

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**FROM: DOCAT  
ONE WORLD ONE HUMANITY  
The International Community**

**247. What is the Vatican’s role in international politics?**  
As a worldwide Church, the Catholic Church has a global structure and centuries of global experience. As a State, the Holy See can participate in international politics. The Holy See can therefore send ambassadors (nuncios), conclude treaties with other States, take part in supra-governmental organizations (for example, the United Nations and its subsidiary organizations), and mediate in international conflicts. The objective of all this activity is to promote the cooperation of the international community, to support it on its path toward the greater common good within the human family, to demand human rights and human dignity for all, and to assist and accompany all mankind on the way to justice and peace.

**248. Why is migration a controversial issue?**  
There are many reasons for leaving one’s native land: the poverty and misery of the population, lack of freedom and democracy, political persecution as well as conflicts and wars in the native land, or simply the desire to live in another culture or place. Besides the migrants who live legally in the countries to which they immigrated, there are also many “illegal aliens”, who often stay in hiding in society because they have no residence permit. The lives of these people are often marked by a constant fear of discovery, arrest, and deportation. As a result, they are sometimes deprived of fundamental rights. People without a residence permit often do not risk seeking medical care, resisting exploitative working arrangements, or sending their children to school - their fear of being discovered and deported is too great. But the Church says quite clearly: Even people without residence permits have human rights, which must not be denied them.

## SHARELIFE

### We did it together

It’s impossible to quantify how you, the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto, are making your communities more caring and compassionate. But there is a number worth celebrating: \$13 million. That is how much was raised by thousands of people in over 200 parishes through the 2019 ShareLife Parish Campaign. The Holy Spirit inspired you to reach out to those in need, and you responded generously. You have lived the Gospel and, on behalf of ShareLife agencies and those they serve, we can never thank you enough.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday November 30:

- 5:00 pm +Virginia Gonzalez
- +Grace Misquita
- +Anamary Bastiampillai
- +Anton Sebastiangillai
- +Helen Nadarajah
- Deceased Members of De Silva and Fernandes Families
- In Thanksgiving of Dolly Tan
- Birthday Blessings for Elizabeth and Aaron Yeoh

### Sunday December 1:

- 9:00 am +Frank Kolhatkar
- 10:30 am +Fred & Emelda Balasingham
- 12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday December 2:

- 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday December 3:

- 9:00 am +Anna Lau

### Wednesday December 4:

- 7:30 pm +Mary Singeryer

### Thursday December 5:

- 9:00 am +Rosie Pena

### Friday December 6:

- 9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention
- 7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Leonore Lacuna

### Saturday December 7:

- 9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

## SANCTUARY LAMP

In Thanksgiving of Patterson Family

- The following are available in the gift shop:**
- Right to Life Christmas Cards @ \$7.00 per pkg of 10

**In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey .... across the paths of time.  
- Pope Francis -**

# December 1, 2019

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## 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

## CHALICE CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic child sponsorship organization supporting nearly 50,000 children and their families in developing countries. This catalogue offers you the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of a loved-one while at the same time helping needy families. You will find gifts to fit every budget and will receive an official tax receipt. For more information, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca), or contact your local Chalice champion, Patricia Lobo at 416-895-4627.

## 2020 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, 2020 and discard your 2019 unused envelopes**.

New parishioners who wish to use donation envelope, please register in the gift shop.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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“You say you are not happy in the Mission. That, in itself, is not a sign that God does not want you there. Perfect contentment is never to be found, in whatever place and condition one may be. This life is full of annoyances and troubles both of mind and of body; it is a state of continual agitation, which snatches peace of mind from those who think they possess it and eludes those who seek it. Did our Lord lead an easy life? ..... Put your trust in Him and following His example, always act humbly, graciously, and in good faith.” - St. Vincent de Paul -

Just a gentle reminder that Bundle-Up weekend will be on **December 7/8**: Please put your tied bag(s) of warm clothing, bed linens, draperies, and small household items in the SVP Container which will be in the parking lot. Also, on **Dec 6, First Friday**, your **Thunder & Lightning frozen casseroles** will be picked up. Thank you for your kind generosity; and remember the **Poor Box**.

## “MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

A Catholic Church is the temple of God. We should be respectful of God’s actual presence in the Tabernacle. Part of what this means is that we shouldn’t be talking to our neighbour while in church. While in church we should be thinking about the things of God and praying, not talking or checking phone messages. Note that talking in church disturbs and distracts those trying to pray.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This feast is normally celebrated on December 8 but this year it will be celebrated on Monday December 9th. In addition to our morning 9:00 am Mass we will also have an evening 7:30 pm Mass on Monday December 9th.

## LIVING ROSARY

on Monday December 9, at 6:30 pm followed by the Mass at 7:30 pm.

## PARISH CONFESSIONS in Preparation for Christmas

On **Tuesday December 17**, there will be a few priests available to hear your confession 7:00pm to 9:00pm. May our hearts be pure as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

## SPIRITUS VIA: Young Adults Age 19-35

Join us, as together we remind ourselves the true meaning of advent and prepare the way for Jesus’ coming. We will dig deeper in understanding Advent as we listen to a talk on what it is and how we can celebrate this season on **Wednesday December 4 from 7-9pm at Our Lady of Poland Parish, 625 Middlefield Road.**

For more information contact Amanda Onilla at [spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org](mailto:spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org) or 416-599-7676.

## ST. AIDAN EDGE YOUTH GROUP Christmas Party

All youth in grade 6-12 are invited to attend a **Christmas Party on Saturday December 14, from 6-8:30pm** after the 5pm Mass for an evening of fun games and great company. There will be a **Potluck dinner** so all youth are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. Feel free to bring a friend or two!