

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION

The Environment

258. Isn't ecology a technical challenge for specialists?

No. As Pope John Paul II emphasized at a world conference for sustainable development in Johannesburg in 2002, every Christian has an "ecological vocation", which "in our time is more urgent than ever". The main concept of his address was "ecological humanity". Central to this is the dignity of the human being. This involves understanding the themes "respect for life", "work", and "responsibility" in reference to God, the Creator of a world that is good in itself. "Peace with God the Creator" means "peace with all of creation" (John Paul II, Message for the World Day of Peace 2010). Every Christian must know that the "lack of due respect for nature" and the "plundering of natural resources" that results from it are a threat to world peace.

259. What does the Church have to contribute to the topic of ecology?

The Church has no special ecological competence. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis speaks of the earth as the 'common home' of all men. He praises all who strive to take responsibility for the upkeep of this home and challenges Christians to a radical ecological conversion. The urgent Challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know things can change. The Creator does not abandon us, he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humility still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share (LS, 13)".

'VOCATION SEEDS'

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you,

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VOCATION AWARENESS

A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 4:

5:00 pm +Concessao Dias
+Gabriel & Victoria Noronha
+Gasper D'Souza
+Vicky Mascardo
Deceased Parents of Tony & Elvira D'Souza
Deceased Members of Mar & Ho Families
In Thanksgiving of Bettina Geniza
In Thanksgiving of D'Souza Family

Sunday January 5:

9:00 am In Honour of Mother Mary

10:30 am +Sister Berchmans Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 6:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Tuesday January 7:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

Wednesday January 8 :

7:30 pm + Gualberto Sanchez

Thursday January 9:

9:00 am +Peter Almeida

Friday January 10:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Deceased Members of Mendes Family

Saturday January 11:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

for the month of January

Evangelization: *Promotion of World Peace* - We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast and our trust fixed on God.

- St. Francis de Sales -

January 5, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

It is important to be on time for Mass. Many people are on time for doctor's appointment or for the movies, but not for Mass. Mass is our personal appointment with God! It is more important than anything else. Arriving early is even better, so we can quiet our mind of distractions and prayerfully prepare for Mass. Arriving after a certain point of the Mass may mean that we haven't fulfilled our Sunday obligation. If you are a little late, try to enter the church in such a way that you do not cause a distraction.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Grade 6 - 8

All youth in grade 6-8 are encouraged to come out and join us for an evening of faith and fun on January 21 from 6-8pm. A pizza dinner is provided. Feel free to bring a friend or two!

SPIRITUS VIA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Ages 19 - 35

The History of the Mystery

Join us as we hear a talk on an essential part of our faith and gain a deeper appreciation of the Mass as Fr. Matt McCarthy unravels the mystery on Wednesday, January 15 at St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 2210 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough, ON M1P 2P9. Doors open 6:30pm. See you there! Bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Amanda Onilla, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at spiritus@ocytoronto.org or 416 599 7676

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.

DONATE NOW

You can now support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a gift over the internet using your credit card. It is accessible on the Archdiocesan website www.archtoronto.org. Clicking the button "**DONATE NOW**" will take you to a page where you can make a gift using your credit card. Some of the options will include your Parish for offertory, building fund, ShareLife etc. Thank you for your support of the Church.

REMINDERS

Classes for the following programs will resume on

Sunday January 12

Confirmation - 3:30 pm

First Reconciliation - 1:15 pm

Children's Sunday Program - 10:30 am

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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The year 2019 has just gone by and Sunday January 5 is the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.

From St. Pope John Paul II "Prayers & Devotions - Edited by Bishop Peter Canisius Johannes van Liedre"

"They came from the East . . . Strange pilgrims; wizard Kings, the Magi. They passed through Jerusalem. They were led by a mysterious star, by outer light itself . . . But they were led even more by faith, by inner light. They arrived . . . and prostrated and adored Him . . . So Epiphany is the **Great Feast of Faith**. Taking part in this feast are those who have already reached the faith and those who are still on the way to it. They take part with thanksgiving for the gift of faith, as did the Magi, who were full of gratitude and kneeled before the Child. The Church takes part in this feast. . . . To how many people must the Church still bring faith! But the Church can never call a halt, because she is aware of that great gift, the gift of the Incarnation of God"

We give thanks to God for the year 2019 when we were able to serve our neighbours in need. All this was made possible with your help, our fellow parishioners. We look forward for your continued support in the year 2020.

**It is better to be the child of God than king
of the whole world.**

- St. Martin of Tours