

# FOURTH 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**

### **80. Why does the Church get involved in the bioethics debate?**

The Church welcomes all genuine scientific progress, for it is keeping with God's command to be stewards of creation. Advances in medical technology in particular are very beneficial for mankind. Through them, however, human beings acquire more and more decision-making power over others. Suddenly it seems "useful" to cultivate human embryos in a Petri dish, it seems "feasible" to kill handicapped infants in their mother's womb, and it seems "humane" to put sick people out of their suffering. Whenever there is a misuse of human power, the Church must always stand on the side of the victims. Research must not be exploited and suddenly turned against human beings, especially the weakest members of society. The Church is not interested in making narrow-minded prohibitions; rather, she wishes to promote the dignity of the human person at all stages of life and in all circumstances.

### **81. Why do so many people want the option of assisted suicide?**

People are afraid of serious pain. Moreover, they have a fear of becoming incapacitated. We can address such fears very well today, however, through proper care, comprehensive support of the dying, palliative medicine, and hospice care. Experience shows that the great majority of patients stop asking for death once they learn about the possibilities of pain management and end-of-life care. To help dying persons (instead of "helping people to die") may mean discontinuing or refusing some treatments or else relieving intolerable suffering through painkillers and sedatives. This is true even if administering them shortens the patient's remaining lifetime.

## **'VOCATION SEEDS'**

St Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

**call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director**  
**Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**  
**email: vocations@archtoronto.org**  
**www.vocationstoronto.ca**

**Work without love is slavery.**  
**- St. Teresa of Calcutta -**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday March 10:**

5:00 pm +Anthony Philip De Souza  
+Gabriel Noronha  
+Esperance D'Souza  
Intention of Christine Francis  
Intention of Gwen Valladares  
In Thanksgiving of Mariano Santos

### **Sunday March 11:**

9:00 am +Francisco Balagtas  
  
10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Benita Vanheer  
  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### **Monday March 12:**

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

### **Tuesday March 13:**

9:00am +Teofila Ylagan

### **Wednesday March 14:**

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Carmelita Palma

### **Thursday March 15:**

9:00 am +Vejay Rajagopalan

### **Friday March 16:**

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Herminia & Felisa Tan

### **Saturday March 17:**

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

**2017 INCOME TAX RECIEPTS**  
**are available for pick up all weekend**  
**Masses in the gift shop.**

# March 11, 2018

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## SHARELIFE

### Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

How do we “Live the Gospel” toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it’s volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have 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. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help “Live the Gospel” through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday  
Please give generously.**

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

A Parish Lenten Mission will be held in our parish on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 19 to 21, 2018.**

Mass: 7:00 pm

Parish Mission: 7:30 pm

Speaker: Deacon Gary Johnson

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**Thursday March 15, 2018**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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“Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: He went a little further on, threw himself on the ground, and prayed that, if possible, he might not have to go through that time of suffering.” “Father”, he prayed, “my Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup of suffering from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want.”

Thank you to all who contributed to the “Bundle-Up” last weekend. Thank you also to all those who prepared the T&L casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre. May God bless you for your kind generosity.

Your generous support to the POOR BOX makes it possible to serve our neighbours in need. Please continue the good work.

God Bless,  
SVP

## FAMILY OF FAITH

As many of you remember, four years ago we completed our active fundraising, for our parish’s Family of Faith campaign. Our participation in this important program not only greatly helps our parish, it helps establish funds for the Archdiocese of Toronto to fund a number of initiatives outlined in the Pastoral Plan. The priorities include:

- Providing financial support to parishes to help ensure growth and sustainability;
- Supporting Catholic education through parish and campus based ministry to keep our youth engaged in an active life of faith;
- Investing in resources that will help all of our clergy grow and be the pastoral leaders we all rely on them to be;
- Ensuring there is a strong Catholic voice in an increasingly secular world;
- Restoring and enhancing the beauty of St. Michael’s Cathedral as the mother church of all Catholics in the archdiocese;
- Establishing a new capital fund to provide financing to new churches and to support those parish communities that may be struggling with significant building issues.

Our parish campaign experienced tremendous success. The outpouring generosity and sacrifice by our parish families was astounding and inspiring. On behalf of the Archdiocese of Toronto, I would like to give my genuine and heartfelt thanks to all of the families and individuals that helped make the Family of Faith campaign a success at St. Aidan Parish.

## JOIN US FOR A ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELTIC GOSPEL SHOW RHYTHM & GRACE

Fun music for the whole family from Lakefield, Ontario  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday March 14, 2018  
St. Aidan Parish Hall (free-will offering)

## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

will be on Saturday March 24, 2018 at St. Aidan Catholic Church from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

- No pre-registration is required
- New candidates must be in grade 4 and up
- Must serve a minimum on 25 Masses in a calendar year
- Must be reading the Bible at home and praying the Rosary regularly
- During Lent please pray the Stations of the Cross
- Parental support and guidance will be helpful
- Existing altar servers are welcome to attend