

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM: DOCAT Power and Morality The Political Community

195. What is a political community?

A political community regulates the public affairs of a society, the *res publica*, as the Romans described it, in contrast to private interests. In antiquity it was considered honorable to care about public affairs as though they were one's own. In Aristotle's view, man is a "political animal": one is truly a human being when one helps shape public life and consequently lives as a citizen.

196. How "political" is a human being in Christianity?

In contrast to the ancient authors, Christianity emphasizes above all unconditional worth of the human person, independent of his accomplishments in public and political life. Even a handicapped or elderly person has the dignity of being created in God's image and likeness. Hence all political thought in Christianity is measured against the God-given dignity of the human person. A human being is both an *individual* and a *social being*. He lives in a threefold circle of relationships: 1) to himself, 2) to his fellow human beings, and 3) to God. Man is the measure and object of politics.

197. How important is politics?

For Christians the "State" always comes after the person, or else after the community of persons that today we call *civil society*. First a person finds himself and his dignity in his relationship to God, then he achieves fulfillment in relation to his fellowmen. These two dimensions are closely interconnected. In any case, man should come into his own first, then society, and finally the political organization of the State.

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Please note our regular Saturday morning Mass time is 9:00 am not 9:30 am.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 27:

5:00 pm +Aurora Gonzales
+Ciprano & Emilia Tan
+Anthony Gomes
+Constancio Fernandes
+Zita Fernandes
Deceased Members of Patterson and
Nugara Families
Birthday Blessings for Elvira Noronho

Sunday April 28:

9:00 am +Wy Thompson

10:30 am +Katheleen Elizabeth Chin

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday April 29:

9:00 am +Paulina Regalado

Tuesday April 30:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Christian Tyler

7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena Mass

Wednesday May 1:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving for 100 years of
Cecilia Conceicao

Thursday May 2:

9:00 am +Laurice Barnaba

Friday May 3:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Julia Remando

Saturday May 4:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY May 1

Today, International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

April 28, 2019

MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

The Knights of Columbus of our parish have organized a day trip to Ottawa for the March for Life on Thursday May 9. Cost for bus is \$35 per person. Please consider joining Fr. Steven and other parishioners for this event.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Aidan Knights of Columbus was initiated 25 years ago on May 18, 1994. Our Council is celebrating its silver jubilee on Saturday May 18. There will be dinner, music and dancing. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Kindly contact Wilfred Gomez 416 292 5707/Romy Ylagan 416494 1793 for information; please see flyer in the foyer for the dinner menu.

CROWNING OF OUR LADY

Saturday May 4

Join the Legion of Mary on this day. Living Rosary at 4:00pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tel: 647 772 1319 www.svdptoronto.org

“Mary’s great faith, the power of her prayer, and her co-operation in the saving mission of her Son invite Christians in every age to trust the Lord fully and to submit obediently to His will, with confidence that His words will be fulfilled.” (St. Pope Paul II—Words to Live By). The month of May is associated with devotion to Our Lady - a month of prayer, praise and thanksgiving which enables us to love and worship God and serve our neighbor in need.

Just a friendly reminder that the “Thunder & Lightning” casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre , will be picked up on the First Friday of the month, May 3.

Time for Summer Camps is approaching! These Camps are ONLY for the less fortunate children. Please call us at 647 772 1319 if you would like to register your child. You should have a copy of a valid Health Card.

MaryGrove Camp: for girls ages 5-13
Camp Ozaman: for boys ages 7 - 12

**EXITING PARKING LOT OR
DROPPING PEOPLE OFF**

Please try to exit though the school or **turn right only**, when driving out of the parking lot. If you are dropping someone off or picking them up, please don’t block the flow of traffic, especially in the church driveway.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada

Jane endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband will abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Jane arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. “CCS saved my life,” Jane says. “Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy.”

Our Parish Goal: \$43,000.00
Our Parish Collection to Date: \$ 18,095.00

**Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously**

PROJECT RACHEAL RETREAT

A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion May 31 - June 2, 2019

Project Rachel - private and confidential
“His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 118
Do not be far off and alone any longer. Come near. We can help.

**Call 416 629 8264 or email
ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org**

COINS FOR LIFE 2019

Project ends on April 28. Please bring boxes to Parish on the weekend of May 4 & 5.

Volunteers will be at the back of the Church at all Masses next weekend to receive the townies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes you have kindly contributed.

Campaign Life Coalition thanks you for your generosity for God’s preborn babies in the womb! Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa, May 9. More than ever faced with such a strong ‘cultural of death’ movement in our country, we must defend life from conception to natural death. Keep us in your prayers and join us if you can. We need more ‘volunteers’ for this work of God. For more information on the march contact CLC at 416 204 9749.

**How happy I am to see myself imperfect
and be in need of God’s mercy.
- St. Therese of Lisieux -**