

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
Human Community

342. Are we all supposed to become “saints”?

Yes. The purpose of our life is to be united with God in love and to correspond entirely to God’s wishes. We should allow God “to live his life in us” (Mother Teresa). That is what it means to be holy: a “saint”. [2012-2016, 2028-2029]

Every man asks himself the question: Who am I and why am I here, how do I find myself? Faith answers: Only in Holiness does man become that for which God created him. Only in holiness does man find real harmony between himself and his Creator. Holiness, however, is not some sort of self-made perfection; rather, it is union with the incarnate love that is Christ. Anyone who gains new life in this way finds himself and becomes holy.

The Church

343. How does the Church help us to lead a good, responsible life?

In the Church we are baptized. In the Church we receive the faith that the Church has preserved intact down through the centuries. In the Church we hear the living Word of God and learn how we must live if we want to please God. Through the Sacraments that Jesus entrusted to his disciples, the Church builds us up, strengthens, and consoles us. In the Church there is the blazing fire of the saints, by which our hearts are kindled. In the Church the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, in which Christ’s sacrifice and strength are renewed for us in such a way that, united with him, we become his Body and live by his strength. Despite all her human weaknesses, apart from the Church no one can be a Christian. [2030-2031, 2047]

344. Why does the Church also make declarations about ethical questions and about matters of personal conduct?

Believing is a path. One learns how to stay on this path, in other words, how to act rightly and to lead a good life, only by following the instructions in the Gospel. The teaching authority (Magisterium) of the Church must remind people also about the demands of the natural moral law. [2032-2040, 2049-2051]

There are not two truths. What is humanly right cannot be wrong from the Christian perspective. And what is right according to Christianity cannot be humanly wrong. That is why the Church must teach comprehensively about moral issues.

**2014 Income Tax Receipt
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 28:

5:00 pm +Tom Ronco
+Juliana Banda
+Julia Kalalian
+Cajetan De Silva of Zanzibal
+Fructoso & Adela Arroyo
Intention of Edith Vasquez

Sunday March 1:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Seeley and
Schembri Families

10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 2:

9:00 am +Lizanne Pecus-Ducharme

Tuesday March 3:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Billing Family

Wednesday March 4:

7:30 pm +Edilberto Acon

Thursday March 5:

9:00 am In Honour of Mother Mary

Friday March 6:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Alcantara Family

Saturday March 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.**

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)

**“He who is of God
hears the words of God.”
(John 8:47)**

March 1, 2015

SHARELIFE

Working wonders in our livelihoods

“The services provided by ShareLife agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference.” - Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Today is ShareLife Sunday. A collection will be taken after each Mass. Please be generous!

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Saturday February 28 and Sunday March 1, 2015

Our annual Membership Drive is this 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.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services—Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Family Services invite you to a Lenten journey of hope and healing. Please join us Thursday evenings throughout Lent from February 26 to March 26, 2015 at **7:00 PM**. The talks will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd. E. on the grounds of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill. Please enter through the Langstaff Road East entrance for our new Funeral Home.

The Presenters will be: Fr. Frank Wagner CSC (February 26), Ms. Sally Amaral (March 5), Ms Susan Morgan (March 12), Fr. Carlos Martins C.C (March 19), and Fr. Ed Curtis (March 26).

For more information contact Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services at 416-733-8544 or Catholic Family Services at 416-921-1163 or visit www.catholic-cemeteries.com

It’s MOVIE TIME! Come & enjoy an evening with family & friends. CWL, St. Aidan Council presents the movie **‘COURAGEOUS’** on Saturday March 14, 2015 after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Church Hall. Tickets at \$5.00 per person available after the weekend Masses of March 1, 7 & 8, 2015. **No Tickets will be sold at the Door.**

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

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to avail themselves of this Sacrament. On **Wednesday March 4, 2015**, we will celebrate a **Day of Confessions** throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

In our parish, the schedule for confessions is as follows:

10:00 am to 12 noon

4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intentions for March

Universal: Scientist - That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: Contribution of women - That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

This summer **The Catholic Girls League and the Youth of St. Aidan’s** would be attending the **Stoubenville Conference in Toronto** geared for students Grade 9 to University Level. We shall have at least two fundraisers on 29th March and the other 2/3 May. March 29th will be an Easter Bake Sale and we ask our parishioners to help us bring the youth of our Community to this amazing event. Any Donations are welcome.

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Lent gives us an opportunity to discipline ourselves. It offers us time to awaken our hearts and minds and prayerfully listen to God’s voice.

A thank you to all those who signed up to be SVP members at our Recruitment Drive last weekend.

BUNDLE-UP WEEKEND March 7th and 8th:

Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes and house-hold linens. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. **DO NOT** put furniture, electric appliances, books or mattresses in the truck. The SVP truck will be in the parking lot on the above dates.

The POOR BOX collection for February was \$966.85.

Thank you for your support.