

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Dignity of the Human Person

309. What is charity?

Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves. [1822 - 1829, 1844]

Jesus places love above all laws, without however abolishing the latter. Therefore St. Augustine rightly says, "Love, and do what you will." Which is not at all as easy as it sounds. That is why charity, love, is the greatest virtue, the energy that inspires all the other virtues and fills them with divine life.

310. What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. With these the Holy Spirit "endows" Christians, in other words, he grants them particular powers that go beyond their natural aptitudes and gives them the opportunity to become God's special instruments in this world. [1830 - 1831, 1845]

We read in one of Paul's letters: "To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretations of tongues" (1 Cor 12:8—10) 113 - 120

311. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The Fruits of the Holy Spirits are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (cf. Gal 5:22 - 23). [1832]

In the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" the world can see what becomes of people who let themselves be adopted, led, and completely formed by God. The fruits of the Holy Spirit show that God really plays a role in the life of Christians. 120

312. How does a person know that he has sinned?

A person knows that he had sinned through his conscience, which accuses him and motivates him to confess his offenses to God. [1797, 1848] 229, 295 - 298

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the spirit is saying to the Churches. (John 1:5)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 13:

5:00 pm +Fr. Joseph Fenech
+Inacio Fernandes
+Guilherme & Esther De Souza
+Fred & Emelda Balasingham
+Salvador Abuel
+Conrado Rocillo
+Darwin Currie
Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Mary
Wedding Anniversary of Henry & Ophelia Ng
Intention of Vicky Dvorak

Sunday December 14:

9:00 am +Inacio Fernandes
10:30 am +Francisco & Pasquale Cuda
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 15:

9:00 am +Maria Atizado

Tuesday December 16:

9:00 am +Filipina & Isagani Tuazon

Wednesday December 17:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Vic Atienza

Thursday December 18:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Alcantara Family

Friday December 19:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Mary Fernandes

Saturday December 20:

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.**

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

December 14, 2014

ST. AIDAN CHURCH

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

is re-scheduled to Saturday December 20, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Church's hall.

REMINDER

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

You are asked to return containers and contents this weekend December 13/14, 2014. Remember that small change can lead to a **BIG** change in our land. Thank you for your support!

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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Advent is a time to witness the active presence of Lord Jesus in our lives. We can encounter this same Lord Jesus through our care for the afflicted, the broken hearted - our **neighbour - in-need**.

The **SVP Christmas donations envelopes** are available at the back of the Church.. Would appreciate your **special gift** to make Christmas more joyful for our **neighbour-in -need**. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Bundle-up last weekend. A Thank You to all who did 'Thunder & Lightning' casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please continue the good work.

The SVP Poor Box collection for November was \$ 2,267.43. Thank You for your support!

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, 2015. The theme is "Jesus said to her.: 'Give me a drink.'" (John 4:7) Students should read the Scripture passage John 4:1-42 and answer the following question in the essay: If Jesus was able to reach out beyond his own Jewish community, and to a woman with a questionable reputation, what does that tell Catholics about the value of Christian Unity? Essay will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 9, 2015**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). Please call 416-934-3400 ext.344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404 or 1-855-441-4077 for more information. **Don't Miss This Opportunity!** See flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for list of prizes.

2014 CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PROGRAMS

CONFESSIONS

Saturday December 20: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday December 24: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MASSES

Wednesday December 24: Christmas Eve

7:30 pm Christmas Carols
8:00 pm Mass
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday December 25: Christmas Day

10:30 am and 12:00 noon
NO 9:00 AM MASS

Wednesday December 31: New Year's Eve

5:00 pm

Thursday January 1, 2015: New Year's Day

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

**SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
with Cardinal Collins**

Thursday December 18, 2014
St. Basil's Parish, 50 St. Joseph Street, Toronto

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Holy Hour & Reflection
with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Young Adult Social in Parish Hall

Contact the Office of the Catholic Youth
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**Jesus has come to set you free, to loosen your dreams,
to solve your problems and difficulties.**

Put your trust in Him.

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