THIRD SUNADY OF LENT

FROM: <u>YOUCAT</u> Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Church

- 345. What are the "Five Precepts of the Church?
- (1) You shall attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation and abstain from work or activities that offend against the character of the day.
- (2) You shall receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.
- (3) You shall receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- (4) You shall observe the prescribed seasons of fasting and days of abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).
- (5) You shall contribute to the material support of the Church. [2042-2043]

346. What is the purpose of the precepts of the Church, and how binding are they?

The "Five Precepts of the Church" with their minimum requirements are supposed to remind us that one cannot be a Christian without making a moral effort, without participating personally in the sacramental life of the Church, and without union with her in solidarity. They are obligatory for every Catholic Christian. [2041, 2048]

347. Why is "not participating what you preach" such a serious deficiency in a Christian?

Agreement between one's life and one's witness is the first requirement for proclaiming the Gospel. Not practicing what you profess is therefore Hypocrisy, a betrayal of the Christian duty to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world". [2044– 2046]

Paul was the one who reminded the Church in Corinth: "You show that you are a letter from Christ ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on the tablets of human hearts" (2 Cor 3:3). Christians themselves, not the things they say, are Christ's "letter of recommendation" (2 Cor 3:2) to the world.

2014 Income Tax Receipt available in the gift shop after all Masses

The following CDs of Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C>Ss.R are 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)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7:

- 5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganca
 - +Gabriel Noronha
 - +Tristram Patterson
 - +Mark Pereira

+Lizanne Pecus-Ducharme

- +Joel Rosales
- +Joseph Bastiampillai

Sunday March 8:

9:00 am +Giovanna Cannistraci

10:30 am +Giovanni Colosimo

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 9:

9:00 am +Rosario Generalia

Tuesday March 10: 9:00 am +Magtanggol & Bayani Tuazon

Wednesday March 11:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Arulnasan Family

Thursday March 12: 9:00 am +Clement Benedict

Friday March 13:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Carmelita Palma

Saturday March 14:

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.

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.

Religious Articles from the Holy Land will be made available next weekend March 14/15, 2015 in the foyer after all Masses.

March 8, 2015

SHARELIFE

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"When Robert completed high school, there were very few options available to him. Of those options, many were inaccessible due to their remote location and lack of transportation services. We were blessed to find St. Jude's Academy of the Arts. It has been a valuable life saver for Robert and his family. The positive social interaction at St. Jude's has allowed Robert to grow and mature as a person. He has become more independent. St. Jude's educational program has a wonderful, positive impact on Robert and others like him. We are truly grateful for their existence!" Last year, over 43,000 services were provided to people with special needs from ShareLife-supported agencies.

Next ShareLife Sunday—April 12, 2015 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

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 7 & 8, 2015. No Tickets will be sold at the Door.

ST. ANTHONY'S thirteen Tuesday Novena starts Tuesday March 17, 2015 with Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena and Benediction.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Parishioners who want to send in outstanding donations or pledge forms for our parish's Family of Faith campaign are encouraged to send their information directly to the campaign office. Pre-addressed envelopes for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.

Any parishioners with questions or concerns about their donations or pledges are encourage to contact the Donations Processing Centre directly at 416-934-3400 x536 or by email to campaign@archtoronto.org

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 10 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggle involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning April 9th to June 11th at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station).

> For further information, please contact Ian Singer at 416-921-1163

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins Re: Ontario Health & Physical Education Curriculum -February 23, 2015

On Monday, February 23, 2015, the Ontario Government released its revised Health & Physical Education curriculum. The Ministry of Education has indicated the curriculum will be implemented in schools across the province this September. Below is a statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario:

"As Catholics, we understand that parents are the primary educators of their children, and that especially in the teaching of family life issues, the parental role is vital.

For more than 30 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have provided a family life curriculum consistent with our faith. The goal is to present a Catholic view of human life, sexuality, marriage and family, complementing the efforts of parents to teach their children at home.

While Catholic schools have a responsibility to follow the curriculum set out by the Ministry of Education, they have always sought to do so in a way that conveys, respects and models Catholic Christian principles to our students. They will continue this tradition.

A group of Catholic educators will produce resources that support Catholic teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom."

Since 1989, The Institute for Catholic Education (ICE) has coordinated the implementation of the family life curriculum in publicly funded Catholic schools. ICE will serve as the point of contact for further media inquiries.

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The tree penitential practices during Lent - prayer, almsgiving and fasting helps us to prepare us better, to experience God's love. They serve as an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live. Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

Today is Bundle-Up Sunday: Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes and house-hold linens. The SVP truck will be in the parking lot. Thank you for your kind generosity.