

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
Human Community

332. How is solidarity of Christians with other people expressed? **Christians are committed to just societal structures. Part of this is universal access to the material, intellectual, and spiritual goods of this world. Christians also make sure that the dignity of human work is respected, which includes a just wage. Handing on the faith is also an act of solidarity with all mankind. [1939 - 1942, 1948]**

Solidarity is the practical hallmark of a Christian. Practicing solidarity is not just a command of reason. Jesus Christ, our Lord, identified completely with the poor and the lowly (Mt 25:40). To refuse solidarity with them would be to reject Christ.

333. Is there a natural law that everyone can know? **If people are to do good and avoid evil, certainly about what is good or evil must be inscribed within them. In fact there is such a moral law that is, so to speak, “natural” to men and can be known in principle by every person by reason. [1949 - 1960, 1975, 1978 - 1979]**

The natural moral law is valid for everyone. It tells men what fundamental rights and duties they have and thus forms the real foundation for life together in the family, in society, and in the State. Because our natural knowledge is often troubled by sin and human weakness, a person needs God’s help and his Revelation in order to stay on the right path.

334. What connection is there between the “natural moral law” and the Law of the Old Covenant? **The Law of the Old Covenant expresses truths that by nature are evident to human reason yet are now proclaimed and authenticated as God’s Law. [1961 - 1963, 1981]**

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS **Intentions for February**

Universal: Prisoners - That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: Separated spouses - That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

**Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says -
And I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete.
- Pope Francis -**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 31:

5:00 pm +Fr. Joseph Fenech
+Francis & Rosie Fernandes
+Regalado Dagdag
+Mercy Fernandes
+Memoracion Montes Lising
+Alphosus Lambe
+Nelly Mascharenhas
Intention of Christian Egsgard
In Thanksgiving of Jennie & Frederick Noronha

Sunday February 1:

9:00 am +Mario Despa

10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday February 2:

9:00 am +Noemi & Generoso Palma

Tuesday February 3:

9:00 am +Edward & Rhoda Namey

Wednesday February 4:

7:30 pm Intention of Anna Kril

Thursday February 5:

9:00 am +Rosa Loong

Friday February 6:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Benedicto Wong

Saturday February 7:

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.

**We shall steer safely through every storm,
so long as our heart is right,
our intention fervent,
our courage steadfast,
and our trust fixed on God.
- St. Francis Xavier -**

February 1, 2015

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!

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.

POPE FRANCIS: GOD ALWAYS FORGIVES EVERYTHING

Basing his reflections on an extract from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, the Pope said our God forgives all our sins, always and without exception and He rejoices when somebody asks him for pardon. This God who pardons us, he continued, chose Jesus to set up a new pact with humanity and the cornerstone of this pact is forgiveness for our sins.

"First of all, God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. But HE does not tire of pardoning us. When Peter asked Jesus: 'How many times must I forgive? Seven times?' - 'Not seven times: seventy times by seven'. Namely always. That's how God forgives us: always. But if you have lived a life full of so many sins, so many bad things, but in the end, a bit repentant, you ask for forgiveness, He will immediately pardon you! He always pardon us."

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Lord, help me to make time to serve You in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance - St. Vincent de Paul.

A friendly reminder. The Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the homeless in downtown Toronto will be picked up on **the First Friday** and also in **the middle of the month**.

The POOR BOX collection for January 2015 was \$1,582.66. Your generous contribution each week to the POOR BOX enables us to reach out to our **neighbour-in-need**. We sincerely appreciate and thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ST. AIDAN PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Eugene O'Reilly

Next Sunday the Mission begins. The Missionary will preach at the Saturday evening Mass, and at all the Sunday Masses and on through this "Sacred Week" in the parish.

Each Evening, beginning Monday night, the Mission services will start at 7:30 pm. The evening services are scheduled to last approximately one hour. Each night following the Mission, there will be an opportunity for questions and discussions with coffee in the Parish Hall for those who wish. The Mission concludes Wednesday evening with celebrated Mass.

It seems that we have done everything possible to prepare for this Mission. We have searched for good enthusiastic preachers. We have prayed for the success of the Mission. We have attempted to make everyone aware of what is going on. What happens now is completely in God's hands. Will the Mission achieve its purpose among us? That depends on how responsive we are to God's invitation to life!

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today, February 1, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. "They are men and women who can **awaken the world**. Consecrated life is prophecy. God asks us to fly the nest and to be sent to the **frontiers of the world**, avoiding the temptation to 'domesticate' them. This is the most concrete way of imitating the Lord." - Pope Francis, on the occasion of his announcement that 2015 will be dedicated to consecrated life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special Mass today, February 1 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.