

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS

119. What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church?

The Holy Spirit builds up the Church and impels her. He reminds her of her Mission. He calls people into her service and sends them the necessary gifts. He leads us ever deeper into communion with the Triune God. [733-741, 747]

Even though the Church during her long history has often seemed “abandoned by all good spirits”, the Holy Spirit has been at work in her despite all the human failings and inadequacies. The mere fact of her two thousand-year existence and the many saints of all eras and cultures are the visible proof of his presence. The Holy Spirit is the one who maintains the Church as a whole in the truth and leads her ever deeper into the knowledge of God. It is the Holy Spirit who works in the Sacraments and brings Sacred Scripture to life for us. Even today he gives his gifts of grace (Charisms) to those who are completely receptive to him. 203-206

120. What does the Holy Spirit do in my life?

The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others. [738 - 741]

Augustine calls the Holy Spirit “The quiet guest of our soul”. Anyone who wants to sense his presence must be quiet. Often this Guest speaks very softly within us and with us, for instance, in the voice of our conscience or through other interior and exterior promptings. Being a “temple of the Holy Spirit” means being there, body and soul, for this Guest, for God in us. Our body is therefore God’s living room, so to speak. The more receptive we are to the Holy Spirit in us, the more he becomes the master of our life, the sooner he will bestow on us even today his Charisms for the up-building of the Church. And so, instead of the Works of the Flesh, the Fruits of the Spirit grow with us. 209-291, 295-297, 310-311

“VOCATION SEEDS”

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Hansoo - 416 968 0997

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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

Saturday December 8:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganca
+Rose Coffey & Relatives
+Mariampillai & Gertrude Singarayer
+Marcos & Mary Rozario-Catano
+Mr. & Mrs. Rajumariyadas
+Gabrilpillai & Sebamalaikurus
+Joseph & Marie Braganza
+Enrique Pacampara
+Pascoal Colaco
Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Intention of Priscilla Hutto
Intention of Bartholomew Achong
Birthday Blessings for Monique Mascoll

Sunday December 9:

9:00 am +Emmanuel & Mary Schembri
10:30 am +Pasquale Cuda
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 10:

9:00 am +Rene Mabbayad

Tuesday December 11:

9:00 am +Carmen Rodrigues

Wednesday December 12:

7:30 pm +Anthony Rozario & Relatives

Thursday December 13:

9:00 am +Edgar Meniz

Friday December 14:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm Intention of Terry Lahey

Saturday December 15:

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 this weekend December 8th and 9th, 2012

December 9, 2012

THE YEAR OF FAITH

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, the Year “will be a moment of grace and commitment for an ever fuller conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in him and to proclaim him with joy to the people of our time.”

Penitential Aspect:

- The Year of Faith “provides an appropriate occasion in which all can approach the Sacrament of Penance with greater faith and more frequently.” We encourage you to promote this Sacrament as a powerful means of deepening one’s faith.

2013 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and are in numerical order. Please take only the box with your name on it and please use these envelopes starting January 1, 2013.

If you are new in the parish, please register at the gift shop and pick up your envelope box.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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During this season of hope, let us remember our less fortunate brethren, who wait in anticipation for our help and kind generosity.

Today is Bundle Up Weekend -

The SVP truck will be in the parking lot. Please support the SVP Program by bringing in gently used 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/Paints/Chemicals/any Liquids/Books of any kind and anything that needs repairing.

Looking forward for your support!

**“Thanks be to God,
Who in Christ always lead us
In triumphant procession.”
(2 Cor 2:14)**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

You are invited in the light of God’s love

- to recognize the sinfulness in your life....
- to have a true sorrow for these sins
- and a firm intention to avoid them in the future.

These elements are essential to a proper and meaningful celebration of the Sacrament.

Sin is not merely a series of failures. It is also one’s sharing in what is actually evil:

- unbelief, indifference, selfishness,
- violence, contempt for the weak, eroticism,
- racism, neglect of the poor,
- money seeking, wastefulness,
- a spirit of pride and superiority.

Every sin, in one way or another, has a community dimension.

It is something which tarnishes the Body of Christ, which together, we are.

Every sin ought to arouse in us feelings of humble regret and a confident request for pardon.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Here are the intentions for the month of December

General: Migrants - That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.

Mission: Christ, light for all humanity - That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

**TORONTO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten –aged children to register for the September 2013 school year beginning on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Your local Catholic school will be offering one evening of extended registration hours during the week of January 14th, 2013. Please contact your local school for this date.

**We can do no great things
only small things with great love.
(Mother Teresa)**