

PALM SUNDAY

FROM: YOU CAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Man the Creature

58. What does it mean to say that man was created “in God’s image”?

Unlike inanimate objects, plants, and animals, man is a person endowed with a spirit. This characteristic unites him with God more than with his visible fellow creatures. [355-357, 380]

Man is not a something but rather a someone. Just as we say about God that he is person, so too we say this about man. Man can think beyond his immediate horizon and measure the whole breadth of being; he can even know himself with critical objectivity and work to improve himself; he can perceive others as persons, understand them in their dignity, and love them. Of all the visible creatures, man alone is “able to know and love his creator” (Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et spes [GS] 12, 3). Man is destined to live with him in friendship (Jn 15:15).

59. Why did God make man?

God made everything for man. Man, however, who is “the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake” (GS 24, 3), was created in order to be blessed. This happens when he knows, loves, and serves God and lives in gratitude towards his Creator. (358)

Gratitude is love that has been acknowledged. Someone who is grateful turns freely to the giver of the good and enters into a new, deeper relationship with him. God wishes us to acknowledge his love and even now to live our whole life in relation with him. This relationship lasts forever.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, there will be a pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future priests.

Let us give generously and show solidarity to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

THANK YOU

“NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2012

Tomorrow The National Catholic Mission 2012, “Three Troubling Questions,” will be broadcast on VISIONTV Monday, April 2nd (Pt. 1) and Tuesday April 3rd (Pt 2) at 6:00 pm and repeated at 10:00 pm. It will feature Father John Heagle, Sister Barbara Leonard O.F.S., James McGill and Father Pat Fitzpatrick - all of whom will deal with questions that trouble us all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 31:

5:00 pm +Mariano & Felipa Aceron
+France & Antoinette
+Mabell & Anthonypillai Cyril
+Sebastian Dacunha
+Marcos Catano
+Merlyn & Ernest Rodrigues
+Francisca Sital
+Beverly Ngan
+Joyce Alles

Deceased Members of Patterson & Nugara Families
Intention of Anselm D’Souza
In Thanksgiving of Fernandes Family
In Thanksgiving of Matthew & Jazmine Tolentino

Sunday April 1:

9:00 am +Vince D’Andrea

10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday April 2:

9:00 am Intention of Teodoro Mabbayad

Tuesday April 3:

9:00 am No Mass
7:30 pm Mass

Wednesday April 4:

7:30 pm +Darwin Currie

Thursday April 5: Holy Thursday

9:00 am No Mass
7:30 pm Solemn Mass of the Eucharist

Friday April 6: Good Friday

9:30 am No Mass & Adoration
3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday April 7:

9:00 am & 5:00 pm No Masses
8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration

Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto Retreat Weekends

Two weekends of prayer and contemplation are offered for single women, age 30-50, April 27-29 or May 25-27, 2012. Location: 3377 Bayview Ave., Toronto. Contact dschweitzer@csj-to.ca or call 416-927-0720

April 1, 2012

SHARELIFE

Working Wonders for Young People.....

“They stuck by me so many times. They could have just closed the doors and said, ‘You’re too much to handle.’ I had a bad attitude. I didn’t want to follow the rules. I had no structure. But they stuck by me and when I had my son in the hospital, they were there to make sure that CAS was on my side and did not take my son. My son saved me. If he wasn’t here, I don’t think I would be here either.”

ShareLife agencies provided counseling, support and community education to more than 8,300 young people last year - offering personal and group counseling to 1,674 pregnant youth and young mothers who turned to them for help.

Parish First Collection was \$ 9, 145.00. Thank You!

2nd ShareLife collection - April 29, 2012
Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, St. Aidan Council will be holding their annual Easter Baskets & Bake Sale Saturday March 31 & Sunday April 1, 2012 after all Masses. We need your support. Thank You!

“Blood. It’s in you to give.”

The Knights of Columbus - St Aidan Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive at St. Aidan Church on Saturday June 2, 2012 from 11am to 3pm. Please call Canadian Blood Services at 1 888 2 DONATE for complete eligibility requirements and to book an appointment. Give the gift of life!

NOTE: A donor must wait at least 8 weeks between donations, therefore we ask regular donors to please donate before April 5th to be eligible to participate at our June 2nd Blood Drive!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will start on Good Friday, 6th April, after the Stations of the Cross. On Holy Saturday, the Novena service will be before the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass. On other days it will be after the regular daily Mass. The Feast Mass will be on Sunday 15th April at the 12:00 noon Mass. Please see flyer in the foyer for more details. All parishioners are requested to please try and attend the Novena everyday.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2012

April 1, Palm Sunday:

Masses: 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon
Blessing and Distribution of Palms; Proclamation of the Lord’s Passion

April 2, Monday:

9:00 am: Mass
7:30 pm: Penitential Rite #2: This celebration will consists of Singing, Holy Scripture readings, Examination of Conscience, Individual confession. Three priests will be available for confessions

April 3, Tuesday:

No 9:00 am Mass
11:00 am: Chrism Mass at St. Michael’s Cathedral
7:30 pm: Mass

April 4, Wednesday:

7:30 pm: Healing Mass: Anointing of the sick - this sacrament is given to anyone whose health is seriously impaired, or elderly who are notably weakened, even though no serious illness present. Those persons whose health is not seriously impaired should not receive it.
No Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help

April 5, Holy Thursday:

No 9:00 am Mass
7:30 pm: Solemn Mass of the Eucharist - Washing of the feet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight

April 6, Good Friday:

No 9:30 am Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 pm: Good Friday Liturgy—Proclamation of the Lord’s Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion
7:30 pm: Reflection of Jesus’ Passion and Death on Good Friday by walking the journey with Him and listening to His final Words from the Cross! Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Station of the Cross.

April 7, Holy Saturday:

No 9:00 am & 5:00 pm Masses
8:00 pm: Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration

April 8, Easter Sunday:

Masses: 9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

April 2, Monday: 7:30 pm
April 6, Friday: after the 3:00 pm service
April 7, Saturday: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

NEED ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY 9AM MASS

If you attend the Sunday 9am Mass, please offer to serve. Must be in grade 4 or above.
If you are an existing altar server and live nearby, can come for Sunday 9am Mass, please offer to serve.