

# EASTER SUNDAY

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### The Common Good, Personhood, Solidarity, Subsidiarity The Principles of the Church's Social Teaching

(Continued)

#### **86. Why must we act according to these principles?**

Being human means taking on responsibility. No human being can reasonably situate himself outside of social life. Through the commandment of love of God and love of neighbor, Christians are obliged once again morally to help others, to serve the common good, to help every individual to live a dignified, truly human life, and to protect the intrinsic rights of groups and associations.

#### **87. What does "the common good" mean?**

Vatican Council II says that the common good is "the sum of those conditions of social life which allows social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment" (GS 26). The goal of the individual is to accomplish good. The goal of society is the common good. "The common good, in fact, can be understood as the social and community dimension of the moral good" (Compendium of Social Doctrine 164). The common good refers both to the good of all human beings and to the good of the whole human being. The common good requires, first, the parameters of a functioning governmental order, as it is found in a constitutional state. Then there must be concern to maintain the natural means of subsistence. Within this framework are the rights of every human being to food, shelter, health, work, and access to education. There must also be freedom of thought, assembly, and religion. Here the requirements of the common good overlap with universal human rights.

## 'VOCATION SEEDS'

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death,. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon,

**call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director**  
**Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**  
**email: vocations@archtoronto.org**  
**www.vocationstoronto.ca**

## CHING MING CHINESE REMEMBRANCE MASS

**2018** will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on **Saturday April 7, 2018 at 2:00 pm**. The Mass is organized by Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto which is held in Cantonese and Mandarin with support of the Chinese Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto. For further details, please see poster at the foyer.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday March 31:**

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

### **Sunday April 1:**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

10:30 am Celebrant's Intention

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### **Monday April 2:**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

### **Tuesday April 3:**

9:00am Deceased Members of Mendes Family

### **Wednesday April 4:**

7:30 pm +Eleanor Rodway

### **Thursday April 5:**

9:00 am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

### **Friday April 6:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Anthony Philip de Souza

### **Saturday April 7:**

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am concluded  
with Benediction at 7:00 pm and Mass at 7:30 pm

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Wishing you all, the parishioners**  
**A BLESSED and JOYOUS EASTER!**

**Fr. Joseph Sultana, Deacon Patrick, and Staff**

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who  
do not know him. What a great grace it  
is to know God!  
- St. Josephine Bakhita -

April 1, 2018

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**SHARELIFE**

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

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. These includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

**Our Parish Goal: \$44,000.00**

**Our Parish Collection to Date: \$9,000.00**

**NOVENA to the DIVINE MERCY**

Schedules for the other days, please refer to the poster in the foyer. Please try and attend the Novena Service everyday. The **Feast Day Mass** will be at 12 noon on Sunday April 8, 2018 followed by singing of the Chaplet and Benediction. Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

**NEW RCIA CLASSES**

will start on April 15, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

- Pre-registration with Fr. Sultana is mandatory
- Classes are on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:45 am
- Candidates must participate in the Mass at 9 am or 12 pm on Sundays or at the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays and attend weekday Masses as often as they can
- Classes are in English only
- Candidates are requested to start reading Catholic Bible and pray The Rosary as a preparation
- Parishioners are requested to pray for the new candidates.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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

The Easter season renews in us a call to love others. By caring and supporting the less fortunate of our Parish, we can be true followers of Jesus. Please continue your support to the POOR BOX and the Society.

A friendly reminder that the ‘Thunder & Lighting’ casseroles will be picked up on Friday, April 6. We wish you and your family A Blessed and Joyous Easter.

**THE PASCAL MYSTERY**

The most important Liturgy in the world was the Pascal Liturgy that Jesus celebrated with his disciples in the Upper Room on the night before his death. The disciples thought that Jesus would be commemorating the liberation of Israel from Egypt. Instead, Jesus celebrated the liberation of all mankind from the power of death. Back in Egypt it was the “blood of the lamb” that preserved the Israelites from the angel of death. Now he himself would be the Lamb whose blood saves mankind from death. For Jesus’ death and Resurrection is the proof that someone can die and nevertheless gain life. This is the genuine substance of every Christian liturgy. Jesus himself compared his death and Resurrection with Israel’s liberation from slavery in Egypt. Therefore, the redemptive effect of Jesus’ death and Resurrection is called the **Pascal Mystery**. There is an analogy between the life-saving blood of the Lamb at the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt (Ex 12) and Jesus, the true Pascal Lamb that has redeemed mankind from bondage of death and sin.

**FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

**Saturday April 21, 2018 at 9:30 am**

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will share information about:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- Powers of Attorney
- The advantage of pre-arranging funeral, burial and cremation plans
- The cost of making an estate plan
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Church guidelines on Cremation
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost

Location: Christ the King Catholic Cemetery

7770 Steeles Ave. East,

Markham, ON

Refreshment will be provided

**RSVP:** Frank Jannetta

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**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

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