and compassion. It is a very personal moment in your relationship with God.
- To get the most from your confessional - encounter with Christ, you should prepare well. You should arouse in yourself a deep, true sorrow for your sins, how they have offended against God who loves us infinitely, and how they have hurt our fellow men who so need our help.
- Please remember that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is above all an act of God's love, it is a personal moment to be lived in a relationship of love with God. It is not a routine (or an ordeal) to be gone through, but very much part of the personal renewal which takes place in each person.

**THANKS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES**

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of everyone at Good Shepherd Centre, I would like to thank you for your participation in our annual Thanksgiving food drive. In 2012, we have witnessed a 13% increase in the demand for meal. This will translate into over 400,000 meals served this year.

With your support, Good Shepherd Centre will be able to continue to prepare hot nutritious meals this winter and spring to people in need. It is because of your generous support that we can make a difference. Thank You!

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your support, given without hesitation, to help homeless and disadvantaged people. Your help impacts the lives of some of the most vulnerable and marginalized in our city.

Sincerely,  
*Rebecca Ferguson*  
Fundraiser, Events & Resources

**Only good things come from God's hands.  
He never gives you more than you can bear.  
Every burden prepares you for eternity.  
(Mg)**