

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT

MASS INTENTIONS

The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church

Together We are Strong - The Church's Social Mission

39. What is the Church's attitude toward the social networks?

The Internet and above all the social networks are regarded as an important extension of the possibilities for communication. Pope Benedict XVI repeatedly took up this theme; thus he says "The new technologies allow people to meet each other beyond the confines of space and their own culture, creating in this way an entirely new world of potential friendships. This is a great opportunity, but it also requires greater attention to and awareness of possible risks" (Benedict XVI, Message for the 45th World Communications Day, 2011). Just like all media, however, the social networks, too, should serve the common good and human development. Pope Benedict, calls for "serious reflection on the significance of communication in the digital age". As a matter of principle, communication on social networks takes the form of a dialogue; this is a great opportunity for the Church to realize her potential as a *communio*, or fellowship. Pope Francis has a Twitter account (@pontifex), which Pope Benedict started. In early 2016 he had 26 million followers.

40. What is the "digital divided"?

The noblest goal of a social media is universal participation in shaping public affairs. On the Internet and in the social networks some people are excluded from the start, if for structural, financial, or personal reasons they have no access to the internet or if they cannot use it competently. In order to avoid the exclusion of individuals or groups (the "digital divide"), the Church repeatedly calls for universal access to the means of social communication and a prohibition of monopolies and ideological supervision. If the exclusion affects the elderly, the unemployed, and people with less formal education, it is more correct to talk about a social divide, which absolutely must be overcome. Therefore this is a question not only about communicating but also about overcoming unjust structures that exclude individuals or groups from information and thus from education and development.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

Contact Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
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Saturday October 28:

5:00 pm +Margie & Rufus Scheffer
+Theresa D'Souza
+Guilherme & Ester De Souza
+Casimiro Alfonso
+Gabriel & Victoria Noronha
+Cesar Berenguer
+Betty Salhab
+Thomas Olango
Intention of Emily Dvorak & Family

Sunday October 29:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

10:30 am +Rosa Loong

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday October 30:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Mabbayad Family

Tuesday October 31:

9:00 am +Herminia & Felisa Tan

Wednesday November 1:

7:30 pm All Saints

Thursday November 2:

9:00 am All Souls

7:30 pm All Souls

Friday November 3:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Celia Rosary

Saturday November 4:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Thanksgiving of Gillian Patterson

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

are available in the gift shop for \$5.00 each.

October 29, 2017

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased relatives and friends in the book. Prayers will be offered for them at the Sunday Masses during the whole month of November.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

New RCIA classes start November 12, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:45 am every Sunday. If you would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) and be fully incorporated in the Catholic Church, please see Fr. Joseph Sultana, Pastor.

Pre-registration is required.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT "Find your strength in Christ."

WHO: Single Catholic Men, 17 years and older asking themselves "Lord, what do you want me to do with my life?"

Date/Time: Friday November 10th - 7:00 pm to
Sunday November 12th - 1:00 pm

Please register online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca

For more information: Office of Vocation
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT DRIVE

"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will," God calls each of us to service. Today, October 28/29, answer His call as a **Knight of Columbus!** We invite Catholic gentlemen to meet us in the Church's foyer after all Masses and learn what it means to be a **Brother Knight!**

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In today's Gospel reading, the two commandments - love God and love your neighbour, sum up the Scripture. We show we love God by loving our neighbour. Our neighbour is everyone, especially the poor, the weak, the needy, the under privileged.

Your generous contribution to the POOR BOX every Sunday, and your support to prepare the T&L casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre every month, manifest your relationship with God by your love for your neighbour. Please continue the good work.

The POOR BOX collection for the month of September was \$1,214.20. May God bless you for your kind generosity.

THANK YOU

Thank You for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. It's a blessing for young dioceses, priests, sisters, brothers and catechists who depend on it. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.
Our collection \$4,310.00

FROM A LETTER BY CARDINAL COLLINS dated October 20, 2017 regarding Cremation

Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church asks that the faithful, in preparing their funeral and burial arrangements, ensure that the bodies of Catholics are buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.

Many Catholics are unaware that since 1963 the Church has also accepted cremation as an alternative to burial. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of our loved one does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus, cremation does not deny the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. Concern about cremation being chosen as a way of denying those doctrines was the reason the Church formerly opposed it, but in our time this is not an issue, and so cremation is now allowed.

Over the years, the number of people being cremated has increased in many countries for a number of reasons. Unfortunately, with this increase come practices that are not appropriate or acceptable. When cremation is chosen, this choice must never violate the wishes of the deceased.

According to Church teaching, scattering cremated remains on the sea, in the air, on the ground, or keeping them in the homes of relatives, does not display appropriate reverence.

When, for legitimate reasons, cremation has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the bishop. This shows fitting respect for the one who has died.

FAMILY OF FAITH

Is your information up-to-date? Please help the **Family of Faith** campaign maintain its record by letting them know of any changes to your information, including your e-mail address. Please contact the **Donations Processing Centre** at campaign@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 x555