

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Dignity of the Human Person

307. What is faith?

Faith is the power by which we assent to God, acknowledge his truth, and commit ourselves personally to him. [1814 - 1816, 1842]

Faith is the path created by God leading to the truth that is God himself. Because Jesus is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6), this faith cannot be merely an attitude or “confidence” about something or other. On the one hand, the faith has definite contents, which the Church professes in the Creed (= profession of faith), and it is her duty to safeguard them. Anyone who wants to accept the gift of faith, in other words, anyone who wants to believe, acknowledges this faith, which has been preserved constantly through the ages and in many different cultures. On the other hand, part of faith is a trusting relationship to God with heart and mind, with all one’s emotional strength. For faith becomes effective only through charity, practical love (see Gal 5:6). Whether someone really believes in the God of love is shown, not in his solemn affirmations, rather in charitable deeds.

308. What is hope?

Hope is the power by which we firmly and constantly long for what we were placed on earth to do: to praise God and to serve him; and for our true happiness, which is finding our fulfillment in God; and for our final home: in God. [1817 - 1821, 1843]

Hope is trusting in what God has promised us in creation, in the prophets, but especially in Jesus Christ, even though we do not yet see it. God’s Holy Spirit is given to us so that we can patiently hope for the Truth. 1 - 3

**Only good things come from God’s hands.
He never gives you more than you can bear.
Every burden prepares you for eternity.
(Mg)**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE GIFT SHOP**

- Catholic Missions in Canada 2015 Calendar for \$5.00 each
- 2015 Sunday Missal for \$5.00 each
- Toronto Pro Life Christmas Cards (pkg of 10 cards) and Christmas Ornaments at \$7.00 each
- Life Coalition Christmas Cakes - Small - \$ 15.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 6:

5:00 pm +Tristram Patterson
+Sebastiao Braganca
+Hilda Mathias
+Claudine Rodrigues
+Carlina Francis
+Pedropillai & Elizabeth
+Nagendran & Marianayagam
+Francisco Tan
All Souls
In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday December 7:

9:00 am +Leonardo Herrera

10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 8:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Mabbayad Family

Tuesday December 9:

9:00 am +Vincent D’Andrea

Wednesday December 10:

7:30 pm +Rene Mabbayad

Thursday December 11:

9:00 am +Tong Kwong Yue & Sin Sau Chun

Friday December 12:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of G. Cantos

Saturday December 13:

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.**

**God the Father,
is watching to see whether you will turn to Him.
He is waiting for you
to place your hand in His.
Will you come?
(Mg)**

December 7, 2014

ST. AIDAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the Youth Group will be organizing a Children's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday December 13th, at 10:00 am in the Church's hall. It will be for children ages 1-9. Tickets are \$10.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults. Parents purchasing a ticket for a child 1-3 will get one adult ticket free. Tickets will be sold in the foyer after all weekend Masses.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is tomorrow December 8th. There will be Masses at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

Please also join the Legion of Mary today for a Living Rosary at 6:30 pm.

REMINDER

Coins for Life 2014..... Campaign Life Coalition

You are asked to return containers and contents next weekend December 13/14, 2014. Remember that small change can lead to a **BIG** change in our land.

2015 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and are in numerical order. Please take **ONLY** the box with your name on it. Please use these envelopes starting **January 1, 2015**. Please discard your 2014 unused envelopes. For parishioners who wish to use envelopes please register in the gift shop.

Thank You for your cooperation!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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The season of Advent is a season of hope. During this season of hope, let us remember our less fortunate brethren, who wait in anticipation for our help and kind generosity. The SVP Christmas donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Would appreciate your **special gift** to make Christmas, joyful for our **neighbor-in-need**.

This is Bundle Up Weekend: The SVP truck will be in the parking lot. Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes, woolens and household linens. Look forward for your support.

THANK YOU

We the members of the Catholic Girls League would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all our parishioners at St. Aidan's for supporting our first fundraising event on November 22nd and 23rd. With your support we were able to reach our goal. The funds raised will be donated to "Sisters of Life" in support of unwed mothers and to our "St. Aidan Church Children's Christmas Party". Fr. Sultana, with gratitude in our hearts, we would like to thank you for giving us permission to host this event to raise funds for a worthy cause. Thank You.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - DECEMBER 10, 2014

"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis

On **Wednesday December 10, 2014**, there will be a **Day of Confessions** throughout the Archdiocese. Confessions at our parish will be available at **10:00 am - 12 noon and 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND NOT "HAPPY HOLIDAYS!"

On December 23, 2011, Lorrie Goldstein wrote the following in the Sun newspaper:

Being Jewish never interfered with my enjoyment of Christmas or my love for this time of the year

Indeed, I cannot remember one time growing up - or any incident to this day - where I found anything about the Christmas season to be offensive, or to interfere with my own celebration of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, at this time of the year.....

I've never understood busy-body bureaucrats and officious officials who want to ban the symbols of Christmas at this time of year for the sake of not offending "religious minorities."

Um! Which religious minorities? Be specific and don't presume to speak for me and all sorts of other folks who are not Christians.

You know, for a member of a religious minority like myself, Canada is a pretty cool place. It provided a safe haven to my late father and his family after they were smuggled out of Russia in the early 20th Century during an anti-Semitic pogrom, which, trust me on this, were a lot more dangerous to Jews than Christmas trees or carols.

Indeed, as one of the relatively few countries on Earth that guarantees religious freedom and uses the power of the state to protect minorities from religious persecution, Canada is alright by me.

And Christmas is a part of Canada.

So Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, everyone.