

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: DOCAT Occupation and Vocation HUMAN WORK

MASS INTENTIONS

151. What does the Church's social teaching say about the issue of child labor?

In the early phase of industrialization, the exploitation of children through child labor was one of the great scandals in America and Europe. Even today child labor is widespread in the emerging and developing nations. Often sheer economic deprivation is what forces families to put their children to work for wages. The goal, therefore, must be to create social conditions throughout the world that offer all families a secure means of livelihood without any need for children to contribute to the family income. Under no circumstances should child labor be tolerated if it harms the children's intellectual and physical development. The exploitation and enslavement of children is an injustice that cries out to heaven.

152. How do we deal fairly with the phenomenon of migrant workers?

In today's world there are great imbalances between poor and rich countries and regions. Therefore, many people today leave their homes to find jobs and wages in densely populated areas or in other countries. These people are called migrant workers. If a country decides to welcome migrant workers, then they must not be treated as second-class laborers. In no case may migrant workers be exploited; in their work they must have the same rights and receive the same wages as the local employees. Moreover, they must be respected as a human beings who are not just laborers. In particular, the right of migrant workers to bring their families after them must be respected. The State, the business community, and society are obliged to make efforts to integrate migrant workers into society comprehensively.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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

www.vocationstoronto.ca

The following are available in the Gift Shop:

- 2019 Sunday Missal at \$5.00 each
- Christmas Cakes at \$20.00 each
- Novalis monthly missal "Living with Christ" at \$3.50 each

Collection of Socks, Peanut Butter and Crackers

On behalf of the Catholic Women's League we wish to thank you for your very generous contributions. A few more donations came in after our deadline so we are including them in our final count. We collected 2029 socks, 375 jars of peanut butter and 521 boxes of crackers. Way to go St. Aidan's parishioners!

Saturday December 22:

5:00 pm +Pedro Bolo Jr.
+Gasper D'Souza
+Evelyn & Teresa Berenguer
+Eva del Pilar
+Fernando David
+Luiza Pinto
In Thanksgiving of Luisa Chan
In Thanksgiving of Vijitha

Sunday December 23:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza
10:30 am +Crisante & Ricardo Sr. Manalo
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 24:

9:00 am +Pauline Mendoza
8:00 pm Celebrant's Intentions
12:00 Midnight Celebrant;s Intention

Tuesday December 25:

9:00am Celebrant Intention
10:30 am Celebrant's Intention
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Wednesday December 26:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Cecilia Romilla

Thursday December 27:

9:00 am +Pedro Bolo Jr.

Friday December 28:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Ylagan and
McLeod Families

Saturday December 29:

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.

December 23, 2018

MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVEN SZAKACZKI

Dear Parishioners, With suggestions and assistance from the Parish Council and the Finance Council we have undertaken various church improvement projects. To save costs and reduce output, we have installed new high efficiency, exterior lights for the church (just completed this past week). We've done some minor repairs on our leaky roof to help us through the winter. We have plans to redo most of the roof in the spring since this is badly needed. We are also in the planning stage of renovating and updating our bathrooms and adding an additional bathroom. We are hiring a janitor to help with church maintenance and keep things clean.

I want to thank all of you for your support, generosity and for having been so kind and welcoming towards me as I have settled into parish life here at St. Aidan's. I am very happy to be a part of your parish family and to work with all of you for the good of this parish. May you have

**A Blessed Christmas and a Joy Filled New Year!
Take care and God bless you, in Jesus through Mary.**

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

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Please note our new parish website for St. Aidan's Church is: staidanssc.archtoronto.org

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tel: 647 772 1319

www.svdptoronto.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Thank You** for your unceasing support in helping us to serve our neighbor-in-need in our parish, as a loving and caring family. On behalf of the many families **YOU** have helped throughout the year, we thank you. We thank you for your prayers, to all those who contributed in making the Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre, contributing to the Poor Box weekly, and bringing in donations to the SVP container in the parking lot when scheduled. We wish you all a **Christmas filled with love, peace and joy from our lord Jesus!**

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." (Charles Dickens)

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

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT

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 4:45 pm.

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

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

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

On Sat. Dec. 29th, at 6:15 pm in the parish hall, we will be showing the movie, "The Christmas Box" which is about a ski-shop owner who reluctantly moves his family to an estate as live-in help for an elderly, wealthy widow. The husband's workaholic personality soon begins to take its toll on his family and the widow. He has recurring dreams about an angel; until he learns a surprising secret which unlocks the true meaning of Christmas. The movie is free, pizza and pop will be available for \$5. Fr. Steven will lead a discussion during half time and after the movie.