

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FROM: YOUCAT  
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Fallen Man

67. What is sin?

**At the core of sin is a rejection of God and the refusal to accept his love. This is manifested in a disregard for his commandments. [385-390]**

Sin is more than incorrect behavior; it is not just a psychological weakness. In the deepest sense every rejection or destruction of something good is the rejection of good in itself, the rejection of God. In its most profound and terrible dimension, sin is separation from God and, thus, separation from the source of life. That is why death is another consequence of sin. Only through Jesus do we understand the abysmal dimension of sin: Jesus suffered God's rejection in his own flesh. He took upon himself the deadly power of sin so that it would not strike us. The term that we use for this is redemption. 224-237, 315-318, 348-468

68. Original sin? What does the Fall of Adam and Eve have to do with us?

**Sin in the strict sense implies guilt for which one is personally responsible. Therefore the term "Original Sin" refers to a personal sin, but rather to the disastrous, fallen states of mankind into which the individual is born, even before he himself sins by a free decision. [388-389, 402-404]**

In talking about Original Sin, Pope Benedict XVI says that we must understand "that we all carry within us a drop of the poison of that way of thinking, illustrated by the images in the Book of GENESIS... . The human being does not trust God. Tempted by the serpent, he harbors the suspicion ... that God is a rival who curtails our freedom and that we will be fully human only when we have cast him aside... . Man does not want to receive his existence and the fullness of his life from God ... . And in doing so, he trusts in deceit rather than in truth and thereby sinks with his life into emptiness, into death" (Pope Benedict XVI, December 8, 2005).

## "VOCATION SEEDS"

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to a Church vocation,

call Fr. Hansoo 416 968 0997

email: vocations@vocations.ca      www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Please Pray for:**

- **the First Holy Communion Candidates** who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time on Sunday May 6 at 3:00 pm.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday May 5:

5:00 pm +Rukmani Nicholas  
+Ponrose Balthazar  
+Christina Molina  
+Nelson Manalo  
+Everest Belgrave  
+Philomena & Lawrence Rodrigues  
In Honour of Our Blessed Lady  
Intention of David Chin Fatt  
In Thanksgiving of Joe & Stella Joseph  
In Thanksgiving of Reynaldo Malinao  
In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

### Sunday May 6:

9:00 am +Vince D'Andrea  
10:30 am +Afonso & Manny Cabral  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday May 7:

9:00 am +Anna & Caetan Menezes

### Tuesday May 8:

9:00 am Intention of Tracy Gravesande

### Wednesday May 9:

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganca

### Thursday May 10:

9:00 am Intention of Araceli Bonifacio

### Friday May 11:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Barbara & Mervyn Rixon

### Saturday May 12:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

Here are the intentions for May:

**General:** That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society.

**Mission:** That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every Friday starting with Mass at 9:30 am  
and concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm

May 6, 2012

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**Catholic Education Week - May 6-11, 2012**

**“Walking in the Light of Christ”**

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2012, which runs from May 6-11. For more than 160 years, Ontario’s publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, empowering one another to serve as faithful disciples. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who diligently nurture this precious gift. For more information about Catholic Education Week or to find your local school board, visit GoodNewsForAll.ca or the Archdiocese of Toronto online at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**Welcome to Rev. Fr. Anthony Gramlich** of the Congregation of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Eden Hill, Stockbridge, Massachusetts, USA. He will be visiting our parish the weekend of May 12th and 13th to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Praises, Benediction and Blessing. At Sunday Masses he will do the Homily about the Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina.

**The Knights of Columbus Annual National March for Life** (against abortion) takes place in Ottawa on May 10, 11 & 12 this year.

In solidarity with them our St. Aidan Knights will sell lapel (embroidered) roses this weekend May 5/6. Please support our Knights. Please pray for mothers in difficult situations. May our Lady of Guadalupe (Patron Saint of the Knights) protect the unborn.

**“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 (by appointment only!) Please call Canadian Blood Services at 1 888 2 DONATE for complete eligibility requirements and to book an appointment. Give the gift of life!

**THANK YOU**

The CWL, St. Aidan Council would like to thank all parishioners and friends who generously donated items for our Sisters of Life Program Appeal. The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women who assist pregnant women in need of practical assistance as well as those who have suffered abortion to hope and heal. These items will reach them in time for Mother’s Day. Thank You once again for your great support!

**SHARELIFE**

**Working Wonders for Immigrants and Refugees.....**

Mark, 34, lives in a rural refugee camp in Ghana after surviving the genocide in Rwanda. He fled following a sense of threats on his life. The refugee camp is isolated, with few jobs opportunities and little food support, financial or logistic assistance available. With the help of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, he completed training courses in security guarding and first aid and now volunteers in the camp. He has also been learning English and wrote this letter: “I am ready to work in a restaurant or bar; in a store or factory; agriculture or construction. I can do cleaning, washing clothes and cars. I am not a lazy man. I can use my strength to do any work. I want friends to talk to. I want to go to church to meet friends; and to overcome cultural barriers.” **In 2011, ShareLife agencies assisted almost 40,000 newly arrived people in the GTA become productive and self-sufficient, through settlement program.**

3rd ShareLife collection - June 3, 2012  
Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

**We are excited about the opportunity to have a generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto come forward to match all new or increased gifts to the campaign this year, up to a total of \$650,000.**

The realization of this challenge will mean increased resources will be allocated toward the work of our agencies. We are already experiencing new and increased gifts as a result of this opportunity.

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

**Tel: 416-821-1319                      [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)**

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Lady. Let us pray the rosary daily and implore her intercession in our needs and especially the needs of our less fortunate brethren.

As a community, let us commit ourselves to reach out to those in need. If you know of anyone who is in need or requires any assistance, please feel free to call us at our telephone number or contact any of the SVP members and we would be happy to assist. Be rest assured, any information given to us, will maintained in strict confidence. We look forward for your support.

Poor Box collection for April 2012 was \$1,638.89