

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT
Power and Morality
The Political Community

220. Must the Church agree with all democratic decisions?

The Church's option in favor of democracy does not mean that she also must agree with all decisions that a democratic society makes. In her ethical judgment she often takes a stand opposed to the decisions of elected officials. For example, can the Church approve of legalized abortion or research on human embryos? The Church has the duty to criticize such developments. Here Christians are required to become actively involved in politics, to stand up for the values of the human rights and the sanctity of human life, and to convert them into political decisions.

221. Does the Church therefore have reservations about democracy after all?

The Church reserves the right to distance herself critically from all forms of political organization. She prefers and supports democratic forms of government, but she does not idealize them. Democracy, too, is a system that is not impervious to mistakes and errors. Catholic social doctrine is concerned about the fundamental ethical principles of social life and not about "technical questions" of political organization.

222. How far is the rights of the majority extend in a democracy?

If the fundamental value of every political community is the human person, then even democratic or legislative majorities cannot justly make any political decision whatsoever. Politics is inseparably connected with law and rights, especially with fundamental personal and civil rights. These must never be denied to minorities. Of course this creates duties, too, for the minorities, even if they feel that they are not represented in the political decisions.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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 September 7:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Francisco & Virginia Tan
+Joel Rosales
+Jovita De Souza
+Giuseppe Eramo
+Alejandra & Justina Lanoy
+Alan Cairns
+Ludwick Makowiecki

Sunday September 8:

9:00 am Macrina Herrera

10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday September 9:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Tuesday September 10:

9:00 am +Manuel & Felisa Tan

Wednesday September 11:

7:30 pm +Anthony Serrao

Thursday September 12:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Bernadette and
Francisco Gabriel

Friday September 13:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Maria Estella Yap

Saturday September 14:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

To help prevent mistakes, please indicate on your envelope the amount you have placed inside your envelope.

Please do not use your 2018 envelopes.

MOVING?

Please remember when you move to let us know, so that we can keep our files up-to-date. Also, if you are new in the parish, please register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved so that they too can update their records.

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**WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR
CATHOLICS WHO NEED TO BE CONFIRMED**

Consider signing up for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Course which will be on Monday nights at 7:30 pm, starting Monday September 30th. Please contact Fr. Steven.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE AT
ST. AIDAN'S**

The 2019 marriage preparation program will commence on October 26. Please note this program is held once a year, hence, couples planning to marry by December 2020 can register for it. For more information, kindly contact Aggie Gomez at 416 292 5707.

YOUTH BBQ

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM

Inviting Youth aged 19-35 to participate in the BBQ Kick-Off for Spiritus Via, which promotes monthly gatherings of young people in order to deepen their faith and fellowship. Be sure to bring a friend.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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“May Mary help us to understand the great value of prayer. Today we celebrate the mystery of her nativity. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to open our hearts to greater confidence in the Lord who in her, the humble and docile handmade, worked great wonders.” - St. Pope John Paul -Angelus Address, Castel Gandolfo, Sept. 8,2002 -

Thank you all who generously brought clothes, linens, etc. for the Bundle-Up Weekend. We appreciate your efforts to serve the poor.

Thank you for remembering our neighbours-in-need by dropping your contribution in the Poor Box after Mass. God's blessings be with you.

**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.
- Saint Vincent de Paul -**

FAMILY OF FAITH

Where to Send Payments:

Thank you for your commitment to our parish's Family of Faith campaign. To help ensure our parish benefits from your help on a timely basis, please make sure your payment is up-to-date. Payments should not be left at the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Donations/ payments can be sent directly to the

Donation Processing Centre
Family of Faith Campaign
1155 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario

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Pre-addressed envelopes are available at the gift shop.

You should contact the Centre when your address changes, your payment method/information changes (e.g. a new card or a new card expiry date). The email address is campaign@archtoronto.org or call 416 934 3400 x555

**If you want your petition to be heard, hear the
petition of others. When you fast, see the fasting
of others. If you hope for mercy, show mercy.**

If you look for kindness, show kindness.

If you want to receive, give.

- St. Peter Chrysologus -

**All blessings come to us through our Lord. He
will teach us, for in beholding his life we find
that he is the best example.**

- St. Teresa of Avila -

**The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of
countless blessings.**

- Blessed Alan de la Roche -

**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.