

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: DOCAT **LIVING IN FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE** **PEACE**

278. What does the Church do for peace?

Before any outward activity, the Church prays for peace; Christians believe that prayer has the power to change the world. Moreover, prayer is an important source of strength in Christian efforts for peace. In her proclamation of the Good News, the Church unceasingly calls for peace and obliges the faithful to work for it. On January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, each year, the Church celebrates the World Day of Peace, and she attempts to create an atmosphere of peace and love at the events that she sponsored (for instance, World Youth Days). The Church wishes to show thereby that she believes in a civilization of love and peace and that this civilization is not only theoretically plausible but also possible in practice. When Christians follow the Gospel, they are the greatest peace movement in the world.

279. How does the Church work politically for peace?

Especially in the approximately 180 countries in which the Church is diplomatically represented through the *Holy See*, she does all that she can to make peace and to contribute to the safeguarding of peace. The Church stands up for human rights (for instance, freedom of religion or the defense of human life), she calls for disarmament and encourages economic and social development, so as to create the basis for peaceful coexistence in society. The Holy see also sends mediators to regions in crisis or advises and mediates behind the scenes in crisis situations, for example, the mediation of Pope John XXIII between U.S. President John F. Kennedy and the leader of the U.S.S.R. and its Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev, during the 1961 Cuban Missile Crisis, or of the Saint Egidio Community, which played a leading role in the signing of the 1992 peace treaty for Mozambique that was able to end sixteen years of raging civil war.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His Transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God’s Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,
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2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS
are available for pick up before or after weekday and
weekend Masses in the gift shop.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7:

5:00 pm +Sebastiao Braganza
+Joel Rosales
+Leon & Aurora Gonzales
+Mina Noronha
+John Darling
+Joseph Bastiampillai
+Edelberto Acheron
In Thanksgiving of Rita Darling

Sunday March 8:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Mary Joseph and
Rex Frank Albert

10:30 am +Peter Almeida

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 9:

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday March 10:

9:00 am +Encarnacion Noguera

Wednesday March 11:

7:30 pm +Francisco Balagtas

Thursday March 12:

9:00 am +Gregoria & Nazario Calingasan

Friday March 13:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Teofila Ylagan

Saturday March 14:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY’S READINGS

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” Let us take some time to reflect on the teaching of divinization and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes, for to be a good steward is to be like Christ.

March 8, 2020

MASS ETIQUETTE AND INFORMATION

***Active Participation:** Full and active participation in the Mass does not mean that you have to be doing one of the ministries. We participate by having the right dispositions of mind and heart. The Vatican Document, *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, issued in 2004, states, "The constant teaching of the Church on the nature of the Eucharist not only as a meal, but also and pre-eminently as a sacrifice, is therefore rightly understood to be one of the principal keys to the full participation of all the faithful in so great a sacrament." (Par. 38). The consecration of the bread and wine, not only makes present the Body and Blood of Christ but also His Crucifixion. We do not see His bruised and bloodied body, or the nails piercing Him, but we are in the presence of His Crucifixion, and we should meditate on that during the Mass. We unite with Christ, in offering Christ Crucified, to our Heavenly Father. It is from this one sacrifice that all God's graces flow to us.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH EVENT (www.steubenvilletoronto.com)

Where: Ontario Tech University (formerly UOIT) in Oshawa, ON

When: Friday, July 3 - Sunday, July 5

Who: Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2020 up to those who will be graduating high school in June of 2020. If you are interested, please contact Mary Anne Coutinho at 416 491 0124 or at coutinhomaryanne@gmail.com

EDGE ACTIVITY NIGHT for Grade 6 to 8 Students

You are encouraged to come out and join us for an evening of faith and fun on March 28, from 6-8pm. A pizza dinner is provided. Feel free to bring a friend or two!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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"God is an inexhaustible source of wisdom, light and love. It is from Him we should draw what we say to others; we should annihilate our own spirit, our own private feelings and ideas to make room for the operation of grace, which alone enlighten and inflame hearts." - St. Vincent de Paul-

Thank you to all who prepared the Thunder & Lightning casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre.

Bundle Up Weekend is March 7/8 and the SVP truck will be in the parking lot. We collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household items. We **DO NOT ACCEPT** appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction materials, video tapes. Thank you for your generosity and care!

SHARELIFE

ShareLife: It's who we are! Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago—it's who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.
Our Parish Goal: \$54,500

SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT FOR YOUR HOME

Parishioners interested in the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes, should contact the Legion of Mary. If you need an image, the Legionaries can provide you with one. For more details, please contact:
Marie Jacqui - 647 248 1762 Cynthia - 647 439 3732
or Cecilia - 647 937 7448

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

The thirteen consecutive Tuesday Novena in honour of St. Anthony will start on Tuesday March 17th at 7:30 pm. There will be Mass followed by Novena prayers and benediction.

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.

THE COME AND SEE WEEKEND

March 13-15, 2020 at St. Augustine Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email vocations@archtoronto.org