

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: DOCAT ONE WORLD ONE HUMANITY The International Community

249. How should migrants be treated, in keeping with the unity of the human family?

Often migrants are turned away from countries even when that means tolerating human rights violations. Thus many people drown while travelling from Africa to Europe or, after arrival, are sent to camps with degrading conditions or else are often sent back without sufficient examination of their legal claims. As Christians see them, however, these people are not just citizens of a country but are always members of the human family as well. That is why it is a moral duty to provide refuge for those who in their homeland are subject to persecution or suffer from dire need. People do not leave their homeland without a reason. As long as there is no real international collaboration for the truly just development of all nations, people will seek to migrate to other countries looking for a better life.

250. How is the Catholic Church involved in this area?

For many years, throughout the world, the Catholic Church has been an advocate for migrants, including the group of “undocumented” or “illegal” aliens. In doing so, she cites the preferential option for the poor and Jesus’ identification with the marginalized and the forgotten. Catholic teaching can be summarized in a number of key points. First, people have the right to migrate in order to support themselves and their families. Second, nations have the right to regulate their borders. Third, refugees and asylum seekers should be given protection. Fourth, human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regarding this last point, as the U.S. and Mexican bishops have stated, “Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment from enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary” (*Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, A Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States [2003], no. 38;cf. nos 35-37). It is not enough to help only in individual cases; it is also the Church’s task to prompt legislators to pass more humane laws.

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandoned ship, but to keep her on her course.

- St. Boniface -

Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction.

- St. Romuald -

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 7:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Catalina Balagtas
+Armando Sr. & Loreto Lanot
+Evelyn Berenguer
Deceased Members of Patience Family
and Friends
In Thanksgiving of Tyfany Patterson-Norrie
Carol Yung
Teresa de Souza

Sunday December 8:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza
10:30 am +Rev. Fr. Joseph Fenech
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 9:

9:00 am +Peter Almeida
7:30 pm Celebrant’s Intention

Tuesday December 10:

9:00 am +Frosey Dionisio

Wednesday December 11:

7:30 pm Brenda & Clifford

Thursday December 12:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Baylosis Family

Friday December 13:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention
7:30 pm +Rosy Fernandes

Saturday December 14

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

The following are available in the gift shop:

- Right to Life Christmas Cards @ \$7.00 per pkg of 10
- Novalis Living with Christ for the month of January 2020 @ \$4.00 each

You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke, which should never be used except in necessity.

- Saint Angela Merici -

December 8, 2019

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

It is in the colder months that we tend to catch a cold or the flu. Be sure to wash your hands before coming to Church. Most of the germs we catch are transmitted by hand. If you are receiving Communion in the hand, you should be especially careful to ensure that your hands are clean. You should not be receiving on the hand if you have a Kleenex or rosary in your hand.

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, 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 envelopes, please register in the gift shop.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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The Church has begun the Advent Season - a season of hope and spiritual preparation for our Lord Jesus' coming at Christmas. Since the First Christmas when He came on earth, He has continued to be with us. Jesus is our Hope and Salvation.

This is a reminder Bundle-Up Weekend is this weekend, December 7/8 when the SVP container will be in the Church's parking lot for your donations: gently used warm clothing, blankets, bed linens, draperies, small household items. Please do not bring electronic appliances, dishes, furniture, cribs, strollers, books and mattresses. Many thanks for your Thunder & Lightning casseroles, and for your contributions to the Poor Boxes. God bless you!

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances."
(St. Vincent de Paul)

2019 CHRISTMAS and 2020 NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Tuesday December 24: Christmas Eve

9:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Christmas Carols
7:00 pm Mass
8:30 pm Christmas Carols
9:00 pm Mass
11:30 pm Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday December 25: Christmas Day

Mass: 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12 Noon
No Evening Mass

Tuesday December 31: New Year's Eve

9:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday January 1, 2020: New Year's Day

Mass: 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12 Noon
No Evening Mass

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.

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!

A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.

- St. Faustina -