

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM: DOCAT LIVING IN FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE

PEACE

272. Why must Christians spread peace?

Jesus Christ established peace between heaven and earth and opened all the doors to a life of reconciliation and inner joy. But this peace does not spread by itself. Human beings have the freedom to accept God's offer of reconciliation in faith or to reject it in disbelief. In order to make their decision, people must first hear that in God peace is possible, both in their personal lives and also between hostile groups and nations. They can learn about this if they encounter people who have been reconciled: people who do not hit back, do not take revenge, do not use violence. Sharing the Gospel of peace in word and deed creates the beginnings of more and more genuine peace.

273. Do only Christians have a mission of peace?

Peace is a value that all human beings recognize and a duty that applies to all. No one can be exempt from the duty to seek peace. Moreover, peace is a good that is as fragile as it is valuable. Day by day, peace must be built up anew. Peace can last only if both Christians and non-Christians recognize that all are responsible for a common life of reconciliation, justice, and goodwill.

'VOCATION SEEDS'

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

**contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times . . . but I say to you . . ." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intention of Debbie Mustachi

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 15:

5:00 pm +Carl Branco
+Noel Geniza
+Felipe & Purita Diaz
+Joseph Ponros Florida
+Laura & Vincent Lobo
+Justino & Alejandra Lanoy
+Rita Alice D'Souza
Maria Lily Wardoyo
Angelo Rodrigues

Sunday February 16:

9:00 am +Maria Olga De Souza

10:30 am In Thanksgiving of Joan Chong

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday February 17:

9:00 am Roberto Echeveria

Tuesday February 18:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Colleen Khan

Wednesday February 19:

7:30 pm +Theresa Sebastian

Thursday February 20:

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Friday February 21:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Glenda Alary Crocco

Saturday February 22:

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 16, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

***The Altar:** Our Catholic tradition states that Christ is the Priest, the Victim and the Altar of His own self - sacrificial offering. He is the priest because He offers Himself, the Victim, to His heavenly Father. Christ's body is also an altar, since it is the "place" where His offering is made. For these reasons, the altar, in Catholic churches represents Christ; it is the *place* where Christ's offering becomes truly present for us. Guidelines recommend that altars be made of beautiful, decorative stone and that they be secured in place. These elements also remind us that Christ is beautiful and the immovable Rock, the Foundation Stone for all our beliefs, and that He is always in our midst, and always will be; unmovable. The altar is also the threshold to heaven. It is the place where heaven and earth meet, where the eternal God becomes present to us in time. For all these reasons the priest and ministers will bow to, or reverence, the altar before and after Mass. The servers will bow to the altar when they place things on it or remove things from it. The priest will also kiss the altar before and after Mass, symbolizing his love of Christ and in gratitude for Christ's self - sacrifice which becomes present on the altar. The priest also bows and prays before the altar prior to reading the Gospel, invoking Christ's blessings.

**If it is "daily bread", why do you take it once a year?
Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. One who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year.
- Saint Ambrose -**

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The Golden Rule: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." (Matt. 7:12)

Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.

We thank you for your continued donation to the POOR BOXES held by SVP members after Masses and also to standing POOR BOXES. by our giving in love, the Lord provides for the needy.

2019 official receipts for income tax purposes for donations made in SVP envelopes are ready for pick up. Please see an SVP member after Mass.

CORONA VIRUS (COLD AND FLU) PRECAUTIONS

If you are sick, stay home. Maintain good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. Sneeze into a tissue. Dispose of tissue right away in waste bin. Wash or purify hands right away. Do not touch your face, especially your eyes, nose or mouth. Most germs spread by hand contact. Receiving on the tongue will not spread germs, except if everyone's tongue were touched. You are more likely to contract germs through your hand, including Communion in the hands. There are hand sanitizers at the entrance of the church for your use.

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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

next General Meeting will be Monday February 24th at 7:15 pm in the parish hall. Please come early.

Annual dues are due (\$43 regular members, \$22.55 Honorary). They can be dropped off weekend of February 29th/30th in a drop box in the gift shop after Mass at St. Aidan's. They can also be dropped off at the general meetings. If you need alternate arrangements, please feel free to contact us.

**Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind,
subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart
contrite and humble.**

- Saint Thomas Aquinas -

**If you are what you are meant to be, you will
set the world on fire.**

- St. Catherine of Siena -