

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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**FROM: DOCAT**

**The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church**

**God's Master Plan  
Love**

## **6. If God created the world out of love, then why is it full of injustice, oppression, and suffering?**

God created the world as something good in itself. But man fell away from God, deciding against God's love and bringing evil into the world. The Bible tells about this in the story of the first sin and fall of Adam and Eve. Human beings - the story of the Tower of Babel explains - wanted to be like God. Since then there has been a flaw in the fabric of the world, a destructive principle. Our present decisions also contribute to the fact that there is injustice, oppression, and suffering in this world. Many wrong decisions can sometimes coalesce into structures of evil and sin. The individual must therefore live within a system that on the whole is evil and unjust, and it is not all easy to distance oneself from it, for example, when a soldier is obliged to participate in an unjust war.

## **7. Why did God give man the option of doing evil in the first place?**

God created man to love. One cannot be forced to love, however; love is always voluntary. If a human being is really to be able to love, he must therefore be free. If there is genuine freedom, however, there is always the possibility also of deciding in a way that is fundamentally wrong. We human beings can even destroy freedom itself.

## **8. Does God leave man alone after he has turned away from God?**

No. God's "love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8). He goes after us, looks for us in our caves and hiding places, wishes to come into contact with us. He wishes to show us who he is.

### **'VOCATION SEEDS'**

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day."  
Are you being called to a life as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director  
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday March 25:**

5:00 pm +Anita Caayao  
+Lizy Selvanayagam  
+Marlon Mancol  
+Esperance Felix D'Souza  
+Celia Rosary  
+Carmen Marchett  
Intention of Emelina Nonato  
In Thanksgiving of Manny Tan

### **Sunday March 26:**

9:00 am +Francis Cuda  
  
10:30 am +Margaret Mascarenhas  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### **Monday March 27:**

9:00 am +Pauline D'Souza

### **Tuesday March 28:**

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

### **Wednesday March 29:**

7:30 pm +Dianne Webster

### **Thursday March 30:**

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Adelina Pinto

### **Friday March 31:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Eddie Sanchez

### **Saturday April 1:**

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.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.**

### **ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

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

# March 26, 2017

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## DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday March 29, 2017

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

## SHARELIFE

### “Living the Gospel” locally and around the world .....

How do we “Live the Gospel” toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the First ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to “Live the Gospel” by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife. **Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously.**

## IT'S MOVIE TIME

Come and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council will host the movie “**What Would Jesus Do?**” on Sunday April 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the hall. Light refreshment will be served. Tickets at \$5.00 each will be made available after all Masses today March 25/26, 2017.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council will hold their Recruitment Weekend today Saturday March 25 and Sunday March 26, 2017. We invite all women of our parish community ages 16 years and over to be part of our vibrant Catholic Women's League. Visit our table in the foyer after all the Masses and talk with our members to learn more about our council.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to Me - Matthew 25.40

We can be true followers of Jesus' message by reaching out to the people who ask us for help, people who depend on us for their material and spiritual needs. Your contribution to the POOR BOX every Sunday, helps to build this relationship.

Please use the SVP donation envelopes available at the back of the Church and deposit them in the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church. God bless you for your kind generosity.

## HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2017

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his world, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcome the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organization in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

## FATIMA CENTENNIAL

May 13th - October 13th

This year is the 100th Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions.

### The Message of Our Lady of Fatima:

- Daily Rosary
- Penance
- Reparation
- First Five Saturdays
- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE 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 10:00 am to 11:45 am
- Candidates must participate in the Mass at 9am or 12 pm on Sundays or Saturday 5 pm
- 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

**Religious Articles from the Holy Land** will be made available next weekend April 1/2, 2017 in the foyer after all Masses.

**The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy Virgin..... the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty.**

- St. Therese of Lisieux -