# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

433. How do we treat property that belongs to everyone? Vandalism and deliberately damaging public facilities and common property are forms of theft, and restitution must be made. [2409]

434. May a Christian make bets and play games of chance? Betting and gambling are immoral and dangerous when the gambler risks his livelihood. It becomes even worse if he risks the livelihood of other people, especially of those who entrusted to his care. [2413]

Morally speaking, it is a highly dubious practice to wager large sums on a game of chance while others lack the bare necessities of life. Betting and gambling, furthermore, can be addictive and enslave people.

435. Is it permissible to "buy" and "sell" human beings? No human being, not even parts of a human being, may be turned into commodities, nor may a person make himself a commodity. Man belongs to God and has been endowed by him with freedom and dignity. Buying and selling people, as is common practice nowadays, and not only prostitution, is a profoundly reprehensible act. [2414]

Trafficking in organs for transplantation and in embryos for the biotech industry or in children for purposes of adoption, the recruiting of child soldiers, prostitution-the age —old injustice of trafficking in human beings and slavery is reappearing everywhere. People are deprived of their freedom, their dignity, and their right of self-determination, even of their lives. Others reduce them to objects with which their owner can make a profit. Human trafficking in the strict sense should be distinguished from dealings between sports teams. Here, too, there is talk about "buying" and "selling" players, but of course these are transactions that presuppose the athletes' free consent. 280

### 'VOCATION SEEDS'

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday: March 5:** 

5:00 pm +Joel Rosales

+Jacinta Marie Gonzaga

+Gabriel Noronha

+Esperanse & Felix D'Souza

+Shilo Bernardino +George Bastian

+Joseph Bastiampillai

# **Sunday March 6:**

9:00 am +Giovanna Canistraci

10:30 am Special Blessings for Patrick Cheung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

# Monday March 7:

9:00 am +Giambaotixita & Maria Lai-Tran

#### **Tuesday March 8:**

9:00 am +Guise & Maria Tran

#### **Wednesday March 9:**

7:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza

#### **Thursday March 10:**

9:00 am +Dominico & Maria Dang-Bui

#### Friday March 11:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Lourdh Savarimuthu

#### **Saturday March 12:**

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

will start tomorrow Monday March 7, Tuesday March 8, Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Led by Fr. Bill Lordon from Regina Mundi Renewal Centre.

Please make it a point to come!

#### **HOLY DOOR**

The next trip to the Holy Door will be on Saturday March 12, 2016 at St. Paul Basilica on Power St., Toronto. The bus leaves at 10:00 am. Since the bus is fully booked anyone who wishes to go on their own, can join the group in the Church.

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#### **SHARELIFE**

# Working wonders for people locally and around the world.....

Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some, it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to help your brothers and sisters in Christ, and make a contribution to our annual appeal. You will be helping to make a difference - indeed you will be working wonders!

A second Collection will be taken up next Sunday at each Mass.

Our 2016 suggested ShareLife Parish Goal is \$42,500.00 Next Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously. You can work wonders!

#### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

# Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit **CanadiansforConscience.ca** and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1,2016.

# APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS Prayers for March

**Universal: Families in Difficulty -** That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environment.

**Evangelization: Persecuted Christians -** That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

#### **DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

As in previous years, all the parishes of the Archdiocese will be holding a Day of Confessions before Easter. At St. Aidan Church, the Day of Confessions will be on

Thursday March 10, 2016 10:00 am - 12 noon 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### **NEW RCIA COURSE**

New RCIA class commences from April 10, 2016 until approximately end of September 2016.

Anyone who would like to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) is required to attend classes on Sundays from 10am to 11:45 am in the Chapel.

Do you have questions? Do you know anyone who wants to become Catholic? Please see Fr. Joseph Sultana.

# **MOVIE TIME**

St. Aidan Parish invites all parishioners to a Lenten Movie - The Passion of Christ on Sunday 20th March 2016 at 2 pm - organized by the Catholic Girls League. A Light snack will be served. Registration is required. Donation of \$5.00. Registration will be taken at the foyer after all Masses this weekend.

#### 2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPT

will be available after all Masses in the foyer this week-

**ST. ANTHONY THIRTEEN TUESDAY NOVENA** will start on **Tuesday March 15, 2016** with Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena and Benediction.

# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT THE PAUL Tel: 647 772 1319 www.svdptoronto.org

Our loving God has given us gifts and talents, for our good and the good of others. Lent reminds us that we all need to "come to ourselves" - to know who we really are and how we use His gifts. As we reflect on the many blessings and gifts we have received, let us remind ourselves of our **less fortunate brethren** who struggle to meet their basic needs!

The POOR BOX collection for February was \$1,317.70. Thank you for your kind generosity.

#### THIS IS BUNDLE-UP WEEKEND:

Please support the SVP Program by bringing in your gently used clothes and house-hold linens. The SVP container will be in the parking lot. Thank you for your support.