

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION The Environment

262. Is this generation not depriving future generations of what they need to live?

To some extent that is true. And only a movement towards solidarity can change that. And so Pope Francis says: "Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit" (LS 159).

263. Sustainability - a new social principle?

With the help of the fundamental social principles - *Personhood - Solidarity and - Subsidiarity* one can understand the structures of society and align them with ethical criteria. Given the particular challenges of the present time, it seems appropriate to add another principle to these: The principle of sustainability. The principle of sustainability relates to and puts into action the traditional principles of social ethics with regard to human living conditions and the survival of the earth itself. When people discuss sustainability, they are talking about safeguarding in the long term the stability of the earth's ecosystem and its natural ability to regenerate its resources.

264. Why does sustainability require "personhood"?

Concern about the earth's ecosystem is not an end in itself; ultimately we must be working for the unconditional dignity of the human person. Man is the center of the world, not nature and not animals, even though we know that it benefits man when care is taken to keep nature intact and when animals have species-appropriate habitats. Protecting nature and protecting mankind are two sides of the same coin for Christian ethics.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 18:

5:00 pm +Benjamin Santos
+Lucrecia & Rustico Malinao
+Natividad Limbawan
+Concessao Dias
+Pureza Bernales
Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families
Birthday Blessings of Danny and
Sharon Yeo
In Thanksgiving of Marlene Ocuman

Sunday January 19:

9:00 am +Luigi & Carosina Volpe
10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 20:

9:00 am +Edward Rajartnam

Tuesday January 21:

9:00 am The Kavangh Family

Wednesday January 22:

7:30 pm +Noel Geniza

Thursday January 23:

9:00 am +Thevamany Vallipuram

Friday January 24:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm Teresa Dadula

Saturday January 25:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

SANCTUARY LAMP Intentions of Ivor & Naomi Patterson

VOCATION AWARENESS

All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their *job* to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

January 19, 2020

VACATION

Fr. Steven will be away from January 20 to January 30.

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

Candles: Before the time of electrical lighting, candles served the practical purposes of illuminating the altar. There is also a symbolic significance of candles on, or around, the altar which derives from the Jewish traditions. Jewish people use the Menorah, as prescribed by Scripture, which is one central candle surrounded by three candles on each side. The base for the three candles on each side originates from the base of the central candle. The seven candles allude to the different branches of human knowledge, represented by the six candles inclined towards, and symbolically guided by, or originating from, the light of God represented by the central candle. The Menorah also represents the creation in seven days, or seven periods of time, with the central light representing the Sabbath, indicating that every other day of the week should be geared towards God and our worship of Him. In the Catholic tradition there were six candles on the altar or just behind it, with the Crucifix in the centre. The crucifix takes the place of the seventh, central candle of the Menorah since Christ is God and all graces flow from His crucifixion and all human wisdom is rooted in Christ. For low Masses only two candles would be lit, whereas for high Masses all six would be lit. When a bishop celebrates Mass in his own diocese, a seventh candle is added to symbolize that Christ's official teachings come through His bishops. The book of Revelation speaks of seven lamp stands and points out that Christ is the source of true light.

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.

Just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands, and leave it with him. Then you will be able to rest in him - really rest.

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross -

Nothing, however little it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God.

- Thomas a Kempis -

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 having a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday February 15, at 6:30 pm in St. Aidan's parish hall.

Tickets are: Age 2 to 12 years old - \$20.00 per person
Age 13 and Above - \$25.00 per person

Tickets will be made available before and after Masses this weekend until the weekend of February 1/2.

Come and join us for a fun-filled night!

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"For the Scripture says: 'No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, and bestows his riches upon all who call upon Him." (Romans 10: 11-12)

Thank you for your contribution to the Poor Boxes held after Mass, and also to the standing Boxes; when you donate, you are helping a neighbor in need.

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.