

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
Human Community

339. What does God's grace do to us?

God's grace brings us into life of the Holy Trinity, into the exchange of love between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It makes us capable of living in God's love and of acting on the basis of this love. [1999-2000, 2003-2004, 2023-2024]

Grace is infused in us from above and cannot be explained in terms of natural causes (supernatural grace). It makes us - especially through Baptism - children of God and heirs of heaven (sanctifying or deifying grace). It bestows on us a permanent disposition to do good (habitual grace). Grace helps us to know, to will, and to do everything that leads us to what is good, to God, and to heaven (actual grace). Grace comes about in a special way in the sacraments, which according to the will of our Savior are the preeminent places for our encounter with God (sacramental grace). Grace is manifested also in special gifts of grace that are granted to individual Christians (Chrisms) or in special powers that are promised to those in the state of marriage, the ordained state, or the religious state (graces of state).

340. How is God's grace related to our freedom?

God's grace is freely bestowed on a person, and it seeks and summons him to respond in complete freedom. Grace does not compel. God's love wants our free assent. [2001-2002, 2022]

One can also say NO to the offer of grace. Grace, nevertheless, is not something external or foreign to man; it is what he actually yearns for in his deepest freedom. In moving us by his grace, God anticipates man's free response.

341. Can someone earn heaven by good works?

No. No man can gain heaven merely by his own efforts. The fact that we are saved is God's grace, pure and simple, which nevertheless demands the free cooperation of the individual. [2006-2011, 2025-2027]

Although it is grace and faith through which we are saved, nevertheless, our good works ought to show the love produced by God's action in us.

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 21:

5:00 pm +Jacinto Uyham Jr.
Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families
Intention of Vicente Jara
In Thanksgiving of Dominic Reno

Sunday February 22:

9:00 am +Bradley Fernandes

10:30 am +Bonifacio Santos

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday February 23:

9:00 am +James Valladares

Tuesday February 24:

9:00 am Intention of Eva Dvorak

Wednesday February 25:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Wong Family

Thursday February 26:

9:00 am Intention of Ylagan & McLeod Families

Friday February 27

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm In Honour of Mother Mary

Saturday February 28:

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.**

Novalis Living with Christ daily missals for March are available in the gift shop at \$3.50 each.

The following CDs of Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R are also available in the gift shop:

- Songs to Renew Spirit and Heart - \$15.00 each
- Don't Get Me Started - \$10.00 each
(A Collection of Stories)

**2014 Income Tax Receipt
will be available
this weekend after all Masses**

February 22, 2015

SHARELIFE

Together we are continuing to work wonders ...

“Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart... I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other.” - Pope Francis

This reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday - March 1, 2015
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Saturday February 28 and Sunday March 1, 2015

Our annual Membership Drive is next weekend after each Mass. Our Mission Statement is: The Catholic Women’s League of Canada is a National Organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. Annual membership is \$25.00. If you think you can serve your Parish Community with your time and talent, you are invited to join us by signing up with one of our members or for more information call: Gwen Faustin 416-754-3949 or Naomi Patterson-416-493-0963.

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 fjannetta@cc-fs.ca

LENT

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

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

DAY OF CONFESSIONS - MARCH 4, 2015

It is time once again for the celebration of the archdiocesan **Day of Confessions**. This Lenten opportunity is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4, 2015**.

“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation - this most powerful encounter with divine mercy - is essential.” -Thomas Cardinal Collins. On Wednesday March 4, 2015, we will be having a Day of Confessions throughout the Archdiocese.

Confessions at our parish will be available at:

- 10:00 am to 12 noon
- 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 6

The World Day of prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

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We have entered the season of Lent. During Lent, we are called to intensify our prayer-life, practice self-denial and apply ourselves more zealously to **alms-giving** or **works of charity** so as to help our less-fortunate-brothers in need. **RECRUITMENT DRIVE:** St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a recruitment drive this weekend. Please take time to meet our members in the foyer to know more about the Society and be part of this family. We look forward to you joining us.

The SVP donation receipts for the year 2014 are available. Please pick up your receipts on your way out of the Church. We look forward for your continued support.