

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: YOU CAT

Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church The Ten Commandments

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

423. What is the Church's judgment on surrogate motherhood and artificial fertilization?

All assistance in conceiving a child through research and medicine must stop when the common bond of parenthood is loosened and destroyed by intrusion of a third person or when conception becomes a technological act outside of sexual union in marriage. [2374 - 2377]

Out of respect for human dignity, the Church cannot approve of the technologically assisted conception of a child through artificial insemination or fertilization. Every child has in God's plan the right to have a father and a mother, to know his parents, and if at all possible to grow up surrounded by their love. Artificial insemination and fertilization with the sperm of another man or the ovum of another woman (heterologous artificial insemination and fertilization) also destroys the spirit of marriage, in which husband and wife have the right to become a father or a mother only through the other spouse. But even homologous artificial insemination and fertilization (in which the sperm and the ovum come from the spouses) make a child the product of a technological procedure and does not allow it to originate from the loving union of a personal sexual encounter. If the child becomes a product, however, then that leads immediately to cynical questions about product quality and product liability. The Church also rejects pre-implantation diagnosis, which is carried out for the purpose of killing imperfect embryos. Surrogate motherhood, too, in which an artificially conceived embryo is implanted into another woman, is contrary to human dignity. 280

2016 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and are in numerical order. Please take **ONLY** the box with your name on it. **Please discard your 2015 unused envelopes.** For parishioners who wish to use envelopes, please get a registration form from the gift shop.

Thank You for your cooperation!

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday February 13, 2016

6:30 pm St. Aidan Parish Hall

Tickets: Adult & Teens: \$25.00 each

Organized by St. Aidan Knights of Columbus 11332

Tickets will be available in the foyer after all Masses this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: January 23:

5:00 pm +Agnes Gomes

+Felix Dominguez

+Victoria & Gabriel Noronha

+Edna Rideout

+Austin Candappa

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families

Sunday January 24:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Leonor Romilla

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Ronald Bathan

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 25:

9:00 am +Mary Luu

Tuesday January 26:

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Wednesday January 27:

7:30 pm +Nazario Calingasan

Thursday January 28:

9:00 am +Paul & Ellen Loo

Friday January 29:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Diana Webster

Saturday January 30:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
on Fridays starts with Mass at 9:30 am and
concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Please mark your calendar for our Parish Lenten
Mission which will be on Monday March 7, Tuesday
March 8, Wednesday March 9, 2016
at 7:30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A meeting for the parents of the children who are making their First Holy Communion will be held on **Thursday January 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.**

January 24, 2016

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY INDULGENCES

(From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

1471. The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the sacrament of Penance.

What is an indulgence?

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” 81

“An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.” 82 The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

The punishment of sin

1472. To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called “the eternal punishment” of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the “temporal punishment” of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain. 83

1473. The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the “old man” and to put on the “new man.” 84

VISITING THE HOLY DOOR

On Saturday February 6, 2016 at 10:00 am, a chartered coach will leave St. Aidan Church to St. Patrick Church on McCall St., Toronto. Registration will be taken at the gift shop - \$10.00 per person. This trip will be an opportunity for us to gain a plenary indulgence applicable to oneself or to the dead.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

ends tomorrow, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Please continue to pray Jesus' Prayer, “That all may be one.”

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

On Sunday, January 31, 2016, at St. Paul's Basilica, 3:00 pm, there will be a special Mass to close the Jubilee Year for Consecrated Life. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at the Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. **All are welcome to attend!**

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINES OF QUEBEC

Friday July 1 - Monday July 4, 2016

Organized by the Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council. Please read the poster in the foyer for more detailed information.

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“It is in giving that we receive” - Don Bosco

Through our caring and compassion, our listening and loving, we can truly enjoy the joy and satisfaction of being of help to our neighbour-in-need.

Your generous contribution to the POOR BOX every Sunday is wonderful testimony of the many blessings received from God. Please continue the good work and may God bless you in every way for your kind generosity.

Just a friendly reminder. Those preparing the “Thunder & Lightning” casseroles to please fill-in ALL details as requested on the label. The casseroles will be picked up on the First Friday of the month.