

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church

God's Master Plan Love

16. Is loving your neighbour something you can practice and learn?

Yes. Indeed, it is very important. Love is not only a feeling. Love is also a virtue, a power that can be trained. Becoming braver and bolder, as well as more just and more loving is a true challenge for every Christian. We must learn to look up the world from the other person's perspective. People whom we meet with sincere goodwill sense that they are being taken seriously as persons and can express themselves freely. If we practice love when it is easy to do so, we will become, with God's help, increasingly capable of loving even when it is painful and when we are not "loved in return". This is the case in caring for the poorest of the poor, and it is even more true when we have to deal in a new way with our opponents: renouncing revenge, retaliation, and violence.

17. Is there meaning and progress in history?

Salvation, the definitive wholeness and perfect happiness that is granted to us through Jesus Christ, is not something that only a few people can attain. God wants the salvation of all mankind. This salvation liberates man in all his dimensions: as body and spirit, personally and socially, in his earthly history and forever in heaven. In history, and therefore in the time in which we find ourselves, this salvation is already dawning; however, it will be perfect only in eternity. Hence we must reject all political ideologies that promise salvation already on earth. The fact that we will find paradise only in heaven is not a consolation prize, nor is it disdain for the world. Rather, because of our hope for eternal life, we can shape the here and now in justice and love. Nothing good that we do here on earth is in vain; rather, it is taken up into the perfection of eternity.

VOCATION SEEDS'

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director
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VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION WEEK

April 23 - 29, 2017

Our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who offered their service to St. Aidan Parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 22:

5:00 pm +Roberta Despa
+Juana Montaniel
+Margarita Rollo
+Margaret Georges
+Mary Xavier

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
In Thanksgiving of Ortega Family
In Thanksgiving of Ian Jeffrey

Sunday April 23:

9:00 am Intention of Georgina Fernandes
10:30 am Intention of Mabbayad Family
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday April 24:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

Tuesday April 25:

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Wednesday April 26:

7:30 pm +Vijay Rajagopalan

Thursday April 27:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

Friday April 28:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm +Vaughan & Catherine Georges

Saturday April 29:

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.**

THE DIVINE MERCY

Feast Day Mass will be at 12:00 noon today Sunday April 23, 2017 followed by singing of the Chaplet and Benediction.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend!

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

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

April 23, 2017

ST. AIDAN PARISH COMMUNITY
celebrates the
100TH ANNIVERSARY of the APPARITIONS of Our
Blessed Mother and the Miracle of Fatima
May 13th - October 13th, 2017
Come Join our Celebration with a Living Rosary,
Mass and an outdoor Procession after Mass

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by helping the vulnerable in our society

Tim and Donna met 25 years ago and have made the Friday and Saturday social nights at Our Place a regular part of their lives. Their intellectual capacity is somewhat limited but they do maintain their own independent apartments. While Tim is currently caring for his aging mother following her recent surgery, Donna is able to support Tim by cooking meals and offering caring attention. As Tim overcomes some social shyness in his own life, he also takes care of some of Donna's daily needs with household chores, and working on the computer. The support role ShareLife plays enables Our Place to be a caring partner to these vulnerable people. **ShareLife funded agencies like Our Place helps many intellectually disabled men and women through compassionate and caring support.**

Our ShareLife Collection to date is \$9,712.00
Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017
Please give generously.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday May 11, 2017, Ottawa

St. Aidan Church will share a bus with St. Bartholomew Parish. Adult: \$30.00 Student: 15.00
Bus leaving from St. Bartholomew Church parking lot on Thursday May 11, at 6:30 am and will be back in Toronto by 8:30 pm. For Tickets: call Wayne 416 254 9464

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“Apart from the **Divine Mercy of God**, there is no other source of hope for mankind.” - Saint John Paul II

We can experience the fullness of His mercy when we meet and see the face of the Lord in the poor and the needy. Let us be instruments of His merciful love and compassion in reaching out to our neighbour-in-need.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

April 30 - May 5, 2017

“Walking Forward Together”

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from April 30—May 5. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebration are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend.

Mark your calendars St. Sylvester's school and St. Aidan's will celebrate the Holy Eucharist together at St. Aidan Church on Friday 5th May 2017 at 9:30 am.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, “Walking Forward Together.”

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal - in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future - (1) “Walking Forward Together”. (2) Encyclical, On Care for Our Common Home by Pope Francis. (3) The Joy of Love is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable.

The five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week: Walking Forward Together with God; with our Families; with Others; with Creation; and in Hope.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday April 29, 2017 at 10:00 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 savings of making an estate plan
- Finding lawyers and state planning advisors
- Our Catholic Traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost

Location: Christ the King Catholic Cemetery Reception Centre, 7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham, ON. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@cc-fs.ca