

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church

#### God's Master Plan Love

#### 9. How can God be found?

God can be found only if he shows to us or (to say the same thing with another word) reveals himself to us. We do have by nature an intuition of God and can also recognize through reflection the fact that God exists. But it is beyond our understanding exactly what God is like, what his thoughts and plans are. God himself, therefore, must communicate to us what he is like. He does not do that by sending us an idea, a book, or a political system; he did so by becoming man. In Jesus Christ God revealed himself completely and definitively: God became man so that man might understand who God is. Jesus is God's language.

#### 10. How did God reveal himself to mankind before Jesus?

The existence of God was never beyond the knowledge of human reason. Over the history of Israel's faith, God revealed something of his interior life and spoke to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He commanded Moses to free his people from slavery in Egypt. Again and again he called prophets to speak and act publicly in his name.

#### 11. How do the People of Israel respond to God's communication of himself?

When God shows himself, man must set everything else aside and reflect on how his life is changed in the sight of the living God. Once God is known, nothing can remain as it was. The People of Israel make this clear through their response to the covenant of God makes with them. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai (Ex 19-24). If we obey the Commandments and so try to act justly, then that is our response to God's loving gift. In that way we have the opportunity to collaborate in God's master plan for the world and for history.

#### VOCATION SEEDS'

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday April 1:

5:00 pm +Gabriel & Victor Noronha  
+Beverly Ngan  
+Theresamma Sigmaringam  
+Corine & Felix Blanco  
+Rolando Cajucom  
Intention of Teodoro Mabbayad  
In Thanksgiving of Wong & Ascano Families

#### Sunday April 2:

9:00 am +Vijay Rajagopalan  
  
10:30 am +Maria Olga De Souza  
  
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

#### Monday April 3:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

#### Tuesday April 4:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

#### Wednesday April 5:

7:30 pm Intention of Ylagan Family

#### Thursday April 6:

9:00 am Deceased Members of Ferrao Family

#### Friday April 7:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
  
7:30 pm +Manuel Sr. & Felisa Tan

#### Saturday April 8:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am and  
concluded with Benediction 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.

#### ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The thirteen consecutive Tuesday Novena in honour of St. Anthony, Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction.

April 2, 2017

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**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYERS**

**Intentions for the month of April**

**Universal:** Young People - That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**SHARELIFE**

**Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife .....**

“ The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps to evangelize the Gospel to brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they’re invisible but, always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**”

- Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Please give generously**

**IT’S MOVIE TIME**

Come and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, St. Aidan Council will host the movie **“What Would Jesus Do?”** today Sunday April 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the hall. Light refreshment will be served.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE CATHOLIC?**

New RCIA classes will start April 30, 2017 and ends September 24, 2017.

- Pre-registration with Fr. Joseph Sultana is mandatory
- Classes are on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:45 am in the chapel.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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“We should assist the POOR in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others. To do this is to preach the gospel by words and work” - St. Vincent de Paul

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share what we have with our neighbour-in-need.

**Just a friendly reminder:** Those preparing the T&L casseroles to the Good Shepherd Centre, to please fill-in **ALL** details as requested on the label. Anonymous casseroles are not accepted. Please **DO NOT** use the SVP containers to put your “left over food”. These will be discarded.

Would appreciate your utmost co-operation.

**2017 HOLY WEEK PROGRAM**

**April 8, Saturday:**

- 5:00 pm: Evening Mass - Distribution and Blessing of Palms  
Proclamation of the Lord’s Passion
- 6:00 pm: Procession with statue representing the Passion of Our Lord around the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend

**April 9, Palm Sunday:**

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

**April 10, Monday:**

- 9:00 am: Mass
- 7:30 pm: Penitential Rite #2: This celebration will consist of singing, Holy Scriptures readings, examination of conscience, individual confession. 2 or 3 priests will be available for confessions.

**April 11, Tuesday:**

- 11:00 am: Chrism Mass at St. Michael’s Cathedral
- 7:30 pm Mass and Novena to St. Anthony

**April 12, 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 impaired should not receive it.

**No Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

**April 13, Holy Thursday:**

- 7:30 pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper - Washing of the feet, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till midnight;

**April 14, Good Friday:**

- 3:00 pm: Good Friday Liturgy - Proclamation of the Lord’s Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion
- 7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross - 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.

**April 15, Holy Saturday:**

- 8:00 pm: Solemn Easter Vigil Celebration and Mass

**April 16, Easter Sunday:**

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

**CONFESSIONS:**

- April 10, Monday: 7:30 pm
- April 14, Friday: after the 3:00 pm service
- April 15, Saturday: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm