

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION The Environment

256. What contribution can Christians make toward a humane environment?

Christians are not environmentalists if their commitment is limited to moral appeals made to others. It is just as unhelpful to talk constantly about global problems instead of paying close attention to one's own environment and the possibilities present in it. Christian environmental ethics, therefore, is not built on smug appeals. Instead, it tries to provide orientation concerning individual and societal conflicts that need to be resolved. For this purpose, there must be first of all a precise analysis of cause-and-effect connections, risks, and prospects. Only then can guiding principles be effective. Christians make a valuable contribution to the preservation of the ecosystem when they care for creation instead of venting frustration about the environment. The courage to hope must be combined with the search for knowledge and the readiness to act.

257. What does it mean to "be good stewards of creation"?

"Being good stewards of creation" cannot mean that we as Christians are supposed to preserve all of nature as an object of our care. Nature is an open, continuously evolving system and not an array of static conditions to be maintained. Only when there is a more exact theological, ecological, economic, aesthetic, or cultural description of what aspects of nature are worth preserving can there be meaningful reflections about what should be protected and tended, and when, why, and how that can be done.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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VOCATION AWARENESS

Family Life can build values integral to a strong vocation - whether to priesthood life, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

will resume on Sunday January 12, 2020.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 28:

5:00 pm +Edelberto Contreras Acon
+Doris Evans
+Emilio Ascano
+Rev. Fr. Robert Devine
Deceased Members & Benefactors of SVP
In Honour of Mother Mary
Angela De Souza
In Thanksgiving of Malaika Montiero

Sunday December 29:

9:00 am +Agnes & Paul Poon
10:30 am +Paul Kar Chiu Leung
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 30:

9:00 am +Sydney Noronha

Tuesday December 31:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza
5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday January 1:

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass
10:30 am New Year's Day Mass
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Thursday January 2:

9:00 am +Ignatius M. Mendes

Friday January 3:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Saturday January 4:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

**The greatest honour and glory
you can give to Almighty God, greater
than all your sacrifices and offerings,
is to live your life happily, joyfully,
because of the knowledge of his love.
- Blessed Julian of Norwich -**

December 29, 2019

NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE

from Fr. Steven

Every New Year's celebration should be filled with much hope for the year to come. With so many bad things happening, it can be hard for some to hope. There are changing weather patterns, and more and greater natural catastrophes. There is also a decline in the moral order of society as well as increased violence and crime. There are also scandals and growing confusion within the Church. For many people there are also difficulties managing their own personal lives. Should we be discouraged? No, our hope is in God and His love for us, not in the things of this world. If God is our number one priority, we have nothing to fear.

May God grant you great faith, hope and love throughout the coming year!

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

The word "Christmas" comes from old English and is the combination of two words; 'Christ's Mass'. Every Mass is the Mass of Christ for many reasons. Christ is present at every Mass. Christ is especially present when He speaks the words of consecration over the bread and wine through His priest, using the priest as His instrument. Christ becomes truly, substantially present after each consecration. When the priest elevates the consecrated Host, and afterward the consecrated Chalice, we are looking at Christ: at the living God who became incarnate for us. Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, only His appearance looks different. The first consecration corresponds to Christ's birth; He is born for us on our altars now, at every Mass. The second consecration corresponds to His Crucifixion; when he shed so much blood that His body and blood were separated, just as they are separated on our altars during the Mass.

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.

2020 NEW YEAR'S PROGRAMME

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 next weekend.

THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council would like to thank all the parishioners, friends, and members who supported their "Nativity Raffle" last December 21. Congratulations to Jacqueline Georges who won the porcelain set.

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta -

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Wishing you a Blessed, Joyful and Peaceful New Year 2020. "May God be gracious to us and bless us; may God's face shine upon us." (Psalm 67:1). May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, accompany us, interceding and praying for us.

The Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre will be picked up on the first Friday, January 3. Please fill in the details on the label on the lid. We look forward to your support in the coming year.

Thank you for dropping your contributions in the Poor Boxes after weekend Masses; and also to the standing Poor Boxes placed in the Church. By your donations, the Society is able to continue helping needy families in the Parish. SVP Donation Envelopes are at the back of the Church.