

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM: YOU CAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

127. What does it mean to say that the Church is the “Bride of Christ”?

Jesus Christ loves the Church as a bridegroom loves his bride. He binds himself to her forever and gives his life for her. [796]

Anyone who has ever been in love has some idea of what love is. Jesus knows it and calls himself a bridegroom who lovingly and longingly courts his bride and desires to celebrate the feast with her. We are his Bride, the Church. In the Old Testament God’s love for his people is compared to the love between husband and wife. If Jesus seeks the love of each one of us, how often is he then unhappily in love - that is to say, with all those who want nothing to do with his love and do not reciprocate it?!

128. What does it mean to say that the Church is the “Temple of the Holy Spirit”?

The Church is the place in the world where the Holy Spirit is completely present. [797-801, 809]

The people of Israel worshipped God in the Temple of Jerusalem. This temple no longer exists. It has been replaced by the Church, which is not limited to a particular place. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20). What makes her alive is the Spirit of Christ: He lives in the Word of Sacred Scripture and is present in the sacred signs of the Sacraments. He lives in the hearts of believers and speaks in their prayer. He leads them and bestows charisms on them - simple gifts as well as extraordinary ones. Anyone who enters into a relationship with the Holy Spirit can experience true miracles even today. 113-120, 203-205, 310-311

“VOCATION SEEDS”

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you,

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Confirmation Classes will resume on Saturday January 12, 2013 after the 5:00 pm Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 5:

5:00 pm +Jackie Dias
+Joseph Vallis
+Eileen Viva
Deceased Members of Chang & Duff Families
In Honour of St. Jude
In Thanksgiving of Wong Family

Sunday January 6:

9:00 am +Nemesio Manalansan & Relatives

10:30 am +Joseph Muscot-Drago
+Afonso & Manny Cabral

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 7:

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Dvorak
and Stalmach Families

Tuesday January 8

9:00 am In Honour of St. Anthony

Wednesday January 9:

7:30 pm +Gualberto Sanchez

Thursday January 10:

9:00 am +Fani Fekete

Friday January 11:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Alice Fernandes

Saturday January 12:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

Intentions for the month of January

General: The Faith of Christians - That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Mission: Middle Eastern Christians - That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

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

January 6, 2013

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

“Blessed are the peacemakers” is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the forty-sixth World Day of Peace.

Although the world is sadly marked by “hotbeds of tension and conflict caused by growing instances of inequality between rich and poor, by the prevalence of a selfish and individualistic mindset which also finds expression in an unregulated financial capitalism,” as well as by various forms of terrorism and crime, I am convinced that “the many different efforts of peacemaking which abound in our world testify to mankind’s innate vocation to peace. In every person the desire for peace is an essential aspiration which coincides in a certain way with the desire for a full, happy and successful human life

(From the text of Pope Benedict’s homily on New Year’s Day)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Tel: 647-772-1319 www.svdptoronto.org

As we journey this year, let us be conscious of those around us - the poor, the hungry or a neighbour-in-need.

If you are aware of a neighbour in our parish who is in urgent need of assistance, please feel free to call the number above and leave a message. We will be more than happy to help.

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

St. Aidan’s Youth Group will have the recreation room in the church hall open on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm starting January 2013. This is a great opportunity to interact with the youth of St. Aidan Parish over ping pong, pool and movies. Youth from Grade 7 and up are welcome!

WIN GREAT PRIZES!

It is time once again for the Friars’ Student Writing Award. Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2013. The Theme for the coming year is “What does God require of us?” (cf. Micah 6:6-8) First prize is an iPad mini (16GB), second prize is a Kobo Arc and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 18, 2013**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 Or 416-934-3410, ext. 404.

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Lay Spiritual Formation Program

January 26, 2013 Year of Faith Workshop
March 2, 2013 Lenten Retreat Day

Details of these events and registration information will be posted on our website at www.staugustine.on.ca. Workshops and Retreats are held at St Augustine’s main campus in Scarborough. St. Augustine’s Seminary; 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario; Phone: 416 261 7207

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.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

“The Love of Christ urges on” to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend with Him so that you may discover His call.

February 1st to 3rd, 2013, St. Augustine’s Seminary

This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ’s disciples through the Catholic priesthood.