

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT LIVING IN FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE

270. Why do we need God, if we want peace?

Peace is first of all *an attribute of God* before it is a *task for us human beings*. Anyone who tries to bring about peace without God is forgetting that we no longer live in paradise but are sinners. Our lack of peace on earth is a sign that the unity between God and mankind has disintegrated. Human history is characterized by violence, divisions, and bloodshed. People yearn for the peace that they have lost through sin, in doing so, they are silently yearning for God as well.

271. What does Jesus have to do with peace?

Jesus Christ “is our peace” (Eph 2:14). The Old Testament prophets foretold that one day a mighty Messiah (Hebrew: Anointed = Greek: Christ) would come. And this Messiah/Christ would bring the long-awaited era of peace, a new world in which “the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid” (Is 11:6). The Messiah would be the “Prince of Peace” (Is 9:6). Christians believe that Jesus is this great sign and beginning of a new world. He is the most basic peacemaker - by freeing us human beings from slavery to sin, he struck at the root of all dissension. Through his death on the Cross, Jesus Christ reconciled mankind with God and also tore down the wall of hostility that divided peoples (cf. Eph 2:14 - 16).

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

“You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation,

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY’S READINGS

We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that “we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.” Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God’s transforming love to others and welcome them into the parish in a spirit of true hospitality?

Novalis monthly “Living With Christ” missal for the month of March is available in the gift shop for \$4.00 each

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 8:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Peter Almeida
+Benedict Gomez
+Amando Sr. & Loreto Lanot
+Dustin Chandra
+Julia Remando
+Carlos Beltran
+Nick Ciaverilla

Sunday February 9:

9:00 am +Gloria Tansingco

10:30 am +Durval Soares

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday February 10:

9:00 am +Martin Rodrigo

Tuesday February 11:

9:00 am +Wong Wai Hing

Wednesday February 12:

7:30 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday February 13:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Liza Lanoy

Friday February 14:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Ely & Danny Sanchez

Saturday February 15:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat is binding on those who are 14 and older. The law of fasting is binding on those who are 18 to 59 years of age. The requirement for fasting is that you can have one full meal and two other small meals in such a way that the two small meals don’t add up to a full meal (and of course , no meat). If required you may drink beverages between meals but not something that is very filling (such as milkshakes). Mass times for Ash Wednesday are: 9:00 am, 1:00 pm St. Aidan’s School Mass (anyone can attend), and 7:30 pm (with Perpetual Help devotions).

February 9, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

Intentions of the Mass: The celebration of the Mass is usually offered for a specific intention, or intentions: usually for a person or persons, living or deceased. What we are offering is the Sacrifice of Calvary (Christ Crucified) made present on our altars, which is primarily what the Mass is, and we are offering it specifically for the individual or individuals mentioned in the intentions. Intentions are usually read out by the priest at the beginning of the Mass, such as, "This Mass is being offered for" Note that it is not necessary for the priest to do this. When the priest does announce the intention of the Mass, all the faithful should unite in offering the Mass for the specific intention. What we are really doing is offering Jesus Crucified to our Heavenly Father and applying the merits that Christ obtained by His passion and death to the specific intention that the Mass is being offered for. This is a great act of charity. It is important to keep in mind that in addition to the primary intention of a particular Mass, each of us can offer the same Mass also for our own intention; whether it is for something we need or for a person we wish to pray for. Doing this can also help make the Mass more meaningful to ourselves. The public, or announced, intention of a Mass must be booked through the parish office, or in the Gift Shop, after Sunday Masses, for a suggested donation of \$20.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

The Catholic Women's League of Canada of our parish will be collecting a Bouquet of prayers in support of the Ordinandi candidates who will shortly be ordained to the priesthood. This Spiritual Bouquet will be presented at the Ordinandi Dinner on Tuesday March 3rd. The Bouquet consists of pledge prayers/devotions and are not paid offerings.

All parishioners and well-wishers, who would like to contribute to this bouquet, please see one of our CWL members in the foyer after all Masses this weekend February 8/9.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage Sunday is on Sunday February 9. The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council is organizing a celebration of Marriage Sunday on Sunday February 16 at the 12:00 noon Mass. Fr. Steven will bless all married couples present.

Our Council will hold a luncheon for couples celebrating milestones anniversaries (25/30/35/40/45/50 & 50+) after the 12:00 noon Mass in the church hall.

Please register with one of the CWL members in the gift shop after all Masses, this weekend February 8/9.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Social Committee of St. Aidan Parish is having a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday February 15, at 6:30 pm in St. Aidan's parish hall.

Tickets are: Age 2 to 12 years old - \$20.00 per person

Age 13 and Above - \$25.00 per person

Tickets will be made available before and after Masses this weekend in the foyer.

Come and join us for a fun-filled night!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Catholic Family Services is offering marriage preparation classes at Our Lady Queen of Poland Church on Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, March 14 - April 4 (4 sessions).

Couples can register by visiting the

Website: www.cfstoronto.com or

Call; 416 921 1163

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a Consecration to the Holy Family for families of St. Aidan's parish. It is an entrustment of each participating family to the Holy Family, so as to receive more of God's blessings and protection for your families. The consecration will take place on February 15th/16th at all Masses and prayer cards will be handed out for the consecration before Mass. We invite families to see the material provided in the bulletin and prepare before hand for the consecration.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - FEBRUARY 22nd

The Knights of Columbus and Fr. Steven are arranging an afternoon of Spiritual Reflection focused on Christ's Journey to the Cross on Feb. 22nd. The afternoon will include a talk, snacks, Adoration with Rosary and Benediction, time for Confession, and will end with Saturday 5 pm Mass. Doors will open at 1:30pm. Space is limited..Please sign up in advance in the entrance of the Church.

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"St. Vincent never ceased to inculcate 'the spirit of our Lord' into his companions. He summed up the spirit in five fundamental virtues: simplicity, gentleness towards one's neighbor, humility as regards to oneself, and then as a condition of those three virtues, mortifications and zeal it is not a question of being loved for one's own sake but of making Jesus Christ loved." (St. Pope John Paul II-Prayers and Devotions)

Thank you for your kind generosity in support of the Poor Boxes in the Church, and for providing the Thunder & Lightning casserole for the Good Shepherd Centre.

Please note that the income tax receipts from money donated using SVP envelopes are ready for pickup. See an SVP member in the foyer after Mass.