

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: YOU CAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

123. What is the task of the Church?

The CHURCH’S task is to make the kingdom of God, which has already begun with Jesus, germinate and grow in all nations. [763 - 769, 774 - 776, 780]

Wherever Jesus went, heaven touched earth: the kingdom of God was inaugurated, a kingdom of peace and justice. The CHURCH serves this kingdom of God. She is not an end in herself. She must carry on what Jesus started. She should act as Jesus would act. She continues the sacred signs of Jesus (the SACRAMENTS). She hands on Jesus’ words. That is why the Church, for all her weakness, is a formidable bit of heaven on earth.

124. Why is the Church more than an institution?

The Church is more than an institution because she is a MYSTERY that is simultaneously human and divine. [770 - 773, 779]

True love does not blind a person but rather makes him see. With regard to the CHURCH, this is precisely the case: Viewed from outside, the Church is only a historical institution with historical achievements, but also mistakes and even crimes - a Church of sinners. But that is not looking deep enough. After all, Christ became so involved with us sinners that he never abandons his Church, even if we were to betray him daily. This inseparable union of the human and the divine, this intertwining of sin and grace, is part of the mystery of the Church. Seen with the eyes of faith, the Church is therefore indestructibly holy. 132

Wishing you all, the parishioners

**THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Fr. Joseph Sultana, Deacon Patrick Chang, & Staff

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

“VOCATION SEEDS”

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God’s great Love? If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Hansoo - 416 968 0997

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 22:

5:00 pm +James Valladares
+Winnie Yates
+Nina Correia
+Kitie & Eng Chiu
+Manuel Chiu
+Susana Ng
+Teresa Berenguer & Francisco Dayacap
+Leonila & Efren dela Vega
+Samelita Ballecera
+Mary Pillai-Fernando
+Gemma Causing
Intention of Samantha Noranho
In Thanksgiving of D’Costa Family
In Thanksgiving for the 69th Wedding Anniversary
of Romulo & Hortencia Buzon

Sunday December 23:

9:00 am +Mervyn D’Souza

10:30 am +Guiseppe Cuda

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 24: (Christmas Eve)

9:00 am **NO MASS**

8:00 pm Celebrant’s Intention

12:00 midnight Celebrant’s Intention

Tuesday December 25: (Christmas Day)

9:00 am **NO MASS**

10:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Wednesday December 26:

7:30 pm +Bradley Fernandes

Thursday December 27:

9:00 am +John Dunne

Friday December 28:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Francis D’Costa

Saturday December 29:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

December 23, 2012

THE YEAR OF FAITH

Faith in Scripture

Jesus links faith to his healing miracles. In Mark's Gospel we meet Bartimaeus, a blind man who has heard about Jesus' miracles and hopes that Jesus might help him recover his eyesight.

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way” (Mark 10:52).

PHILIPPINES - TYPHOON RELIEF

There is an urgent need to distribute food, shelter, and medicine to affected population. Thousands of people have fled their homes and are in need of basic necessities. Water scarcity and contamination is also a major problem. Heavy rains have caused rivers to overflow, resulting in flooding and landslides.

Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocesan website, www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office: 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Parish Name - Philippines Typhoon Relief

Please use the Humanitarian Envelopes available at the back of the Church.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Tel: 647-772-1319 www.svdptoronto.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Aidan Conference) wishes all Parishioners, a Christmas filled with love, peace and joy of Baby Jesus.

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.

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

2012 Christmas Program - 2013 New Year Program

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:
10:30 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

SHEPHERDS'S TRUST COLLECTION
was \$5,154.00. Thank you for your generous support

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.