

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FROM: DOCAT **Welfare and Justice for All** **ECONOMIC LIFE**

177. Is a “free market” a good thing?

In a free market, people can offer and obtain goods and services freely within a legal, ethical framework. Consumers ultimately determine what is produced, at what price, and in what quantity, unless monopolies and cartels disrupt the law of supply and demand. The “free market” has generally proved that it can set economic development in motion and sustain it in a long term. Moreover, in a free market, resources are used more efficiently than in a planned economy. There are also, however, “markets” that are unethical, for example, the drug trade, human trafficking in all its forms, illegal weapons sales, etc. Efficiency, though, is not everything. Not infrequently the free market can lead to situations where those with fewer financial resources can be put at a disadvantage or exploited by those with greater resources, e.g. , through forcing workers to accept unfairly low wages. When this happens, the weaker party has to be helped; on the one hand by the state through its laws, and on the other hand through societal organizations such as trade unions. A free market is only acceptable when it is also a market that serves the whole community. But there are also ‘markets’ which are unethical, e.g. drug trafficking, human trafficking in all its forms, and illegal trafficking in weapons, etc.

178. Is competition in the free market an offense against love of neighbor?

It depends on the nature of the competition. If “competition” is understood as the systematic destruction of one’s competitor, then it is an offense against love of neighbor. In contrast, if competition is the sporting attempt to do better than one’s opponent, then it is an effective means of attaining important goals of justice: prices fall, entrepreneurs comply better with the needs of consumers, resources are used more sparingly, entrepreneurial incentive and innovative skill are rewarded, etc. Moreover, Christians throughout the world have established forms of collaboration that are based on competition, for instance in *cooperatives*, which combine fraternal assistance and efficiency.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 9:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Fred & Emelda Balasingham
+Kimberly Yap
+Joseph Bastiampillai
+Gabreilla Noronha
Souls in Purgatory
Jared Carluen

Sunday March 10:

9:00 am +Francisco Balagtas

10:30 am +Encarnacion Noguera

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 11:

9:00 am Claudette Skeete Family

Tuesday March 12:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

Wednesday March 13:

7:30 pm +Teofela Ylagan

Thursday March 14:

9:00 am Carmelita Palma

Friday March 15:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Noel Geniza

Saturday March 16:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays

Due to lack of adorers on Friday afternoons, we will only have adoration from 9:30 am Mass until 12:30 pm, and then 6:00 pm till the evening Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 7: 30 pm Mass.

2018 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS
are available for pick up after all weekend
Masses in the gift shop.

March 10, 2019

ALTAR SERVERS RE-TRAINING

Existing altar servers are asked to attend practices at 3:00 pm on Saturdays.

EDGE, FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 6-8

St. Aidan's parish is running a youth program called Edge. This is for students in grade 6-8 who are looking to grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun. The next Edge meeting will take place on Saturday March 16, from 6-8:30 at St. Aidan's Parish, in the church hall. **We will be watching the film *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*.** Refreshment will be served, and all are welcome.

“We must free ourselves from the hidden lies with which we deceive ourselves. God sees through them, and when we come to God, we too are forced to recognize them.”

- Pope Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi, no. 33 -

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The thirteen consecutive Tuesday Novena in honour of Saint Anthony will commence Tuesday March 19. Mass is at 7:00 pm.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Please note our new parish website for St. Aidan's Church is: staidanssc.archtoronto.org

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tel: 647 772 1319 **www.svdptoronto.org**

We have entered the Season of Lent. During Lent, we are called to intensify our prayer life, practice self-denial and apply ourselves more zealously to alms-giving or works of charity so as to help our less fortunate neighbours in need.

Thank you for your continued support to the *Poor Box* after Mass.

BUNDLE-UP WEEKEND March 9 & 10: Please support this SVP Program by bringing in gently used clothes, shoes, linens and small household items. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. **DO NOT** put furniture, electrical appliances, books or mattresses in the SVP container which will be in the parking lot on the above dates. Thank you very much for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2019 Charities Lottery

In support of Special Olympics, Ontario, The Arthritis Society and Local Charities
Draw Date: July 13, 2019 1 Ticket for \$5.00
Grand Cash Prize of \$200,000.00 and 500 Prizes with cumulative value of over \$500,000

LENTEN REFLECTION BY FR. STEVEN

One great way to prepare for Lent is by attending a Lenten Reflection. Our CWL has organized this in our parish for Saturday March 16, from 10:15 am - 12:30 pm. Fr. Steven will speak on *The Four Last Things*. Cost \$3.00 per person and registration is required. Please see CWL members in the foyer after Mass.

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

During Lent we are called to make resolutions in three areas of our lives: First, intensify or improve your prayer life. Second, practice giving up things or self-denial. Third, make more of an effort to serve others.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

We will **NOT** change Sunday Mass Times. Thank you to all of you for your responses. Your suggestions are good: to have people direct traffic, and to prevent people from turning left out of the parking lot, and to encourage them to exit through the school. The members of the Knights of Columbus have volunteered to help direct the traffic between Masses.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE NIGHT

For MEN ONLY

On Saturday March 30th, at 6:15 pm in the parish hall, we will be showing the documentary video, “*The Father Effect*”. We encourage all men of our parish, young and old, single or married, to come out for this event. Why are men the way they are? Why are they often so distant from family? Why do they experience so much conflict in their relationships? This video can give you a lot of insights and hopefully to improve your lives. The video presentation is free, pizza and pop will be available for \$5 for those who want it. Fr. Steven will lead a discussion during half time and after the movie. Please notify the KofC in the Gift Shop to indicate that you will be attending, so they know how much pizza to order.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

March 15-17, 2019

Come and See Weekend—Friday March 15 (begins at 7:00 pm) to Sunday March 17 (ends at 1:30 pm), at St. Augustine's Seminary: inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old requires parental consent.

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocation at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org.