

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FROM: DOCAT
Power and Morality
The Political Community

207. Is Christianity a “political religion”?

At no time did Jesus allow himself to be politically co-opted. Thus he did not join the Zealots, who wanted to liberate Israel by force from political subjugation to the Romans. Jesus wanted the salvation and the freedom of all mankind. He was concerned about the fundamental restoration of man in his relation to his Creator. Consequently, his Good News was more than politics, although it has eminently political implications for the individual as well as for society. First of all, though, we must separate the political and the religious dimensions, as Jesus also did with his pronouncement: “Render ... to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s (Mt 22:21). The distinction between religion and politics was difficult for the ancient world to understand and put into practice - and it still is today for broad sectors of the Muslim world.

208. How did Jesus “reign”?

The Old Testament expected the Messiah to be a political savior. When the Messiah came in the person of Jesus Christ, the people of Israel saw, not a conquering ruler, but a “king” who by his word and sacrifice unmasked injustice and through his surrender showed in his own body what torture and governmental and religious injustice do and how people can be destroyed by them. Power, wealth, and influence? Jesus turns these features of a political career upside down: he did not come to rule, but to serve. With that Jesus introduced a new standard for everyone who takes on responsibility: “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant” (Mt 20:26).

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

The Lord said, “... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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**The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil
is humility. For, as he does not know at all
how to employ it, neither does he know how to
defend himself from it.**
- St Vincent de Paul -

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 1:

5:00 pm +Lucia Sanchez
+Jonathan Balagtas
+Shilo Bernardino
+Peter Kutlesa
+Shirley de Souza
+Carlos Antonio Juy Li
In Thanksgiving of Dominic & Family

Sunday June 2:

9:00 am 73rd Wedding Anniversary of Joseph
and Julie Chung

10:30 am +Christina June

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday June 3:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Josephine Fung

Tuesday June 4:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Marla Zupan

7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena Mass

Wednesday June 5:

7:30 pm +Melinda Kwok

Thursday June 6:

9:00 am +Agnes & Paul Poon

Friday June 7:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Ernest Patience

Saturday June 8:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

SANCTUARY LAMP
+ Noel Geniza

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

**You must believe in truth that whatever God gives
or permits is for your salvation.**
- St. Catherine of Siena -

June 2, 2019

EDGE MEETING FOR GRADE 6 TO 8 STUDENTS

The St. Aidan's next Edge meeting will take place on Saturday June 15 from 6 to 8 pm at St. Aidan's Parish church hall. This program is for students in grade 6-8 who are looking to grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun. Pizza will be served, and all are welcome.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

If you have offerings for our Building Fund, please place them into the regular collection, either this weekend or next. On the 1st weekend of June we have a second collection for ShareLife and on the 2nd weekend we have a second collection for the MaryGrove Camp for girls. Thank you.

MARYGROVE CAMP

On June 8/9, a second collection will be taken up for the MaryGrove Camp. 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families will be attending camp this year.

Please remember to support this important work of the Society of St. Vincent the Paul. Each and every child's camping experience is fully subsidized through this collection—thank you for your support. Collection envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY

will be celebrated on Sunday June 16 with a High Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing of bread and children, a Procession and a potluck lunch. Please do not bring any bread. Remember to drop off the food for donation to the potluck before the Mass in the hall.

All are welcome.

There will be a 7:30 pm Mass on Thursday June 13 in Honour of St. Anthony.

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 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

Leaving the Gospel by supporting mental health well-ness

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counseling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday
Thank you for your generosity.**

Our Parish Goal: \$43,000.00
Our Parish Collection to Date: \$ 30,233.00

DONATE NOW—ONLINE GIVING

You can now support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a gift over the internet using your credit card. It is accessible on the Archdiocesan website: www.archtoronto.org. Clicking the button "DONATE NOW" will take you to a page where you can make a gift using your credit card. Some of the options will include your parish offertory, ShareLife, and etc.

**Here is the rule for everyday life: Do not do anything
which you cannot offer to God.
- St. John Vianney -**

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As Our Lord Jesus' ministry on earth is now complete and He goes to join His Father, He gives us the special gifts of Peace and Love.

Let us endeavor to share this peace and love with those we live, work and serve, especially our neighbours-in-need. Please remember the POOR BOX on your way out of the Church.

A friendly reminder - the T & L casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre will be picked up on June 7, the First Friday of the month. We thank you for your generous support.

Thank you to all who registered at our Recruitment Drive last weekend.