

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT Occupation and Vocation

HUMAN WORK

134. What does it mean for a human being to work?

To be able to work, to have work, and to be able to accomplish something for oneself and for others is a great source of happiness for many people. To be unemployed, not to be needed, takes the dignity away from a person. Through work man develops his inclinations and abilities and participates in economic, societal, and cultural development. Work plays a major role in God's plan. God commanded man to subdue the earth (Gen 1:28), to protect and cultivate it. Work can be a valuable service to one's fellowmen. Even more: to cultivate the earth in a sustainable way and creativity to develop its further potential makes man like his Creator. Doing simple tasks well also unites a person with Jesus, who was a worker himself.

135. Is work a punishment from God?

Every now and then you read that work is God's punishment for the original sin of Adam. But that is not correct. According to the biblical account of creation, work is instead an essential part of man as a creature. In Genesis 2:15 the man receives the instruction to till and keep the Garden of Eden. But after Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commandment not to eat "of the tree of knowledge of good and evil" (Gen 2:17), in other words, after the Fall, God curses the ground that the man must cultivate. Since then the toil has been burdensome, and man must work hard to feed himself and his family. From the biblical perspective, God's punishment for the Fall is not work itself, but rather the hardship of work.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him and answered his need. Bartimeaus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you grace of a Church vocation,

call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
email: vocations@archtoronto.org
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O my Jesus, how much a soul can do - when ablaze with
your love! - Saint Teresa of Jesus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 27:

5:00 pm +Basilio Sanchez
+Guilherme & Esther De Souza
+Albert Remedios
+Celia Rosary
+Wilfred & Louis Dos Santos
+Elpidio & Maxima Almeida
Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families
In Thanksgiving of Anton Perera

Sunday October 28:

9:00 am +Nemesio & Juanita Manalansan
10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Loong Family
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday October 29:

9:00 am +Briccio Alcaraz Jr.

Tuesday October 30:

9:00am +Peter & Angela Mendes

Wednesday October 31:

7:30 pm +Herminia & Felisa Tan

Thursday November 1:

9:00 am All Saints

Friday November 2:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm All Souls

Saturday November 3:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Fridays with Mass at 9:30am and concluded
with devotions and Benediction at 7:00 pm.
Mass at 7:30 pm.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intention of Daphne Parham

When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard
more than that proceeding from the mouth.
- Saint Bonaventure -

October 28, 2018

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased relatives and friends in the book. Prayers will be offered for them at all the Masses during the whole month of November.

MEETING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Tuesday October 30 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Parents need to attend this meeting to register their children and find out more information regarding their child's first Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

COLOGNES, PERFUMES, AND AFTER SHAVE

Please avoid using these products when coming to church. More and more people are allergic, and while you may not notice it, the fragrance is too overpowering.

THEFTS IN CHURCH

Please do not leave purses, cell phones or valuables in the pews, even when just going up for Communion. Also do not give any money to people begging on church property. A number of thefts have recently occurred on church property.

COLLECTION BASKET

Please note, that in accordance with liturgical guidelines, the collection basket will no longer be placed by the altar.

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"Let us do our duty well; let us go straight to God; let us work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable." - St. Vincent de Paul

The act of charity is extending beyond one's immediate family and friends - to everyone, especially the marginalized - expressed in spiritual, material and financial support.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. A friendly reminder that the T&L casserole will be picked up on Friday November 2nd.

To undertake the journey to God the heart must be burned with the fire of divine love and purified.
- Saint John of the Cross -

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the lay catechists who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

We would like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre-authorized giving at any time of the year. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering, and if they wish their ShareLife offering using the "Direct Debit" system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is being widely used in Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it. This is a very convenient way to support your parish even in your absence.

Forms can be picked up at the gift shop and brought to the parish office. Please be assured all information is strictly confidential.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Where to send payments:

Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith Campaign. To help ensure our parish benefits from your help on a timely basis, please make sure your payment information is up-to-date. Donations/payments can be sent directly to the Donation Processing Centre. The address is: Donation Processing Centre
Family of Faith Campaign
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
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You should contact the Centre when your address changes, your payment method/information changes (e.g. a new card or a new card expiry date). The email address is campaign@archtoronto.org and telephone is 416 934 3400 ext 555.

MOVING?

Please remember when you move to let us know, so that we can keep our files up-to-date. Also, if you are new in the parish, please register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved so they too can update their records.