

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## FROM: DOCAT Power and Morality The Political Community

### 202. Does the political community rely on fundamental values?

Contemporary democracies are no longer founded on the attempt to be faithful to God and his covenant. Religiously neutral modern democracies are animated by respect for the dignity of the human person and for individual rights and freedoms, which rest upon freedom of religion and freedom of opinion. Even modern states cannot dispense with the fundamental moral assumptions that are supported and fostered not least importantly by religious convictions. It was possible for today's appreciation of the human person and his freedoms to develop only because Christianity existed, which liberated people from absolute subjugation to the political commonwealth. Indeed, in Christianity the State is expected to acknowledge and protect the unique value of the individual person. The State is also expected to combat *Relativism* and secure moral and religious values by law.

### 203. On what is political power based?

If the human person is *the fundamental value* of the political community, then he is also the sole reason for the legitimacy of political power. Political power thus is not the individual, arbitrary will of the one who happens to rule, who supposes that he is responsible only to himself. Power to govern, rather, is legitimized by the people. Those who hold authority, like the human persons who legitimize them, are capable of the truth thanks to their faculty of reason; they can recognize with certainty the validity of values and also the One who guarantees that the good is absolutely good: God. Catholic social doctrine rejects a general *Skepticism* that claims that truth and universal moral values are ultimately unknowable. Augustine characterized a political community that tried to get by without "justice" as a "band of robbers".

### 'VOCATION SEEDS'

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,  
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### ERROR ON THE BULLITIN FRONT COVER

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday May 18:

- 5:00 pm +Joseph Kenneth de Souza  
+Leon Gonzales  
+Filimon & Pastora Artez  
+Elvira Nabor  
+Nerito Bathan  
+Shirley de Souza  
+Thomas Belen

### Sunday May 19:

- 9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ken Geniza
- 10:30 am +Paul Kar Chu Leung
- 12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday May 20:

- 9:00 am +Catalina Balagtas

### Tuesday May 21:

- 9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza
- 7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena Mass

### Wednesday May 22:

- 7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Mance Family

### Thursday May 23:

- 9:00 am +Anthony Gomes

### Friday May 24:

- 9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
- 7:30 pm +Keegan de Souza

### Saturday May 25:

- 9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

## SANCTUARY LAMP

+Tristram Patterson and  
Deceased Members of Alphonso Family

Novalis "Living with Christ" monthly missals for the month of June are available in the gift shop for \$3.50 each.

**May you trust God that you are exactly  
where you are meant to be.  
- St. Therese of Lisieux**

**May 19, 2019**

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**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.

**THE POPE’S PASTORAL WORKS - May 26**

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter’s Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Envelopes for this collection will be distributed this weekend for a second collection Sat. May 25/Sun. May 26.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN EARNING COMMUNITY HOURS**

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, St. Aidan Council is looking for enthusiastic, fun loving youths between the ages of 15-17 to assist us on Sunday June 9, from 1:30-6:00 pm, with our 3rd Annual High Tea Party. Some of the responsibilities will include:

- Assist with hall setup/clean up
- Ushering guests to their assigned tables
- Kitchen duties (Replenishing items-water/sugar/milk)

More than just volunteering, this opportunity will give a chance to support Our Parish community in a positive way, obtain community hours, gain valuable skills/experience, (working with a team) while having fun. If interested, please contact Debrah Lowe 416 884 2049 or Gwen Faustin 647 300 9551

**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 supporting youth ministry in our parish**

What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers and facilitates networking - including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations

**June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday  
Please give generously**

Our Parish Goal: \$43,000.00  
Our Parish Collection to Date: \$ 29,543.00

**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

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor dying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21

Are you still hurting from an abortion experience?  
We can help.

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

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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“When in the rosary we plead with Mary, the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, she intercedes for us before the Father who filled her with grace and before the Son born of her womb, praying with us and for us.” (St. Pope John Paul II – Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, 16/10/2002)

With wisdom and inspiration received in our prayers to God, let us support the works of the St. Vincent De Paul Society to our neighbours who are having difficulty and in need of help; by contributions to the Poor Box after Masses, cooking Thunder & Lightning casseroles, and bringing clothes, etc., on Bundle Up Weekends. Your generosity is much appreciated.