

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM: DOCAT
Power and Morality
The Political Community

204. What does democracy owe to the ancient Greeks?

Much; the ancient Greeks invented the word itself (*demos* = people, *-kratos* = rule). Often, however, the origin of democracy is connected exclusively with Greek antiquity. Aside from the fact that only one-quarter of the population (“free” Greek men) had the right to vote, it was less highly esteemed than monarchy or aristocracy by almost all Greek philosophers and statesmen. The ideal was considered the “philosopher king”, who could discern the political common good better than the “blind masses”. The fundamental value of the human person did not yet define political thought.

205. Is democracy a result of Christianity?

To a great extent, yes. Only Christianity radically democratized something that in Greece had been reserved to a few and made it a fundamental element of human existence: the dignity of every person has, independently of his origins and his birth. Every individual stands in a direct relationship to God. This removes him from the reach of any political community that tries to make totalitarian claims on him. The dignity of every individual person is the real ethical foundation for the democratization of participation in political decision making. Moreover, modern democracy is based on human rights, which guarantee, for example, that human life will not be destroyed or minorities oppressed through arbitrary majority decisions.

206. Which is the ultimate authority: the State or the individual citizen?

Christianity has always emphasized that the ultimate binding authority is the conscience of the individual person. Immoral laws must not be obeyed, even if a State commands it. Democracy is not better than a monarchy or the aristocracy because it is more efficient but, rather, because it has a different ETHOS based on human rights and is a better organizational framework for the fulfillment of the human person.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood or religious? 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 May 25:

5:00 pm +Felipa Contreras-Aceron
+Jeane Marie Emilienne Nielsen
+Umen Sheikh
+Anthony Gomes
Special Intentions of Ladak & Lat Families
In Thanksgiving of Dominic & Tiara Fonseca
In Thanksgiving of Jasmine Croose

Sunday May 26:

9:00 am +Wilhelmina Dalisay

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Avigail Atienza

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday May 27:

9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday May 28:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ylagan and
McLeod Families

7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena Mass

Wednesday May 29:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Gwen Faustin

Thursday May 30:

9:00 am +Zita Fernandes

Friday May 31:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Jean Ryckman

Saturday June 1:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

SANCTUARY LAMP

World Peace

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

**Remember that Christian life is one of action, not
of speech and daydream. Let there be few words
and many deeds, and let them be done well.**
- St. Vincent Pallotti -

May 26, 2019

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

A second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works will be taken this weekend.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

Please note that the Building Fund Collection will be on the 2nd weekend of the month due to the ShareLife Collection on the first weekend of June.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Want to grow in the knowledge, love and defence of our Catholic Faith and Morals? Next meeting is on Sat. June 1, right after the 9:00 am Mass in Meeting Room 1.

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.

**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 isolated seniors

In the span of three months, Debbie felt she had lost everything. Her partner of 33 years died, her leg was amputated, and she could no longer care for her beloved pets. She turned to the Society of Sharing, a ShareLife-funded agency, who partnered her with a volunteer named Geoff. Not only did Geoff provide friendship, he used his teaching background to help Debbie fulfill a lifelong goal: learning how to properly read. Though it will be impossible for Debbie to regain all she has lost, her life is feeling full again.

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

Our Parish Goal: \$43,000.00

Our Parish Collection to Date: \$ 30,233.00

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

June 2

Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (film, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

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Faithful God, we thank you for inspiring Blessed Frederic and his companions to establish the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. God of love, we ask you to help us to keep the spirit and vision of Blessed Frederic alive as we continue his work of "embracing the whole world in a network of love". God of our journey, fill us with a deep sense of gratitude for all the blessings we have received from our membership of the Society.

Thank You for your contribution to the work of the Society. Your kind generosity is much appreciated.

SVP RECRUITMENT DRIVE is this weekend, Saturday May 25 and Sunday May 26 after all Masses. Please meet our members in the foyer to know more about the Society. We look forward to meeting you.