

# PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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## **FROM: DOCAT SAFEGUARDING CREATION The Environment**

### **268. How can Christian live well within the limits of nature?**

Sustainability (as safeguarding the ecological, social, and economic stability of human environments) cannot simply mean ever faster speeds and more and more goods. Then the rich will only be living even more shamelessly at the expense of those who cannot keep up in the race. Prosperity that uses resources sparingly and thoughtfully - in other words, that does not keep gobbling up the earth's finite resources - is the only sort of prosperity that offers as many people as possible a chance to share in it. This is the only kind of prosperity that Christians can advocate, because it is just. This perspective lends new meaning to "doing without": do without things that you are taking away from others forever!

### **269. Where is "God" in the ecological crisis?**

The ecological crisis occurs, not at the desks of theologians and sociologists, but rather in the lived experiences of farmers who have suffered losses due to extreme climate and of poor migrant workers in the slums of cities with millions of inhabitants. Where is God in those situations? God is first of all in the people who systematically share, because in Jesus Christ a merciful God condescended to share personally in human misery. God is also there in various efforts to see the plundered earth as creation again and to make regenerative environments possible. The Christian view of man does not define the value of the human being by the quantity of goods that he or she produces and consumes, and thus it can foster moderate, just, and responsible dealings with them. The Church, moreover, is the oldest "global player" and therefore especially capable of worldwide responsibility. For only responsibility will turn the tide in the ecological crisis.

### **'VOCATION SEEDS'**

"Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham." If God is calling you to consider for priesthood, diaconate, brother or sister,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,  
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## **WELCOME BACK FR. STEVEN!**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday February 1:**

5:00 pm +Noemi & Generoso Palma  
+Abel De Silva of Zanzibar  
+Fernando David  
+Christina Hung  
+Nestor Obsioma Sr.  
+Pedro & Biatriz Yurong  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
In Honour of the Pieta

### **Sunday February 2:**

9:00 am +Antonio & Giovanna Siniscalao  
  
10:30 am +Elizabeth Lyson  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### **Monday February 3:**

9:00 am +Benedicto Wong

### **Tuesday February 4:**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Vince Alary

### **Wednesday February 5:**

7:30 pm +Julita & Tranquilino Recto

### **Thursday February 6:**

9:00 am +Ferdinand Paul D'Souza

### **Friday February 7:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Philip D'Souza

### **Saturday February 8:**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS**

After labouring in the temple for his entire life, Simeon was rewarded with a gift of beholding Christ with his own eyes. The reward of Simeon is the reward awaiting all of Christ's faithful stewards. So when the commitment to our life of stewardship becomes difficult and we're tempted to despair, let us remember the reward that awaits us of beholding Him with utter joy and peace in Heaven.

**It is those who have the most need of us that we  
ought to show our love more especially.  
- St. Francis de Sales -**

# February 2, 2020

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## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

for the month of February

**Universal:** *Listen to the Migrants' Cries* - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

## MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

**\*Signing ourselves at Gospel:\*** When the priest introduces the Gospel reading we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and chest. Each of these little crosses is a little blessing upon ourselves, reminding us of the supremacy of the Gospel reading over all other Scripture reading, since the Gospel is about Christ or the very words He spoke. We bless our forehead (or mind really) so that we may attentively ponder and understand the words we are about to hear, we bless our lips so that after we have heard the Gospel, we may be bold enough to proclaim it to others. We bless our chest so that what we are about to hear, we may treasure in our heart and, hopefully, never forget.

## 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 February 8, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A pizza dinner is provided. Feel free to bring a friend or two!

## SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

The Catholic Women's League of Canada of our parish will be collecting a Bouquet of prayers in support of the Ordinandi candidates who will shortly be ordained to the priesthood. This Spiritual Bouquet will be presented at the Ordinandi Dinner on Tuesday March 3rd. The Bouquet consists of pledge prayers/devotions and are not paid offerings.

All parishioners and well-wishers, who would like to contribute to this bouquet, please see one of our CWL members in the foyer after all Masses, weekend of February 1/2 & February 8/9.

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage Sunday is on Sunday February 9. The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council is organizing a celebration of Marriage Sunday on Sunday February 16 at the 12:00 noon Mass. Fr. Steven will bless all married couples present.

Our Council will hold a luncheon for couples celebrating milestones anniversaries (25/30/35/40/45/50 & 50+) after the 12:00 noon Mass in the church hall.

Please register with one of the CWL members in the gift shop after all Masses, weekend of February 1/2 & February 8/9.

## 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 in the foyer.

**Come and join us for a fun-filled night!**

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Catholic Family Services is offering marriage preparation classes at Our Lady Queen of Poland Church on Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, March 14 - April 4 (4 sessions). Couples can register by visiting the

Website: [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com) or

Call; 416 921 1163

## SPIRITUS VIA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

(Ages 19 - 35)

True Love vs. Counterfeit Love in a Digital Age  
Join us as we hear a talk by Re: gen missionaries on what love is and how we can be modest, equipped, and finished women and men in today's world on Wednesday, February 5th @ St. Rose of Lima Parish, 3216 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough ON M1H 1A4. Doors open 6:30 pm. See you there! Bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Amanda Onilla, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at [spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org](mailto:spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org) or 416 599 7676.

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"Let us do our duty well, let us go straight to God; let us work to become very humble, very patient, very mortified, and very charitable". - St. Vincent de Paul -

Just a gentle reminder that the Thunder & Lightning casseroles will be picked up on the First Friday of the month, February 7, for which many thanks! Thank you also for your continued support of encouragement and for your contribution to the Poor Boxes on weekends and to the standing Poor Boxes in the Church.

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 Mass.