

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: YOU CAT

Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

The Sacrament of Initiation

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

211. How important is the Eucharist for the Church?

The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of the Christian communion. In it the Church becomes Church. [1325]

We are not Church because we get along well, or because we happen to end up in the same parish community, but rather because in the Eucharist we receive the Body of Christ and are increasingly being transformed into the Body of Christ. 126, 217

212. What names are there for Jesus' meal with us and what do they mean:?

The different names indicate the unfathomable richness of this mystery: the Holy Sacrifice, Holy Mass, the Sacrifice of the Mass - the Lord's Supper - the Breaking of the Bread - the Eucharistic assembly - the memorial of the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection - the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries - Holy Communion. [1328-1332]

Holy Sacrifice, Holy Mass, the Sacrifice of the Mass: The one sacrifice of Christ, which completes and surpasses all sacrifices, is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist. The CHURCH and the faithful, through their self-offering, unite themselves with Christ's sacrifice. The word Mass comes from the Latin dismissal, *Ite, missa est*, "Go now, you are sent."

The Lord's Supper: Every celebration of the Eucharist is still the one supper that Christ celebrated with his disciples and, at the same time, the anticipation of the banquet that the Lord will celebrate with the redeemed at the end of time. We men do not make the worship service; the Lord is the one who calls us to worship God and is mysteriously present in the liturgy.

The breaking of bread: "The breaking of bread" was an old Jewish ritual at meals, which Jesus employed at the Last Supper to express his gift of self "for us" (Rom 8:32). In the "breaking of bread" the disciples recognized him again after the Resurrection. The early Church called their liturgical feasts "the breaking of bread".

Eucharistic assembly: The celebration of the Lord's Supper is also an assembly of "thanksgiving", in which the Church finds her visible expression.

Memorial of the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection: In the celebration of the Eucharist, the congregation does not celebrate itself; rather it discovers and celebrates again and again the presence of Christ's saving passage through suffering and death to life.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 21:

5:00 pm +Asuncion Jara
+Susana Ng
+Gerry Seeley
+Mary & Emmanuel Schembri
+Presentacion Alon
+George Ratnavale
+Fred & Emelda Balasingham
+Wilma Chang
Deceased Members of Duff & Chang Families
Intentions of Members of Legionaries & Families

Sunday December 22:

9:00 am +James Valladares, Winnie Yates and
Nina Correia

10:30 am +Ariel Fernando

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 23:

9:00 am +Eng Hu & Kie-Tee Chiu

Tuesday December 24:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention
8:00 pm Celebrant's Intention
12 Midnight Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday December 25:

10:30 am Celebrant's Intention
12:00 pm Celebrant's Intention
No 9:00 am Mass

Thursday December 26:

9:00 am +Bradley Fernandes

Friday December 27:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm Lola & Lenny Pereira

Saturday December 28:

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.**

**Wishing you all, the parishioners
THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON
Fr. Joseph Sultana, Deacon Patrick Chang and Staff**

DECEMBER 22, 2013

WELCOME TO THE MEKHA FAMILY SARMAD, TANIA, ANDRO

our sponsored family from Iraq

with our prayers and support,

let us help them established a new life in Canada.

ADVENT WREATH

The fourth lighting ceremony, the three previous candles are lit and then the final candle on the wreath is lit. The fourth candle is lit in remembrance of love. The Christmas season is an expression of the love that God has for humanity. Jesus is the highest and greatest expression of the love God has for us. Christmas are reminded to show that love to the world around us.

Thanks from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Toronto and the millions of people affected by Typhoon Haiyan that struck the Philippines on November 8, we thank the parishioners of St. Aidan's Parish for their support. Your parish contribution of \$2660 will make a real and meaningful difference in the lives of those people in 29 provinces who are mourning, struggling to resume their daily lives and rebuild their communities.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our family and friends, let us remember our **neighbour-in-need** and work towards bringing the Christmas joy, peace and happiness to them too.

The **SVP Christmas donation envelopes** are available at the back of the Church. Would appreciate your **special gift** to make Christmas more joyful for our **neighbour-in-need**. Look forward for your support.

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

(continuation **The Sacrament of the Eucharist**)

Holy and Divine Liturgy, Sacred Mysteries: In the celebration of the Eucharist, the Church in heaven and on earth unite in one feast. Because the Eucharistic Gifts in which Christ is present are, so to speak, the holiest thing in the world, we also speak about The Most Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Communion: Because we unite ourselves with Christ at Holy Mass, and through him are united with one another, we speak about Holy Communion (communio = fellowship).

2013 Christmas and 2014 New Year Programs

Confessions

Saturday December 21: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday December 23: 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.

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

Masses

Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Christmas Carols

8:00 pm Mass

11:30 pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 am and 12:00 noon

NO 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday December 31 New Year's Eve

9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday January 1, 2014 New Year's Day

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

A PRIMER FOR CONFESSION

Mortal and Venial Sins

Mortal sin is a direct, conscious and free violation of one or another of the Ten Commandments in a serious matter. Mortal sin, also known as **grave or deadly sin**, destroys the life of grace in your soul. God's grace begins to draw the sinner back to him through sorrow for sin. He is brought back to life when he confesses his sins to a priest and receives absolution (forgiveness). The Church recommends that Catholics confess their **venial sins** which are violations of God's law that do not sever the relationship with him or destroy the life of grace in the soul.

"VOCATION SEEDS"

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"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to ministerial service,

contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416 968 0997.