

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**FROM: DOCAT**  
**Power and Morality**  
**The Political Community**

## 200. What are the origins of the Christian understanding of State and government?

The Christian notion of State, government, and authority is rooted in the Old Testament. In ancient Israel, political thought revolved around God and “his people”. It was about Yahweh and about keeping the covenant. The fact that there was a “king”, too, happened as a divine concession. The king, of course, was not supposed to wield power for his own sake but, rather, was supposed to look out for social justice, make just judgments, perform service for the poor, and so on. Things were supposed to be regulated in a “God-pleasing” way. The question of how to regulate public concerns reasonably appeared in Greek philosophy from the time of Herodotus and Plato. “Render to ...Ceasar the things that are Ceasar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Mt 22:21). The Conversion of Emperor Constantine to Christianity was a turning point in the relationship of Church and State, which is analyzed in greater detail in the works of Augustine.

## 201. What are the theological origins of the common good?

From ancient Israel down to the Christian Middle Ages, the *bonum commune* (= common good) was more a theological than a political concept. For Thomas Aquinas, the common good consisted first in the communion of the saints with God. Divine ordinances and human order are coordinated with one another. In this regard, Thomas starts from the political reality, for example, from the definition of what a law is. The pragmatic concern about the common good slowly emerged from the shadow of theocentrism and sought social arrangements in which an individual could live his life in communion with God. The important thing, now as always, is that the “good” for which the political community strives must not be opposed to the “good” of persons but, rather, must provide the appropriate general framework for their development. In this sense, the “political common good” has the function of serving the person or civil society.

## ‘VOCATION SEEDS’

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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**  
**email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday May 11:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza  
+Connie Neubert  
+Mary Xavier  
+Antonio & Anita Caayao  
Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Families  
Fr. Joseph Sultana  
Rosie Leung  
In Thanksgiving of Alimane and  
Ubay Families

### Sunday May 12:

9:00 am +Julian Vasquez Sr.

10:30 am +Joseph D’Souza

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday May 13:

9:00 am +Herbert Alagaratnam

### Tuesday May 14:

9:00 am 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mickson  
and Divina Addo

7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena Mass

### Wednesday May 15:

7:30 pm +Noel Geniza

### Thursday May 16:

9:00 am +Herbert Alagaratnam

### Friday May 17:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Maria Olga de Souza

### Saturday May 18:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

**ERROR ON THE BULLETIN FRONT COVER**  
Please note our regular Saturday morning Mass time is  
9:00 am not 9:30 am.

**We have been called to heal wounds, to unite  
what has fallen away, and to bring home those  
who have lost their way.**  
**- St. Francis of Assisi -**

**May 12, 2019**

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**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us. Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**To all Mothers ... Happy Mother's Day**

**ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

will be made available by the members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Aidan Council this weekend, May 11/12 after all Masses at a minimal cost in the foyer

**Thank You for Your Support**

**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.

**PARISH MOVIE NIGHT**

On Saturday May 25th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall, we will be showing the movie "Miracles from Heaven". It is based on a true story about a young girl with an incurable disease and her family's efforts to help her, until a strange and unexpected miracle occurs. The movie is free, pizza and drink will be available for \$5. Fr. Steven will lead a discussion during half time and after the movie. Please notify CWL in the Gift Shop to indicate that you will be attending, so they know how much pizza to order.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC SHRINES**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council, invites you to a spiritual experience visiting Quebec Shrines from Saturday June 29 to Tuesday July 2. Spaces are still available. Please see flyer in the foyer for more information.

**EXITING PARKING LOT OR  
DROPPING PEOPLE OFF**

Please try to exit through 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 helping those with addictions**

It has been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When we moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities

**June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday**

**Please give generously**

Our Parish Goal: \$43,000.00

Our Parish Collection to Date: \$ 27,864.00

**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

"God will wipe every tear from their eyes" - Revelation 7

Let God show you his love.

Are you still hurting from an abortion experience?

**Call 416 629 8264 or email**

**ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org**

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"During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth." . . . . The Mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is His name . . . . He has thrown down the mighty from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things (Luke 1:39-40, 49, 52-53).

Like Mary, our loving Mother, let us endeavour to understand the concerns and feelings of those with whom we live and work, especially our neighbours-in-need and bring God's love and kindness to them.

Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church. Thank you to all who contribute. May God bless you for your kind generosity.

**WISHING ALL MOTHERS  
A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**