

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: DOCAT

The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church Unique and Infinitely Valuable - The Human Person

49. What does it mean to live in society?

Social life is originally experienced in the family. The family thrives when its members regularly talk to one another, when it develops a culture of mutual consideration, and when individual interests are repeatedly subordinated to the community and welfare of all. The family is creative as God is creative not only because it brings forth children. As social beings in relation, we human beings have a share in God's creative power. Hence we are also responsible for creation and for every other personal living being. Each one of these human persons is sacred and inviolable, always and everywhere. Our social responsibility pertains also to animals, which we should treat kindly. And it pertains also to nature, which must not be exploited but used sustainably and responsibly. Central to Catholic social teaching, however, is the human person. The human person is the real foundation of society; therefore, the person has priority in everything that is done socially.

50. What are the burdens on a human person?

The human person with his dignity is exposed to many sorts of harm and danger. The crucial element of disturbance and destruction we call sin. Adam, who in the "original sin" disobeyed God's command, is, so to speak, the prototype of the human being, yields to the temptation to sin and harm others. We are all human beings, and we are all sinners. We harm others through our sinful way of living. Because this is so, the earth is no longer a paradise. Actually, we could say no to sin at every moment, but the power of sin reaches into our inmost being, to the place where freedom dwells. And so we deliberately do evil : in freedom we turn against God's will and thus separate ourselves from the source of life, from God.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact **Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director**
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The following items are available in the Gift Shop

2018 Sunday Missal at \$5.00 each
Right to Life Christmas Cards at \$7.00 per pkg of 10
Christmas Cakes: Large- \$25.00/box Small - \$18.00/box
Catholic Missions in Canada 2018 Calendar at \$5.00 each

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 2:

5:00 pm +Alejandra & Justin Lanot
+Anna Mary Bastiampillai
+Jingle Generaga
+Corazon Ares Buhay
+Virginia & Felisa Manalansan
+Brigit & Francis Stalmach
All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 3:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am +Filipina & Isagani Tuazon

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 4:

9:00 am +Victor & Matilda Cross

Tuesday December 5:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Wednesday December 6:

7:30 pm +Jeanne Marie & Jean Pierre Nielsen

Thursday December 7:

9:00 am +Hilda Mathias

Friday December 8:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Rev. Fr. Joseph Fenech

Saturday December 9:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am; concluded
with Benediction at 7:pm and Mass at 7:30 pm

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

are available in the foyer and are in **numerical order**. Please take **ONLY** the box with your name on it; use these envelopes starting **January 1, 2018** and **discard your 2017 unused envelopes**. Parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop.

Thank You for your Cooperation!

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of December

Universal: For the Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generation.

December 3, 2017

DAY OF CONFESSIONS Wednesday December 13, 2017

10:00 am - 2:00 pm 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

If you make good use and frequent use of this sacrament, you will have peace of heart, purity of conscience and a deep union with Christ. The grace bestowed by this sacrament will give you greater strength to overcome sin and help you become like Jesus, our Lord. It will make you a stronger and more committed member of His Church!

“Love this sacrament and receive it often”

-St. John Paul II-

LIVING ROSARY

Please join the Legion of Mary as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday 8th December

Living Rosary at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm.

HOW TO INCREASE GIFTS OF SECURITIES TO YOUR PARISH

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your securities gift and you will get a tax receipt for a full amount. It's easy to do. For more information, please contact the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: development@archtoronto.org
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The Church begins the New Year today. As we begin Advent season - a season of hope, the liturgical year calls us to a new beginning - The coming of Jesus our hope, our salvation. Please remember the POOR Box on your way out of the Church. Thank you.

Bundle Up Weekend– December 2nd and 3rd, 2017

Please support the SVP program by bringing in your gently used woolen wear, blankets, bed linens, draperies and other household items. The SVP container will be in the parking lot on the above dates.

A special THANK YOU to all those who signed up to prepare a T&L casserole for the Good Shepherd Centre last weekend. We received an overwhelming response. God Bless you for your thoughtfulness.

SEASON OF ADVENT

(Fr. William Saunders)

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advents begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls. (For instance, this year, the fourth Sunday of Advent is obviously on Sunday, and then that evening is Christmas Eve.)

Despite the sketchy history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of the Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming.) The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No. 524).

Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Today Development and Peace is asking you to please show your support for women working for peace by signing the postcard asking the government to give women the resources they need to be at the Heart of Peace! There is a box at the back of the church, you can deposit your signed postcards in. Thank you for your time and support.

Together, let's take action for peace!

CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE

Chalice invites you to share the blessings and joy of Christmas with children and families in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue offers supporters the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of a friend or loved-one. The items in the catalogue are carefully selected based on the needs of the families we serve around the world. Your friend or loved-one will receive a beautiful card stating what gift or gifts you purchased in their name. You will also receive an official tax receipt. Chalice is a Canadian Catholic child sponsorship organization. Thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters we create, support, and increase access to education, health, and family livelihood for nearly 50, 000 children in 15 developing countries. For more information call 1-800-776-6855 or visit www.chalice.ca