

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM: DOCAT

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

53. Why does man think of things beyond himself?

In all material creation, only man is open to the infinite; he alone can have a concept of God and hunger for ultimate answers. Philosophy says that man is capable of **Transcendence**, that he can surpass himself. He fully comes into his own only by recognizing and understanding what is other, greater, and more important than himself; God, the source of all life. Because man is open to God, he can also be open for other people and show them respect. Community, dialogue, and the recognition of the other lead him closer to himself.

54. What makes every human being unique?

Every human being is unique because he or she was willed by God as an unrepeatable person, created out of love, and redeemed with even greater love. This shows us what dignity the human person has and how important it is to take everyone quite seriously as a person and to treat him with the greatest respect. This requirement applies also to political systems and institutions. They must not only respect the freedom and dignity of the human person. They should contribute to the comprehensive development of every person. A community cannot exclude individuals or entire groups from development.

55. What does society owe the individual person?

A just society must respect and promote the dignity of the human person. The social order exists for the sake of human beings and must be guided by what a human being needs for a dignified life. This rules out all forms of exploitation and instrumentalization for economic, political, or social ends. A human being should never be merely a means of reaching certain goals; he is, rather, an end in himself.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
email: vocations@archtoronto.org
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CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Today, Sunday December 17th is the last Children’s Program for 2017. It will resume on Sunday January 14, 2018.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 16:

5:00 pm +Inacio Fernandes
+Guilherme & Esther de Souza
+Susana Ng
+Everest Belgrave
+Rosemary Miceli
In Thanksgiving of Vic Atienza
In Thanksgiving of Christina Bautista
Wedding Anniversary of Henry & Ofelia Ng

Sunday December 17:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Vic Atienza

10:30 am +Rafael Sr. & Maria Atizado

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 18:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

Tuesday December 19:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Wednesday December 20:

7:30 pm +Maria Olga de Souza

Thursday December 21:

9:00 am +Asuncion Jara

Friday December 22:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Flavia Maelzer

Saturday December 23:

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!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

from the Holy Land will be available this weekend December 16/17 in the foyer

December 17, 2017

“WAITING”

The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Savior? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need him. They live as though he did not exist and, worse still, as though he were an “obstacle” to remove in order to fulfill themselves. Even among believers - we are sure of it - some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines that suggest deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Savior and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Savior who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man.

-Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience December 2008 -

REVEALED - STEUBENVILLE TORONTO July 13 - 15, 2018 UOIT Campus, Oshawa, Ontario

Cost Including Accommodations: \$275 per person

Cost Without Accommodations: \$225 per person

Group Registration Opens: January 15, 2018

Deadline to Add or Drop Spots: June 14, 2018

Payment & Participant Info Deadline: June 28, 2018

Register online at: steubenvilletoronto.com

What is Steubenville Toronto?

Steubenville is more than the name of a conference, it's a city in Ohio that is home to Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS), a vibrant Catholic college rooted in the Franciscan tradition and dedicated to proclaiming Jesus Christ as “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Christmas is a time of giving and a time of sharing. As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Baby Jesus, to live the Joy of Christmas, let us remember our neighbor-in-need.

The SVP Christmas donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. We would appreciate your special gift to make Christmas more joyful for our neighbor-in-need.

The Poor Box collection for November was \$1,208.40.
Thank you for your support.

2017 CHRISTMAS & 2018 NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday December 19: 7:30 pm - Penitential Service - it consists of examination of conscience, communal act of contrition and individual confession. Three priests will be available for confessions.

Saturday December 23: 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

MASSES

Sunday December 24:
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

Sunday December 24: Christmas Eve
7:30 pm - Christmas Carols
8:00 pm - Mass
11:30 pm - Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight - Mass

Monday December 25: Christmas Day
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

Sunday December 31:
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

Sunday December 31: New Year's Eve
5:00 pm Mass

Monday January 1, 2018: New Year's Day
9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

The following 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
- Novalis “Living with Christ” for the month of January, 2018 at \$3.50 each

**The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement
as we wait patiently for God's promises.
- Romans 15:4 -**