

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church Together We are Strong - The Church's Social Mission

26. Why is the Church interested not only in the individual?

It used to be that the Church was accused of being interested only in salvation of the individual soul. In fact, every individual human being counts in God's sight. We are all irreplaceable and unique. Nevertheless, from our mother's womb we are dependent on communion with other human beings. We can be happy only in good relationships with others. Therefore it says in the account of creation: "Then the LORD God said, 'It is so good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him'" (Gen 2:18). God is interested in the total welfare of a person and, therefore, also in his development of community, in which people participate in manifold ways.

27. Why does the Church practice solidarity?

A Church that showed no solidarity would be a contradiction in terms. The Church is the place in which God's lasting solidarity with mankind comes about. In the communion of the Church, God's love is supposed to have its human continuation and finally reach all mankind. The Church is the place where God wants to gather all men: "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men" (Rev 21:3). The Church is the "sign and instrument of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race" (LG 1). Through his Church, which follows the example of her Lord and shows solidarity with the helpless, the victims of injustice, and the poor of her times, God tries to reach the people of all nations and cultures and to help them. Whenever people try to shape a more human world, God is on their side. The Church is therefore in solidarity with all who want to give God's salvation a visible face in the world.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director
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Novalis Living With Christ missal for the month of October is available from the gift shop at \$3.50 each.

Every guest is to be received as if he were Christ himself.
- Saint Benedict -

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 9:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Joel Rosales
+Anthony Serrao
+Dan Broderick
+Amiel Chopra
+Lorraine Shea
+Domingo Alban

Sunday September 10:

9:00 am +Vince D'Andrea
10:30 am +Manuel Sr. & Felisa Tan
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday September 11:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

Tuesday September 12:

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Wednesday September 13:

7:30 pm +Robert Dowers & Albert Nichols

Thursday September 14:

9:00 am +Pierre Mathias

Friday September 15:

9:30 am **NO MASS**
7:30 pm +John S. P. Gomes

Saturday September 16:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

There will be **NO 9:30 am MASS or ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on Fridays in September.**

9:30 Mass and Adoration will resume on Friday October 6, 2017

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intention of Ivor & Naomi Patterson

Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says - and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete.
- Pope Francis -

September 10, 2017

ST. AIDAN PARISH COMMUNITY

celebrates the

**100TH ANNIVERSARY of the APPARITIONS of
Our Blessed Mother and the Miracle of Fatima.**

**Come and join our 5th Apparition celebration on
Wednesday September 13, 2017 with a Living Rosary
at 6:45 pm; Mass at 7:30 followed by an outdoor
Procession around the Church.**

2017 MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

will commence Saturday October 28, 2017. Please note that this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry December 2018 can register for it. For more information, kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416 292 5707

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

Where to send payments:

Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith Campaign. To help ensure our parish benefits from your help on a timely basis, please make sure your payment information is up-to-date. Donations/payment can be sent directly to the Donation Processing Centre. The address is: Donations Processing Centre

Family of Faith Campaign
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
M4T 1W2

You should contact the Centre when your address changes your payment method/information changes (e.g. a new card or a new card expiry date).

The email address is campaign@archtoronto.org and telephone is 416 934 3400 ext 555.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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**Happy the merciful who give to those in need
- Psalm 112 -**

When we pray the "Our Father", we ask God to give us "our daily" bread. Most of us are fortunate to receive sufficient food, but some do not. It is a struggle, especially for our neighbour-in-need. Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

The Poor Box collection for the month of August was \$1,340.75. Thank you for your generous support. Please continue the good work.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

We would like to remind everyone that you may sign up for pre-authorized giving at any time of the year. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering and if they wish their ShareLife offering using the "Direct Debit" system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is being widely used in Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it. This is a very convenient way to support your parish even in your absence.

Forms can be picked up in the gift shop and brought to the parish office. Please be assured all information is strictly confidential.

MOVING?

Please remember when you move to let us know, so that we can keep our files up-to-date. Also if you are new in the parish, please register in the gift shop and let your old parish know that you have moved so they too can up-date their records.

Thank You for your Cooperation!

**ST.LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
IS HOSTING ALPHA**

Do you have doubts or questions? Are you interested in knowing the basics of the faith? Do you want to grow in your relationship with Christ and the people around you? Want to be better at speaking about Christ? Come to Alpha! Starting Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 pm, at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall (2210 Lawrence Ave. E.). A free dinner will be provided at each of the 12 sessions. Invite your friends to come. For more info call Fr. Steven at 416 759 9359 ext 31.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES - WOMEN'S RETREAT

When: Friday September 22 - Sunday September 24, 2017

Theme: Journeying With Women of the Bible

Where: Queen of Apostle - 1617 Blythe Road

Further information please call: 905 278 5229

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- St. Teresa of Calcutta -