

EASTER SUNDAY

FROM: DOCAT
The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church

God's Master Plan
Love

14. What is the new commandment of love in the New Testament?

The Golden Rule ("Treat others as you would have them treat you") is recognized in many cultures as a norm of the good life. The commandment of love in the Old Testament is even more forceful: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev 19:18). Jesus intensifies the commandment of mutual love and makes it more specific by attaching it to himself and the sacrifice of his life: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12). This love is oriented toward community and the individual in equal measure: everyone matters, as a unique, unrepeatable person loved by God - and through love everyone relies on others. Divine love is the beginning of a "civilization of love" (Popes Paul VI and John Paul II), to which all human beings can contribute.

15. Is man called to love?

Yes, it is profoundly in keeping with human nature to be loved and to offer love. In this, God himself serves as our ideal. Jesus showed us that the very being of God is love. Between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, an eternal exchange of love takes place. A loving human being, too, has a share in this communion of love. Our life can succeed only if we do not shut ourselves off from the stream of divine love but rather open our hearts to it. Love causes us to be open to the needs of our neighbor and makes us capable of going beyond ourselves. Jesus Christ, who out of love for mankind freely sacrificed himself on the Cross, accomplished the greatest deed of love precisely by going beyond his own human life.

VOCATION SEEDS'

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you,

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ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The thirteen consecutive Tuesday Novena in honour of St. Anthony, Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 15:

5:00 pm **NO MASS**

8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration & Mass

Sunday April 16:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

10:30 am Celebrant's Intention

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday April 17:

9:00 am Intention of Helen Dvorak

Tuesday April 18:

9:00 am +Charles Fernandes

Wednesday April 19:

7:30 pm +Lorna & Alfred King

Thursday April 20:

9:00 am +Mr. & Mrs. Fernandes

Friday April 21:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Phyllis Fraser

Saturday April 22:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am and
concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Schedules for the other days, please refer to the poster in the foyer. The **Feast Day Mass** will be at 12:00 noon on Sunday April 23, 2017 followed by singing of the Chaplet and Benediction.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Wishing you all, the parishioners
A Blessed and Joyous Easter!

Fr. Joseph Sultana, Deacon Patrick, and Staff

April 16, 2017

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world ...

St. Anthony's parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometers away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife is conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith. **With our support, Father Kumar is helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.**

Our ShareLife Collection to date is \$9,712.00

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017
Please give generously.**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A CATHOLIC?

New RCIA classes will start April 30, 2017 and end September 24, 2017

- Pre-registration with Fr. Joseph Sultana is mandatory
- Classes are on Sundays from 10:00am to 11:45 am
- Candidates must participate in the Mass at 9am or 12pm on Sundays or Saturday 5pm
- Candidate to attend a weekend retreat (date to be announced)
- Classes are in **English Only**
- Candidate should start reading Catholic Bible and pray the Rosary as a preparation

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“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad” - Psalm 118

The Easter season calls us to a journey of the heart. Believing in Jesus, leads us to life in Him and relationship with others.

By loving, caring and supporting the less fortunate of our Parish, we can be true followers of Jesus. Your support to the POOR BOX, is the HOPE to our neighbour-in-need. Please continue this good work.

We wish you and your family A Blessed and Joyous Easter

EASTER

From YOUCAT

104. Can you be a Christian without believing in the Resurrection of Christ?

**No. “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:14).
[631, 638, 651]**

The event of Christ's death and Resurrection [is] the heart of Christianity, principal fulcrum of our faith, powerful level of our uncertainty, impetuous wind that sweeps away every fear and indecision, every doubt and human calculation. Pope Benedict XVI, October 19, 2006

PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honour of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the faithful may receive a plenary indulgence throughout the anniversary year, which ends November 26, 2017.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence; make a pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine in Portugal or pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima anywhere in the world; and pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima. The elderly and infirm who are unable to otherwise participate in the indulgence conditions may receive the indulgence if they pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima while offering prayers, sufferings or sacrifices and spiritually uniting themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions.

**SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
(Grades 11 & 12)**

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at **St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill on Saturday April 29, 2017 (from 9am to 5pm)**. The day provides a time to pray, interact and socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. Day includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession. For more information please contact your pastor or call the Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

**The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect,
but a powerful medicine and nourishment for
the weak.**

- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium -