

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church
Unique and Infinitely Valuable - The Human Person
Digression - The Person in Bioethics

76. What about pre-implantation diagnosis (PID)?

New medical procedures are not always advantageous for a pregnant woman and her unborn child. With Pre-Implantation Diagnosis (PID) there is an obvious danger of setting an arbitrary value on human life and being selective. Thus children with genetic anomalies or suspected of being handicapped are screened and not allowed to live. More and more often, PID is used even to end the life of a child who is not of the sex desired by the parents. Critics warn that we are going down the path toward “designer babies”. No physicians and not even the parents of an unborn child have the right to decide whether or not the life of a human being is worth living. Many disabled people perceive the debate itself over PID as blatant discrimination: they would not be alive today if PID had already existed when they were conceived. Christians can never approve of selecting among human embryos.

77. Is euthanasia morally permissible?

The direct killing of a human being, even if he is terminally ill, is always against the Fifth Commandment (Ex 20:13): You shall not kill. That applies to my own life, too. Only God is the master of life and death. On the other hand, to support a dying person and supply him with all possible medical and human care so as to alleviate his sufferings is to practice love of neighbor and perform a work of mercy. The hospice movement and Palliative Medicine provide important services in this regard. The principle must be: We help the dying person (and not: “We help the person to die”). Accordingly, from a medical and moral perspective, it may even be imperative to discontinue procedures that offer no hope of improvement and also to use palliative means, even if they shorten the patient’s life. In all this, however, the patient’s will must be taken into consideration. If no directives have been made and the patient himself can no longer state his wishes, they can be expressed by an authorized representative, but they must, however, be consistent with the moral law.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

If we need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 24:

5:00 pm +Leon & Aurora Gonzales
+Keith Kevin Vas Tellis
+Clarice Daniels
+Consuelo Malabanan
+Fernando David

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
Intention of Christine Ho

Sunday February 25:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am +Emelda & Fred Balasingham

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday February 26:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ylagan Family

Tuesday February 27:

9:00am +Wilson & Ivy Sequeira

Wednesday February 28:

7:30 pm +Julian Banda

Thursday March 1:

9:00 am +Albert Remedios

Friday March 2:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Francisco Balagtas

Saturday March 3:

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

on Friday March 9, 2018

This service will be together with the Stations of the Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.

February 25, 2018

SHARELIFE MISSION, VISION & PRINCIPLES

Mission: "To live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Vision: "The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love."

Principles:

- Reverence for life at all stages
- Commitment to Catholic Social Teaching
- Collaboration with stakeholders
- Responsible and accountable for resources

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

DAY OF REFLECTION

One good way to prepare for Easter is by attending a Day of Reflection. Our CWL has arranged for a priest to deliver this in our parish on **Saturday March 3, 2018 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Topic: Developing our Relationship with Jesus & the Holy Spirit.** There is no charge but registration is required. Please see CWL members in the foyer.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

A Parish Lenten Mission will be held in our parish on **Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 18 to 21, 2018.**

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"The people were still marveling at what Jesus was doing, when he said to his disciples, "Don't forget what I am about to tell you! The son of Man is going to be handed over to the power of men." But the disciples did not know what he meant. It had been hidden from them so that they could not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about the matter." - Luke 9:44-45

Just a friendly reminder of the "Bundle-Up Weekend" on March 3/4, 2018. We will be collecting clothing, shoes, linen and small household items. Let's share our love to the less fortunate.

God Bless
SVP

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! February 24/25 & March 3/4 We Need Your Help!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically with you on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Many parishes are conducting Sign-Up Sundays, collecting people's contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4, 2018. **Please participate.**

Please read Cardinal Collin's letter which is inserted in today's bulletin.

Alternatively, some parishes are pointing parishioners to sign-up website, <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register for this program.

No matter which method of registration you use, thank you for living a faith that acts!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - March 2

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concern of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

To assist celebrations of the World Day of Prayer, services have been prepared for adults, youth, and children. Copies of these may be obtained from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, phone: 416 929 5184

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God speaks in the silence of the heart.

Listening is the beginning of prayer.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta -