

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION The Environment

260. What is integral ecological development?

Pope Francis says, “We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature” (LS 139). And in another place he says: “That is why it is no longer enough to speak only of the integrity of ecosystems. We have to dare to speak of the integrity of human life, of the need to promote and unify all the great values” (LS 224).

261. Where can we find what the Church has to say about environmental ethics?

The Church’s central text on ecology is Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* (2015). It offers a comprehensive analysis of the ecological threat, with reference to many scientific studies, and it describes the causes of the crisis. These consist not only in the striking political impotence (“subject[ion] of politics to technology and finance”) and the mindless economic exploitation of the earth which results. The core reason for the problem is to be sought in man himself, in a general disturbance of his relationship with creation (“...my relationship with my own self, with others, with God, and with the earth”). Conversion restores man, who has to learn “that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others” (LS 70). So genuine ecology is at the same time protection of the environment, human ecology, social ecology, and cultural ecology. Human freedom, says Pope Francis, can “limit and direct technology; we can put at the service of another type of progress, one which is healthier, more human, more social, more integral” (LS 112). In addition to *Laudato Si’*, the encyclicals *Populorum Progressio* (1967) and *Caritas In Veritate* (2009) are also important documents for the relationship between social responsibility and ecological protection of the environment.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 11:

5:00 pm +Sebastian Braganza
+Celestine De Castro
+Severino Santos
+Darwin Currie
+Esperance & Felix D’Souza
+Tristram Patterson
+Maria Lily Wardoyo
Aceron-Vasquez Family

Sunday January 12 :

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am Philip & Stella Joseph

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 13:

9:00 am +Thelma Domingo

Tuesday January 14:

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday January 15 :

7:30 pm Birthday Blessing for Sheila Faustin

Thursday January 16:

9:00 am +Francis Karlina

Friday January 17:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Balagtas-Geniza Family

Saturday January 18:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

Novalis monthly “Living With Christ” missal for February is available in the gift shop for \$4.00 each.

VOCATION AWARENESS

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

January 12, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

When we enter the physical building of a church, we dip our finger in the holy water font and make the sign of the cross. This serves as a reminder to us that it is through the waters of baptism that we have entered, not a physical building, but into the Mystical Body of Christ; the Church. We make the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that it is by the Cross or Crucifixion of Christ that our sins have been forgiven and that we can be saved. We say to ourselves, "In the name of the Father, .. ." to remind ourselves of our belief in the Trinity; one God, but three Persons in God. This also reminds us that we want to act in His name, as He would want us to act. Holy water is a sacramental and so doing this devoutly enables us to receive more of God's blessings and to cleans us of slight venial sins.

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 18 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. Please discard your 2019 unused envelopes.

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

Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God asks you to pray, but he forbids you to worry.
- St. Francis DeSales -

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday February 1st, at 6:15 pm in the parish hall. We will be showing the movie, "Overcomer". It is about a young aspiring athlete who seems to have everything against her. She feels that she has been abandoned by her long absent father, who she believes has died. She puts her hope for security and happiness in the wrong things until she is shown real caring and love. The movie is free, pizza and pop will be available for \$5. Fr. Steven will lead a discussion during half time and after the movie. Please notify a CWL member in the gift shop to indicate that you will be attending, so they know how much pizza to order.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Social Committee of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday February 15 at St. Aidan parish hall. Tickets will be sold next weekend.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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"The Poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them.: - St. Vincent de Paul - (born April 24, 1581, Pouy, now Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, France. Died September 27, 1660, Paris, canonized 1737, feast day September 27) . He is the founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists, or Vincentians), for preaching missions to the peasantry and for educating and training a pastoral clergy. St. Vincent is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. He is also known for his early role in opposing the heresy of Jansenism.

Again we wish you a Blessed Happy 2020! Thank You for your support to our Society: your contributions to the Poor Boxes, the Thunder & Lightning casseroles, donations on Bunle Up Weekends, and your prayers.

EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of Grade 4 students interested in developing their French Language skills are invited to attend an information session at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, 121 Brimwood Blvd., on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm** in the school library.

All students presently attending TCDSB schools or baptized Catholics are eligible to enroll in this program for Grade 5 in September 2020.

To be tempted is a sign that the soul is very pleasing to the Lord.
- St. Pius of Pietrelcina -