

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM: YOUCAT
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church
The Ten Commandments

The First Commandments: I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange Gods before me.

357. Is Atheism always a sin against the First Commandment? **Atheism is not a sin if a person has learned nothing about God or has examined the question about God's existence conscientiously and cannot believe. [2127 - 2128]**

The line between being unable to believe and being unwilling to believe is not clear. The attitude that simply dismisses faith as unimportant, without having examined it more closely, is often worse than well-considered Atheism. 5

358. Why does the Old Testament forbid images of God, and why do we Christians no longer keep that commandment? **In order to protect the mystery of God and to set the people of Israel apart from the idolatrous practices of the pagans, the First Commandment said, "You shall not make for yourself a graven image" (Ex 20:4). However, since God himself acquired a human face in Jesus Christ, the prohibition against images was repealed in Christianity; in the Eastern Church, Icons are even regarded as sacred. [2129-2132, 2141]**

The knowledge of the patriarchs of Israel that God surpasses everything (Transcendence) and is much greater than anything in the world lives on today in Judaism as in Islam, where no image of God is or ever was allowed. In Christianity, in light of Christ's life on earth, the prohibition against images was mitigated from the fourth century on and was abolished at the Second Council of Nicaea (787). By his Incarnation, God is no longer absolutely unimaginable; after Jesus we can picture what he is like: "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). 9

'VOCATION SEEDS'

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 18:

5:00 pm +Roberta Despa
+Emelda & Fred Balasingham
+Joanna Valdez
+Cheng Pui King
Special Intention of Patrick Gonsalves
Intention of Celia Rosary
In Thanksgiving of Lani Esperanza

Sunday April 19:

9:00 am Intentions of the Handmade of the Lord
(Sophie's Household)

10:30 am +Theodolina Sequiera

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday April 20:

9:00 am +Charles Fernandes

Tuesday April 21:

9:00 am +Catherine Chua

Wednesday April 22:

7:30 pm +Bradley Fernandes

Thursday April 23:

9:00 am +Pavulina

Friday April 24:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Ramon Fulo

Saturday April 25:

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

PLEASE PRAY

for students who will make their Confirmation on
Thursday April 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm

AND

for pupils of Grade 2
who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on
Sunday May 3, 2015 at 4:30 pm

April 19, 2015

SHARELIFE

Working wonders in our livelihoods

“My worst day clean is better than my best day using,” exclaims Suzanne, as she shares the details of her past use of drugs and other substance abuse. “I was on medication constantly to deal with the side effects and was a chronic pain patient for 35 years. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. With the support of Catholic Family Services, I was able to finally kick the habit.” The Closed Trauma and Sister mentoring program were crucial to helping Suzanne get her life back on track. The positive influence of CFS program supervisor Valerie Anderson and encouragement from other professional staff gave Suzanne the courage to try again. She sheds ‘tears of joy’ as she now speaks on behalf of CFS, sharing the detailed differences Catholic Family Services has made in her life.

Over 79,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services program.

Our Parish Goal: \$ 43,000.00
Our Donations to Date: \$ 17,607.00

Next ShareLife Sunday - May 3, 2015
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

on Sunday April 26, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in St. Aidan Church or Chapel.

REQUIREMENTS:

- *Must be in Grade 4 or up
- *Serve for a minimum 24 Masses in a year
- *Be attentive before, during and after Mass
- *No registration required
- *Just show up.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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It's that time of the year..... **THE SUMMER CAMPS!!!**
MARYGROVE CAMP: for GIRLS ages 5 - 13

CAMP OZANAM: for BOYS ages 6 - 13

THESE CAMPS ARE FOR THE LESS
FORTUNATE CHILDREN

Registration will take place at the end of all Masses on **April 18-19 and April 25-26, 2015**. Please meet the SVP Members who will be in the foyer for registration. April 23rd is the birth date of our Founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Blessed Ozanam firmly believed and carried out Jesus' message “It is time for us to join actions to our words and to show by our works the vitality of our Faith.

CONFIRMATION

for Students of Grade Seven and Eight

In the Code of Canon Law (c.891) Confirmation is to be administered at the age of discretion, unless the Bishops' Conference has decided on a different age. Accordingly, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have decreed that in the Latin rite the sacrament of confirmation shall be conferred at the age determined in the approved catechetical programme, that is, it is a diocesan decision. The approved catechetical programme for the Archdiocese of Toronto is the Sacramental Preparation in the Archdiocese of Toronto that states the normal time for Confirmation is between 12 and 15 years of age. The expressed interpretation by previous Archbishops has been to regard Grade 8 as the normal time for Confirmation.

Now, as a result of the consultation, I have decided for the Archdiocese of Toronto to change the elementary school Grade for the candidates for Confirmation from 8 to 7. This will take effect September 8, 2015 in terms of the sacramental preparations.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,
Thomas Card. Collins
Cardinal Thomas Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

THANK YOU

We, the members of the Catholic Girls League of St. Aidan's would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to all the parishioners at St. Aidan's for supporting our fundraising event on March 29th. We were able to raise funds with your generous support, which will aid us in enriching our faith at the Steubenville Youth Conference in August, 2015.

ACCEPTANCE..... SEEING WITH HEART

DAY OF RELECTION

For Catholic Parents of
Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons

Saturday 6 June 2015, 9am - 5pm
\$40.00 (includes lunch)

Scarboro Missions

2685 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ontario

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