

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## **FROM: DOCAT** **ONE WORLD ONE HUMANITY** **The Issue of Fair Trade**

### **254. How does fair trade work?**

Fair trade helps to fight poverty on several continents, especially rural areas. The living conditions of producers and laborers in various developing countries are thereby improved and made more dignified. Furthermore, fair trade can contribute to changes in heavily one-sided relationships of power and thus help reduce the number of dependencies.

### **255. Is fair trade enough to solve problems of poverty?**

No, not by far. Fair trade must be further developed in order for its positive effects to unfold. It is not enough if individual organizations and firms commit themselves to the appropriate principles. In the long term, all trade relations worldwide must be guided by the criteria of fair trade. For that to happen, it is essential that members of the international community also work intensively or commit themselves to the promotion of responsible, humane trade relations in solidarity with all peoples. They have made a good start. The important thing in the next few years will be for more and more people to exert pressure on the political and economic forces by demanding, buying, and using fair trade products.

### **‘VOCATION SEEDS’**

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord command him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

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### **VOCATION AWARENESS**

**Christ spoke of the talents** each of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His Kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the kingdom.

### **CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

last Sunday class will be today December 22. It will resume on Sunday January 12, 2020.

**We wish you all a “Merry Christmas & A happy New Year!”**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday December 21:**

5:00 pm +Asuncion Jara  
+Susana & Aloysius Ng  
+Rocky Fernandes  
+Ramitina & Simon Fernandes  
+Bernardina Cruz  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Deceased Members of Seeley and  
Schembri Families  
Angela De Souza

### **Sunday December 22:**

9:00 am +Marie Angelo  
  
10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### **Monday December 23:**

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Leon and  
Antonio De Souza

### **Tuesday December 24:**

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention  
  
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
  
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
  
12:00 midnight Christmas Mass

### **Wednesday December 25:**

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass  
  
10:30 am Christmas Day Mass  
  
12:00 pm Christmas Day Mass

### **Thursday December 26:**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Cecilia Romilla

### **Friday December 27:**

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention  
  
7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Acheron-Vasquez Family

### **Saturday December 28:**

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

# December 22, 2019

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## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from Fr. Steven

Our roof replacement over the church should have finished sometime mid November but the early heavy snowfalls delayed their work. We are hopeful that they should be finished very soon. Thank you for all your financial support (your donations to the Building Fund) and patience with this undertaking.

I want to thank all of you for your support and financial contributions to our parish. I am very happy to be working with all of you to help make our parish a better place for everyone.

**May you have a blessed Christmas and  
a joy filled New year!**

## MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

Wearing our Sunday best, or at least wearing decent attire, is done to honour our Lord and to remind ourselves that every Mass is an extremely special event. This is also why priests get dressed up in fancy liturgical vestments. Think about it, God actually comes to us in the Eucharist! The sacrifice of Calvary actually becomes present on our altars and we are fortunate to benefit by our participation in offering this Sacrifice in union with Jesus to our heavenly Father. It is because of this sacrifice of Jesus that we have had our sins forgiven and no longer have to fear Hell but can hope for Heaven. When coming to church, women traditionally covered their heads with a veil, and can still do so or wear hats in church. Men are not permitted to wear a hat or any head covering in church. An exception might be someone who has to wear a head bandana on account of his unsightly surgical scars. Other exceptions might be a priest's biretta or a bishop's miter.

## 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.

## REMINDER

to all parishioners that December 31st is the deadline for donations to be included in a 2019 Tax receipt.

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

## 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**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### 2020 Ontario Charities Lottery

In support of Special Olympics, Ontario; The Arthritis Society and Local Charities

Draw Date: May 29, 2020

Grand Prize of \$200,000 \$5.00 per Ticket

500 Prizes valued at over \$500,000

With your support we will be able to help those in need!  
Tickets will be available after all Masses in the foyer this weekend.

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"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 return, we are inspired to give to our brothers and sister in need. Please use the SVP Christmas donation envelopes at the back of the Church.

Thank You for your contributions to the POOR BOXES, with your contributions we were able to distribute Christmas Hampers to 63 neighbours in need.

We wish you and your loved ones a **Merry Christmas**.  
May the child Jesus bring peace and joy in your family!