

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**FROM: DOCAT**  
**Occupation and Vocation**  
**HUMAN WORK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

## **148. Is there a right to work?**

For the great majority of people, employment is the most important and often the only source of income. But not just that: work is an essential dimension of human self-realization and participation in society. Conversely, unemployment means more than just the material loss of income. Unemployment often means loneliness, self-doubt, social stigma, and sickness. The social doctrine of the Church therefore speaks about a moral right to work. All societal forces-businesses, labor unions, politics - are under an obligation to promote this right to work and to pursue the goal of the full employment of the population.

## **149. What is the relation between work and family life?**

It often looks as though the working world and family life make conflicting and irreconcilable demands. However, work contributes toward creating a material and moral foundation for family life. Wages ensure the family's livelihood, and parents who hold jobs are an important example to growing children. Nevertheless, for many people, juggling family and occupation is no easy task. This is true precisely when both father and mother wish to or have to pursue an occupation. Employers, unions, and government policies must therefore make a common effort to develop new, flexible models for employment, which make it more practical to combine occupation and family.

## **150. What does Catholic social teaching say on the topic of women in the working force?**

In the highly developed countries of the Western world, the emancipation of women has made much progress: the Church welcomes and supports it. Women should be equally entitled to play a role in all areas of society. The prerequisite for this, however, is that the specific situation of women must be taken into account. Pregnant women and mothers in particular need special protection under the law and from society as a whole. This is true especially with regard to the working world. In many parts of the world this is not yet the case. Women in many places are subjected to demeaning discrimination and exploitation. The State, society, and the Church must oppose this injustice resolutely.

### **'VOCATION SEEDS'**

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,**

**Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**

**email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)**

**[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

## **Saturday December 15:**

5:00 pm +Noel Geniza  
+Guilherme & Esther De Souza  
+Susana & Aloysious Ng  
+Darwin Currie  
+Everest Belgrave  
+Pedro Bolo Jr.  
+Gabriel Noronha  
+Anton Bastian

## **Sunday December 16:**

9:00 am +Inacio Fernandes  
  
10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Vic Atienza  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

## **Monday December 17:**

9:00 am +Rafael Sr. & Maria Atizado

## **Tuesday December 18:**

9:00am Intention of Georgina Jose

## **Wednesday December 19:**

7:30 pm +Glenda Alary Crocco

## **Thursday December 20:**

9:00 am +Marie Angelo

## **Friday December 21:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Asuncion Jara

## **Saturday December 22:**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAYS**

Due to a lack of adorers 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.

### **The following are available in the Gift Shop:**

2019 Sunday Missal at \$5.00 each  
Catholic Mission in Canada 2019 Calendar @ \$5.00 each  
Christmas Cakes @ \$20.00 per box  
Novalis monthly "Living with Christ" for \$3.50 each

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

In Thanksgiving of Naomi & Ivor Patterson

# December 16, 2018

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## 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](http://indeed.com) for more information. Deadline for applying is December 17.

## 2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and arranged in **numerical order**. Please take **ONLY** the box with your name on it; use these envelopes starting January 1, 2019 and discard your 2018 unused envelopes. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop.

**Thank You for your cooperation**

## CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

Throughout the Archdiocese most parishes will have extra times for confession during the week of December 17-22.

At St. Aidan's Fr. Steven will be in the church for confessions on:

Monday December 17 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday December 19 from 6:30 pm - 7:25 pm  
Thursday December 20 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friday December 21 from 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm  
Saturday December 22 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Please note that we also have the regularly scheduled times for confessions which is 20 minutes before each Mass (except Friday evenings), as well as Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 4:55pm

## NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Please note our new parish website for St. Aidan's Church is: [staidanssc.archtoronto.org](http://staidanssc.archtoronto.org)

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tel: 647 772 1319 [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

"Mankind is a great, an immense family ... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas"

- Pope John XXIII -

We thank God for all His wonderful blessings! In turn, we are inspired to give our brothers and sisters in need. Please use the SVP Christmas donation envelopes at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your contribution to the POOR BOX after Mass and also to all who prepared the Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre.

## 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

## NATIVITY SET RAFFLE

The **Nativity Set** which is on display at the entrance of the Church is being raffled off through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, St. Aidan Council. They will be selling tickets till December 23 when the winning ticket will be drawn by Fr. Steven right after the 12 noon Mass. Half the proceeds will go towards St. Aidan's Church the other half for a worthy cause.

Tickets are: 1 for \$2.00  
3 for \$5.00

## SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

This Sunday Dec.16 is the last day for this program. It will resume on January 13, 2019.

## BIBLE VERSE FOR ADVENT

"The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare the way - a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'"

- Mark 1: 1-3

## A MORNING PRAYER

God, please enlightens my mind with truth;  
Inflame my heart with love;  
Inflame my will with courage;  
Enrich my life with service.  
Pardon what I have been;  
Sanctify what I am;  
And order what I shall be.  
Amen