

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION The Environment

265. Why does sustainability require “solidarity”?

Sustainability is a challenge that can only be met by common effort. Without practical solidarity in the immediate vicinity, sustainability would remain a frustrating topic for a few idealists, while other shamelessly used up resources (“After me, the deluge!”). And without all the many institutions that have been created to fight poverty in solidarity or to safeguard natural resources, sustainability would be an empty, politically noncommittal word. In her international aid programs, the Church has a great tradition of solidarity that can develop even further.

266. Why does sustainability require “subsidiarity”?

Without the principle of subsidiarity, sustainable development would lack its organizational centerpiece: what can be accomplished by a smaller organization should be done by that organization. It does not have to be regulated and organized from above. Ecology is easily misused as a way of demanding more State action, more regulations, and more centralization, instead of promoting structures of freedom and adaptation to the socio-cultural and natural environments in each particular case.

267. What can the faith contribute to discussions about “sustainability” ?

“Sustainability” can also become an ideology; only rarely then does it appear as something socially and technologically feasible, as a political plan that should be put into action forcefully. The Christian faith is critical of ideologies, for it does not believe in perfect solutions. It does mobilize all possible forces to achieve sustainable, just, and dignified human living conditions, but in the end, it lives by the hope that God will ultimately perfect what we human beings cannot achieve, even with the best intentions, namely, a paradise that actually works. Sustainability is a concern about the future that is motivated, not by optimism about progress, but rather by a vision of life well lived within the limits of nature.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you,

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 25:

5:00 pm +Shirley de Souza
+Gloria Tansingco
+Celia Rosary
+Fe Duka
+Jeanne Mo Ching Lau
+Regalado Dagdag
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Ivan Mihelich

Sunday January 26:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Leonor Romilla

10:30 am 50th Wedding Anniversary of Carol and
Ronald de Lima

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday January 27:

9:00 am +Zita Fernandes

Tuesday January 28:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Pacita Esteleydis
Family

Wednesday January 29:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Florind D’Costa

Thursday January 30:

9:00 am +Noemi & Generoso Palma

Friday January 31:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Corazon Duka

Saturday February 1:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

VOCATION AWARENESS

Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners - and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

January 26, 2020

VACATION

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

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

Red Candle by Altar: Recall how Moses noticed a burning bush on top of Mount Horeb (also called Mt. Sinai). The flames of the fire did not consume the bush. This led Moses to go up the mountain, where he encountered and spoke to God. The burning bush symbolized the presence of God; that Moses was on holy ground. In Catholic Churches, the candle by the Tabernacle is lit at all times to symbolize the burning bush and to remind us that Jesus/God is truly present in the Tabernacle and that we are on holy ground. It is only on Good Friday, when the Tabernacle is emptied, that we do not have the red candle burning by the Tabernacle.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

Just as He called His apostles, Jesus says to us, "come follow me." Jesus calls us to accept the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. Let us imitate the apostles and follow the call of Christ immediately, being resolved to commit to a stewardship way of life for our parishes.

NEW BEGINNING 3RD SEPERATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

This 6 week group will launch on **Monday Mar 9 @ 7:pm** at St. Bernadette's Parish in Ajax.

Please contact Arcangelo Limanni at:
alimanni@cfstoronto.com for more information.

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.

Remember that the Christian life is one of action, not of speech and daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well.

- St. Vincent Pallotti

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!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them".
(Matthew 5:4)

St. Vincent de Paul is one of the Church's greatest patrons of the Suffering. St. Vincent once observed, "we have never so much cause for consolation as when we find ourselves oppressed by suffering and trials. These make us like Christ Our Lord, and this resemblance is the true mark of our predestination".

Thanks again for your support to the needy: contributions to the Poor Boxes; making of the Thunder & Lightning casseroles, and bringing clothes/household linens for Bundle Up Weekends.

Please note that the official receipts for your money donated in SVP envelopes for the year 2019, for income tax purposes, are ready for pickup. See an SVP member in the foyer after weekend Masses.

Here is the rule for everyday life: do not do anything which you cannot offer to God.

- St. John Vianney -