

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## FROM: YOU CAT

### Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church The Ten Commandments

**The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.**

425. What does the Church have against “marriage without the certificate”?

**For Catholics there is no marriage without a church wedding. In that ceremony Christ enters into a covenant with the husband and the wife and generously endows the couple with graces and gifts. [2390-2391]**

Older individuals sometimes think they should advise young people to have nothing to do with ceremonies with vows. In their opinion, a marriage is just a rash attempt to combine income, perspectives, and a good intentions while at the same time publicly making promises that cannot be kept. A Christian marriage is not a game, however, but rather the greatest gift God has devised for a man and a woman who love each other. God himself unites them at a depth that man could not achieve. Jesus Christ, who said, “Apart from me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5), is present in a lasting way in the Sacrament of Matrimony. He is the love in the love of the spouses. His strength is still there, even when the strength of the lovers seems to dry up. That is why the sacrament of Matrimony is anything but a piece of paper. It is like a divine and seaworthy vessel that the loving couple can board - a ship that the bride and groom know carries enough fuel to bring them with God’s help to their longed-for destination. Whereas today many people say that there is nothing wrong with uncommitted premarital sex or extramarital relations, the Church invites us to resist this societal pressure clearly and forcefully.

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS

### Intentions for February

**Universal:** Care for Creation - That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given-cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelization:** Asia - That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the people of Asia.

## FUNDRAISING - STUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

### Valentine’s Weekend

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, February**

Roses and Carnations will be available after all weekend Masses for a donation of \$ 3.00 each. Please support our youth.

## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINES OF QUEBEC July 1 - 4, 2016

Please read the poster in the foyer for more detailed information. Organized by the St. Aidan Council CWL

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday: February 6:

5:00 pm +Chico Banda  
+Ferdinand Paul D’Souza  
+Celia Rosary  
+Helen Magpayo  
+Dominga Camarao  
+Fr. Jimmy D’Souza  
+Erlinda Sinlao  
In Thanksgiving of Berenguer Family

### Sunday February 7:

9:00 am +Francis D’Souza  
  
10:30 am +Gabina & Manuel Fajardo  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday February 8:

9:00 am +May Luu

### Tuesday February 9:

9:00 am +Paul & Ellen Loo

### Wednesday February 10:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention  
  
7:30 pm Intention of Ong & Cheng Families

### Thursday February 11:

9:00 am +Joseph & Ponrose Pakyam

### Friday February 12:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Sabastiao Braganza

### Saturday February 13:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
on Fridays starts with Mass at 9:30 am and  
concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm**

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

**Please mark your calendar for our Parish Lenten  
Mission which will be on Monday March 7, Tuesday  
March 8, Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 7:30 pm**

**Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of  
God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ  
loved us and gave himself up for us.  
-Ephesians 5.1-2-**

# February 7, 2016

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## LENT

is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

**Wednesday February 10th is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. Masses are at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during both Masses. **Stations of the Cross** will be held during Lent every Friday after the 7:30 pm Mass.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

**Fridays** are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. **The Law of Abstinence from meat** binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

**Abstinence** means we do not eat meat.

**Fasting** means that we eat only one full meal; two another light meals are permitted, but eating between meals is not permitted.

## SCHOLARSHIP

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. The scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by **May 31, 2016**. For further information, please contact the Education and Health Convener of St. Aidan's CWL: Naomi Patterson - 416 493 0963

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT THE PAUL

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Lord, help me to make time today to serve You in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance - St. Vincent de Paul-

Your generous contribution each week to the POOR BOX enables us to reach out to our neighbour-in-need. The POOR BOX collection for January 2016 was \$ 1,393.90. We sincerely appreciate your kind generosity.

The SVP donation receipts for 2015 have been handed out. In case you have not received your donation receipt, please contact the SVP member holding the POOR BOX. Thank you and look forward for your continued support.

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016

February 6/7, 2016

Every married couple who are present at any Mass this weekend will be asked to renew their marriage vows during the Mass.

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on **Saturday February 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York**.

His Eminence extends invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness.

Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to find more information about Marriage Sunday and our archdiocesan celebration. Questions can also be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at: 416 964 8694.

**“The Love of Christ urges us on” to radically respond to His call whole-heartily.**

**Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His desire for you.**

**FEBRUARY 26TH TO 28TH, 2016  
ST. AGUSTINE'S SEMINARY**

This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years and older to spend a weekend with time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

## Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

This past October, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) launched a joint Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The sponsoring signatories to the Declaration intend to now engage in a concerted effort in view of obtaining signatures from a wide spectrum of people in Canada who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration.

The invitation to sign the Declaration is now open to all people in Canada who agree with its principles. Signatures are added online. The Declaration and the signatory option can be accessed on the homepage under “What's New”:

**<https://www.archtoronto.org/>**