

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM: DOCAT

The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church

**God's Master Plan
Love**

20. What is the Church's task in God's master plan?

The master plan of God's love is the salvation and redemption of all men through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Church exists because Jesus invited us to enter into deep, saving communion with him. This communion, the "Body of Christ", is the Church. Through baptism and the other sacraments, we belong to Christ and, through him, are endowed with a new, everlasting life. Through heeding the word of God, we obey his will. The Church is the place where we can develop in God's love. The Church is not an end in herself. She bears responsibility for mankind and society and must by her work contribute to the peace and development of the human family.

21. Is the Kingdom of God already visible in the Church?

The Church exists "in order that space may be made in the world for God, so that he may dwell therein and the world may thus become his 'Kingdom'" (Joseph Ratzinger). With Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God has really started in the world. Wherever the sacraments are administered, the old world of sin and death is conquered at its root and transformed. A new creation begins; the Kingdom of God becomes visible. The sacraments are only empty signs, however, if Christians do not translate the new life that has been granted them into authentic action. One cannot go to Communion and at the same time deny others their daily bread. The sacraments call us to a love that is willing "to go out of [itself] and to go to the peripheries, not only geographically, but also to the existential peripheries: the mystery of sin, of suffering, of injustice, of ignorance and indifference to religion, of intellectual currents, and of all sorts of poverty" (speech by Cardinal Bergoglio in the pre-conclave, 2013).

'VOCATION SEEDS'

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968 0997
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 6:

5:00 pm +Edel Quinn
+Anthony Emmanuel
+Josephine Santos
+Claude Valladares
+Celia Rosary
+Evelyn Berenguer
+Felicidad de Guzmzn
Intention of Teresa MacNeil

Sunday May 7:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family
10:30 am +Philomena Rodrigues
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday May 8:

9:00 am +Rosalinda Mendes

Tuesday May 9:

9:00 am Intention of Araceli Bonifacio

Wednesday May 10:

7:30 pm Intention of Rosario dela Paz

Thursday May 11:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Mendez Family

Friday May 12:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:00 pm +Hilary

Saturday May 13:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The grade 2 children of our schools will be making their First Holy Communion today Sunday May 7, 2017 at 3:00pm. Please pray for all these children.

CONFIRMATION

The Grade 7 and 8 pupils of our schools will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday May 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

APOSTOLATES OF PRAYERS

Intention for the month of May

Evangelization: Christians in Africa - That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

May 7, 2017

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, May 12, 2017

On this day, Cardinal Collins has asked that we all take the time, as a community, to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. During this time, we also ask that you pray for our five soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning or who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish office, call the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

We encourage you to spent an hour of Adoration any-time from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on this day and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**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 followed by an outdoor Procession**

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

will be made available by the members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Aidan Council next weekend May 13th and 14th, 2017 after all Masses at a minimal cost.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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"Be generous and you will be prosperous. Help others and you will be helped" Proverbs 11:25

Your contribution to the POOR BOX, is an evidence of you bringing God's love and kindness to those in need - our neighbour-in-need.

MaryGrove Camp: for Girls ages 5 - 13

Camp Ozaman: for Boys ages 7 - 12

PS: These Camps are Only for the Less Fortunate Children

Please call us @647 772 1319 if you would like to register your child. You should have a copy of a valid Health Card

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic Community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." -Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Today is the 2nd instalment of the ShareLife Campaign
Thank You for your generosity!!**

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO

offers walk-in counseling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required. **Central Office address:** 1155 Yonge Street Suite 100, Toronto. Every Tuesday 9 am to 7 pm. Phone: 416 921 1163. **North Office address:** 5799 Yonge Street Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9am to 7 pm. Phone: 416 222 0048 EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

offers a 6-8 week professional psycho-educational group of people who have faced relationship loss, separation and divorce. The sessions held in a safe supportive context and facilitated by a clinical social worker will utilize evidence based information aimed at assisting each participant in their healing journey. For more information about topics, dates and fees and to register for an upcoming group, please contact Alpana Das, MSW,RSW at 416 921 1163 ext. 2232 or email: adas@cfstoronto.com

**RETREAT for CATHOLIC PARENTS of
Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons
Saturday 3 June 2017**

Catholic parents testify that a welcoming, respectful and sensitive attitude by their parish community is especially important when they are dealing with a child's disclosure of same-sex attraction. Offer your patient assistance to parents who are grappling with the challenge of supporting a son or daughter who is coming to terms with same sex attraction and may experience isolation or repressing silence. Ostracism or the fear of being rejected, or even hated, frequently contributes to the despair that all too often is felt by these young persons. We urge you to be attentive to their parents, reducing their isolation and worry by your counsel.