

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: DOCAT **LIVING IN FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE** **PEACE**

280. What contact does the Holy See have with international organizations?

The Holy See is a permanent observer in various international organizations, for example at the United Nations (UN, since 1964), at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO, since 1948), at the UNESCO (since 1951), at the World Trade Organization (WTO), and at the European Council. With the reform of the United Nations in 2004, the member States granted the Holy See more rights in the UN Plenary Assembly. It can participate in the debate at the annual Plenary Assembly and also has the right to speak, insofar as the interests of the Holy See are concerned.

281. Why is the Holy See merely an “observer” at the United Nations and not a full member?

The Holy See considers itself committed to unconditional political neutrality. Full membership would involve it directly in political, military, and economic matters. In many political votes, for example concerning problematic decisions about engaging in war, the Holy See would have to abstain; moreover, full membership would make it more difficult for the Holy See to be available for diplomatic “good offices” (e.g. mediation).

282. Are there other organization in which the Holy See is a full member?

Yes. Examples of organizations to which the Holy See belongs as a full member are the International Atomic Energy Organization (IAEO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Organization for the prevention of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the International Telecommunications Union, and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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are available for pick up before or after weekday and weekend Masses in the gift shop.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 14:

5:00 pm +Jean Ryckman
+Margaret Chambers
+Gabriel Noronha
+Theresa Menezes
+Alsalita Williams
+Emeterio Paradero
In Honour of Mother Mary
Arnaldo Vasquez

Sunday March 15:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am +Noel Geniza

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 16:

9:00 am +Felisa & Herminia Tan

Tuesday March 17:

9:00 am In Honour of St. Anthony

7:30 pm St. Anthony Mass & Novena

Wednesday March 18:

7:30 pm +Glenda Alary Crooco

Thursday March 19:

9:00 am +Joselito Jara

7:30 pm Celebrant’s Intention

Friday March 20:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm Carmine Diraimo

Saturday March 21:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY’S READINGS

As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

March 15, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

***Sacriligious Communion:** To receive Holy Communion one has to be a baptized Catholic, must have made their First Communion, must believe in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist, must be in a state of grace, and must observe the one hour fast before receiving. One must also be in union with the Church; not rejecting any dogma or official moral teaching of the Church. A person who does not meet all these criteria, should not receive Holy Communion. If one is in a state of mortal sin, for example, and receives Holy Communion, they are committing a sacriligious Communion, which is very detrimental to themselves. It is a grave sin. Christ cannot remain within them, and so there is a saying that, "One crucifies Christ anew by forcing Him into oneself", where He cannot remain and is not really welcome until the person has gone to confession and been reconciled with God and His Church.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph. In addition to our morning 9:00 am Mass, we will also have Mass at 7:30 pm.

COINS FOR LIFE

Consider taking a container and placing your loose change into it, to help support Campaign Life Coalition in their prolife initiatives. This can be a good way to make small sacrifices and support a good cause (things we should be doing especially during Lent).

Please return the container to the gift shop by April 19. Thank You in advance for your support.

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..... "The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction. 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10: 35-37)

Ways you can help our neighbors-in-need:

Poor Box: Drop a toonie /loonie in to the Poor Box each week. Or cash/cheque in the SVP donation envelope for tax purposes.

Food: Prepare a Thunder & Lightning casserole once a month to feed the hungry at the Good Shepherd Centre. We thank you for responding to the call to bring your items to the SVP van for Bundle Up last weekend. God Bless You!

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife –funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Our Parish Goal: \$54,500

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The thirteen consecutive Tuesday Novena in honour of St. Anthony will start on Tuesday March 17th at 7:30 pm. There will be Mass followed by Novena prayers and benediction.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

This is a lay apostolate of women dedicated to praying for priests. Each member commits to 1 year of praying 1 hour per week, on a specific day, for a priest, ideally in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Priya at 647-781-7802

SACRED HEART ENTHORNEMENT FOR YOUR HOME

Parishioners interested in the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes, should contact the Legion of Mary. If you need an image, the Legionaries can provide you with one. For more details, please contact:
Marie Jacque - 647 248 1762 Cynthia - 647 439 3732
or Cecilia - 647 937 7448

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDER

General meeting in the parish hall on Monday March 16 at 7:15 pm.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Want to grow in the knowledge, love and defence of our Catholic Faith and Morals? Want to meet like minded individuals who can support you in your faith journey? Meetings held on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Next meeting is on Saturday March 21, right after the 9:00 am Mass in Meeting Room 1. Contact Maurino at 416-564-6471 for more information.