

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: DOCAT Occupation and Vocation

HUMAN WORK

144. What does the principle “labor before capital” mean?

One consequence of the subjective dimension of work is “the principle of the priority of labor over capital” (LE 12). This is because a human being owns capital as an external object, whereas work is inseparable from the human being who performs it and from his dignity. No reference to the interests of capital, the demands of competition, or the rigors of globalization can justify demeaning, exploitative wages and working conditions.

145. What does the Church’s social teaching mean by demanding the participation of workers?

At the core of the worker question was the fact that the workers shared inadequately in the economic prosperity that society had attained through industrialization and the market economy. In the early phase of industrialization, factory workers were often treated like “human machines”. In society they were marginalized. We find the same situation today in many developing and emerging nations. Against this backdrop, one of the central demands of the Church’s social teaching has always been genuine participation of workers. This means, on the one hand, their participation in the business: the workers should have a say about their workplace. On the other hand, it means participation in society and government: workers should be able to live as full citizen with the attendant rights and duties.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life.” Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
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- 2019 Sunday Missals at \$5.00 each
- Catholic Missions in Canada 2019 Calendar @ \$5.00 each
- Christmas Cakes @ \$20.00 per box

Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links
the soul with its Creator.
- St. Catherine of Siena -

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 1:

5:00 pm +Cristeta Pacampara
+Ursula De Castro
+Evelyn & Carmelita
+Amando Sr. & Loreto Lanot
In Honour of St. Anthony
In Thanksgiving of Trini James
Birthday Blessings for Louisa Dos Santos
Birthday Blessings for Maurice Campanilla

Sunday December 2:

9:00 am +Franca Cuda

10:30 am 40th Wedding Anniversary of Mervyn
and Renee Doss

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 3:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

Tuesday December 4:

9:00am Deceased Members of Mendes Family

Wednesday December 5:

7:30 pm +Augustino Dias

Thursday December 6:

9:00 am +Wilson Sequeira

Friday December 7:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Manuel & Maggie Braganza Alphonso

Saturday December 8:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS

Due to a lack of adores on Friday afternoons, we will only have adoration from 9:30 am Mass till 12:30 pm, and then 6:00 pm till the evening Mass.

EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS’ TRAINING

Those of you who already serve at Mass, please note that we will have a training session on Saturday December 8, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the church. A number of things need to be addressed regarding serving.

December 2, 2018

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of December

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the condition of the present time.

JANITOR/CUSTODIAN FOR ST. AIDAN CHURCH

We are in the process of hiring a full time Janitor/Custodian for our Parish. Please go to the Archdiocesan Website or to indeed.com for more information. Deadline for applying is December 17.

EDGE - CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK

this Sunday December 2 after the 12 noon Mass in the Parish Hall. All Students: Grade 6 to 8 invited! There will be no meeting on the 3rd Saturday for December

SOCKS, PEANUT BUTTER & CRACKERS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council would like to thank you for your support towards this project. To date we have collected 234 Jars of Peanut Butter, 1400 pairs of socks and 361 boxes of crackers. Our goal to collect 2,019 peanut butter jars, socks and crackers ends this weekend December 1/2. Thank you once again for supporting us with this project.

CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING

Chalice is a Catholic Charity assisting the poor in 15 developing countries primarily through sponsorship of children. Anyone can send a Christmas gift to some of these children through chalice.ca. Please consider extending your charitable works to help these little ones. Catalogue available in the Gift Shop for viewing.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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At the beginning of Advent, we offer this following prayer through our Patron, St. Vincent:

Pray for us to our beloved God that we may commit ourselves selflessly to doing the same charitable acts that you did all your life, and intercede with Him that we may have the favor of His guidance and strength and love upon this important and meaningful work. Amen

Bundle-Up Weekend: December 1/2: The SVP container will be in the parking lot on these dates. Please bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linens and small household goods. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. We do not accept appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material. Your generosity will help those in need.

Thank you also for your generous donation to the POOR BOX after each Mass.

2018 CHRISTMAS & 2019 NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Monday December 24: Christmas Eve

9:00 am - Mass
7:30 pm - Christmas Carols
8:00 pm - Mass
11:30 pm - Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight—Mass

Tuesday December 25: Christmas Day

Mass - 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

Monday December 31: New Year's Eve

9:00 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Mass

Tuesday January 1, 2019: New Year's Day

Mass - 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

SEASON OF ADVENT

(Fr. William Saunders)

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last Week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls.

Despite the sketchy history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains focus on the coming of the Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming) The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No.524).

Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into the world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

**We shall steer through every storm,
so long as our heart is right,
our intention fervent, our courage
steadfast, and our trust fixed on God.
- St. Francis Xavier -**