

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
Human Community

337. How are we saved?

No man can save himself. Christians believe that they are saved by God, who for this purpose sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world. For us salvation means that we are freed by the Holy Spirit from the power of sin and have been brought back from the realm of death to a life without end, a life in God's presence. [1987-1995, 2017-2020]

Paul observes: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Sin cannot exist in the presence of God, who is justice and goodness through and through. If sin is worth nothing, what about the sinner, then? In his love, God found a way by which he destroys sin but saves the sinner. He makes him "right" again, that is to say, righteous or just. That is why from ancient times salvation has also been called justification. We are not made just by our own power. A man can neither forgive his own sins nor rescue himself from death. For that, God has to act on our behalf - out of mercy, not because we could deserve or merit it. In Baptism, God grants us "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" (Rom 3:22). Through the Holy Spirit, who is poured out into our hearts, we take part in the death and Resurrection of Christ - we die to sin and are born to new life in God. The divine gifts of faith, hope, and charity come over us and make us able to live in the light and obey God's will.

338. What is grace?

By grace we mean God's free, loving gift to us, his helping goodness, the vitality that comes from him. Through the Cross and Resurrection, God devotes himself entirely to us and communicates himself to us in grace. Grace is everything God grants us, without our deserving it in the least. [1996 - 1998, 2005, 2021]

"Grace", says Pope Benedict XVI, "is being looked upon by God, our being touched by his love." Grace is not a thing, but rather God's communication of himself to men. God never gives less than himself. in grace we are in God.

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 take only the one with your name on it. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 14:

5:00 pm +Danny & Ely Sanchez
+Claudine Rodrigues
+Inacio Fernandes
Deceased Members of Aceron-Vasquez Family
Intention of Dolores Bisessar

Sunday February 15:

9:00 am Intention of Ylagan & McLeod Families

10:30 am +Fred & Emelda Balasingham

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday February 16:

9:00 am +Leon & Juliana Tuazon

Tuesday February 17:

9:00 am +Mary Fernandes

Wednesday February 18:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +James Pascal Sequeira

Thursday February 19:

9:00 am Intention of Jara Family

Friday February 20:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Intention of Mary Kalalian Tadros

Saturday February 21:

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.

What the sower is sowing is the world. For there is nothing hidden, but it must be disclosed, nothing kept secret except to be brought to light. Anyone who has ears for listening should listen.

- Gospel Mark 4:14, 22, 23

February 15, 2015

SHARELIFE

Working wonders in our community....

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of your generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care those who are in need around us.

-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday - March 1, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

We Will Provide Information about:

Our catholic traditions around burial, cremation and funerals

The advantages of pre-arranging funeral and burial plans

How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will

How to ensure your wishes are legally protected

Powers of Attorney - Finding legal advisors

The cost saving of making an estate plan

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.

Refreshments will be served.

Saturday March 7, 2015 , 9:00 am

Christ the king Catholic Cemetery Reception Centre

Presented by: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto

Please RSVP with the cemetery office at 905-471-0121

or Frank Jannetta at 416-733-8544, by email

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“Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God”

- St. Paul

We sincerely appreciate and thank you for your kind generosity to the POOR BOX and making St. Aidan's community a witness to the presence of Christ in serving the poor and the marginalized.

The SVP donation receipts for the year 2014 are available. Please pick up your receipts on your way out of the church. May God bless you abundantly for your kind generosity.

LENT

is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Wednesday February 18th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Masses are at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed during both Masses.

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent every Friday after the 7:30 pm Mass.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter..

Abstinence means we do not eat meat.

Fasting means that we eat only one full meal; two another light meals are permitted, but eating between meals is not permitted.

CATHOLICS URGED TO SUPPORT PHYSICIANS' CHARTER RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: “Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient”. Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an “effective referral” is a violation of a physician's rights, as it compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed “effective referral” mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to www.ccrl.ca to find out more and get involved.