### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# FROM: YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church Human Community

329. How does social justice come about in a society? Social justice comes about where the inalienable dignity of every person is respected and the resulting rights are safeguarded and championed without reservation. Among these is also the right to active participation in the political, economic, and cultural life of the society. [1928 - 1933, 1943 - 1944]

The basis of all justice is respect for the inalienable dignity of the human person, "whose defense and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt" (Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Sollicitudo rei socialis, published 1987). Human rights are an immediate consequence of human dignity, and no State can abolish or change them. States and authorities that trample these rights underfoot are unjust regimes and lose their authority. A society is not perfected by laws, however, but rather by love of neighbor, which makes it possible for everyone to "look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as 'another self'" (GS 27, 1). 280

330. To what extent are all men equal in God's sight? All men are equal in God's sight insofar as all have the same Creator, all were created in the same image of God with a rational soul, and all have the same Redeemer. [1934—1935, 1945]

Because all men are equal in God's sight, every person possesses the same dignity and has a claim to the same human rights. Hence every kind of social, racist, sexist, cultural, or religious discrimination against a person is unacceptable injustice.

331. Why is there nevertheless injustice among men? All men have the same dignity, but not all of them meet with the same living conditions. In cases where injustice is manmade, it contradicts the Gospel. In cases where men have been endowed by God with different gifts and talents, God is asking us to rely on one another: in charity one should make up for what the other lacks. [1936 - 1938, 1946 - 1947]

There is a kind of inequality among men that does not come from God but rather originates in societal conditions, especially in the unjust distribution of raw materials, land, and capital worldwide. God expects us to remove from the world everything that is plainly contrary to the Gospel and disregards human dignity. Yet there is another sort of inequality among men that is quite in keeping with God's will: inequality in talents, initial conditions, and opportunities. These are an indication that being human means being there for others in charity so as to share and to promote life. 61

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Saturday January 24:

5:00 pm +Vesia Svidal

+Fr. Joseph Fenech

+Silvia Rodrigues

+Vincent & Laura Lobo

+Theodolina Sequiera

+Clement Benedict

+Nazario Calingasan

+Bassam Armaly

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families In Thanksgiving of Paz dela Cruz

### **Sunday January 25:**

9:00 am +Carl Julian

10:30 am +Reginald Manuelpillai

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### **Monday January 26:**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Leonor Romilla

### **Tuesday January 27:**

9:00 am +Fr. Joseph Fenech

### Wednesday January 28:

7:30 pm + Witalis Tanski

### **Thursday January 29:**

9:00 am +Noemi & Generoso Palma

### Friday January 30:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Intention of Marie Wong

### **Saturday January 31:**

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.

### WEDDING BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between:

Third Publication: Jean Magdalene Zacharias and Selvarajah Thambiappa

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETING

will be held January 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Church hall. Important information will be given at this meeting.

### 2015 DONATION ENVELOPES

We have a number of boxes of envelopes still in the foyer. Is yours one of them? If so would you please pick it up! Please discard your 2014 envelopes. If you are new in the parish and wish to have a box of envelopes, please register in the gift shop and pick your envelopes.

Thank You for your cooperation

### WEEK OF PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Theme: "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'" John 4:7

Today ends the Week of Prayers for Christian Unity with an Ecumenical Prayer Service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis, and other city-wide religious leaders at 4:00 pm, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street (2 block North of Yonge St. and St. Claire Ave. at Heath St.)

Please keep praying that all Christians may be one.

### VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday February 14, 2015 6:30 pm, St. Aidan Parish Hall Tickets: Adult & Teens: \$25.00 per person Organized by St. Aidan Knights of Columbus Tickets will be available after all Mass on the weekend in the foyer. Please see flyers for details.

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

"It is in giving that we receive" - Don Bosco

Through our caring and compassion, our listening and loving, we can truly enjoy the joy and satisfaction of being of help to our **neighbour-in-need.** 

Your generous contribution to the **POOR BOX** every Sunday is wonderful testimony of the many blessings received from God. Please continue the good work and may God enrich you in every way for your kind generosity.

Walk beside Mary as you journey towards the complete fulfillment of your humanity! (John Paul II)

## ST. AIDAN PARISH LENTEN MISSION Fr. Eugene O'Reilly

Fr. O'Reilly will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of February 7 and 8, 2015.

The Mission is just two weeks away. Have You decided to make it? Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because divorced? Remarried? Haven't been to Church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them well against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you.

No matter what your decision, can I ask you to pray about the Mission? Prayer, as you know, changes things. Pray for yourself, for others. God will not refuse a heart raised to him in sincere prayer. Prayer will do for us what no other force on earth can do.

### MISSION SCHEDULE TIME: 7:30 PM

**DAY** THEME

Monday February 9: Living the Reign of God Today Tuesday February 10: Reconciliation Wednesday February 11: Discipleship

Monday to Tuesday we do not celebrate the Eucharist as part of the service. On Wednesday, we close the mission with the Eucharist.

Join us and allow Jesus Christ through the richness of His Word, to love you into fullness of life and a deep sense of personal well-being.

## **COURAGE TORONTO Take courage. You are not alone.**

Courage is a spiritual support group of Catholic men and women who aspire to live chaste lives faithful to the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality.

With God's grace and human support, Courage members seek:

- To live fully the virtue of chastity
- An ever-deepening dedication to Jesus Christ through growth in the spiritual life
- Fellowship and support for the journey
- To be of service and good example to others

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