

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: YOU CAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

“I Believe in ... the Holy Catholic Church”

121. What does “Church” mean?

The Greek word for Church is “ekklesia” = those who are called forth. All of us are baptized and believe in God are called forth by the Lord. Together we are the Church. Christ is, as Paul says, the Head of the Church. We are his body. [748 - 757]

When we receive the sacraments and hear God’s Word, Christ is in us and we are in him - that is the Church. The intimate communion of life with Jesus that is shared personally by all the baptized is described in Sacred Scripture by a wealth of images: Here it speaks about the People of God and in another passage about the Bride of Christ; now the Church is called Mother, and again she is God’s family, or she is compared with a wedding feast. Never is the Church a mere institution, never just the “official Church” that we could do without. We will be upset by the mistakes and defects in the Church, but we can never distance ourselves from her, because God has made an irrevocable decision to love her and does not forsake her despite all the sins of her members. The Church is God’s presence among us men. That is why we must love her.

122. Why does God want there to be a Church?

God wills the Church because he wants to redeem us, not individually, but together. He wants to make all mankind his people. [758-781, 802-804]

No one gets to heaven by the asocial route. Someone who thinks only about himself and the salvation of his own soul is living a - socially. That is impossible both in heaven and on earth. God himself is not a - social; he is not a solitary, self-sufficient being. The Triune God in himself is “social”, a communion, an eternal exchange of love. Patterned after God, man also is designed for relationship, exchange, sharing, and love. We are responsible for one another.

“VOCATION SEEDS”

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? 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
- Novalis Living with Christ Missals for the month of January, 2013 are available in the gift shop for \$2.50 each

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 15:

5:00 pm +Guilherme & Esther De Souza
+Enas & Veroni
+Jun Bernales
+Carlos Ramos
+Enacio Fernandes
+Felix Arucattil
+Joseph Rocky
+Josephine Francis
+Gino Raval
+Mariane Prosser

Deceased Members of De Silva and
Fernandes Families

In Thanksgiving of Fernando and Ellen David

In Thanksgiving for the 35th Wedding Anniversary
of Henry & Ofelia Ng

Sunday December 16:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Vic Atienza

10:30 am +Inacio Fernandes

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 17:

9:00 am Intention of Vicky Dvorak & Family

Tuesday December 18:

9:00 am +Susana Ng

Wednesday December 19:

7:30 pm +Claudine Rodrigues

Thursday December 20:

9:00 am +Asuncion Jara

Friday December 21:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Sheila De Gannes

Saturday December 22:

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

December 16, 2012

THE YEAR OF FAITH

Faith in Scripture

In the Gospels, Jesus encourages a strong and unwavering faith. He rebukes his apostles for having “little faith” and demonstrates the glorious power of God for those who believe. When a storm arises as they are out to sea, the apostles panic in fear. Jesus says to them:

“Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?”
Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm” (Matthew 8:26).

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Today my Father is waiting for me, I must return to Him.....

Then the prodigal son came to his senses and said: “I will leave this place and go to my Father and say: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’”

While he was still a long way off, his Father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. This Father said: “Quick, bring out the best robe... this son of mine was dead and has come back to life ... (Luke 15).

Our Heavenly Father awaits us in the same way.

Following the example of the prodigal son, examine your conscience in the light of the Gospel and find out when you have behaved contrary to the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ in thoughts, words and deeds.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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As we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in our home to live the Joy of Christmas, let us remember our neighbor-in-need and work towards bringing the Christmas joy, happiness and peace to them too.

Christmas donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. We appeal to you to put in your donation and make Christmas more meaningful to our needy families. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Bundle-up Sunday.

Please note our new telephone # : 647-772-1319

2012 Christmas Program - 2013 New Year Program

Confessions

Tuesday December 18: 7:30 pm - Penitential Service:
It consists of examination of conscience, communal act of contrition and individual confession. Three priests will be available for Confessions.

Saturday December 22: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday December 24: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Masses

Monday December 24, Christmas Eve:
8:00 pm and 12 midnight
(each will be preceded by Christmas Carols)
No 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday December 25, Christmas Day:
10:00 am and 12:00 noon
No 9:00 am Mass

Monday December 31, New Year's Eve:
9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Tuesday January 1, 2013, New Year's Day
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

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.

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.