



Anchor Family Faith Formation

2/12/2025



Welcome! Please take this time to check in with the people at the table. How was their week/day? How are they doing?

Talking Point!-Fun Fact in Church History-

Charlemagne's reign fostered a period of intellectual and artistic revival, with increased focus on education, manuscript copying, and church architecture, further strengthening the Church's cultural influence. After Charlemagne's death in 814, the Carolingian Empire fragmented, leading to political instability and struggles with local rulers who sought to control church appointments, culminating in the Investiture Controversy where popes clashed with emperors over the selection of bishops.

Please pray for Father Chris as he is recovering.

Announcements

- 1st Reconciliation for SPY1 NOT OCIC2 on Feb. 22nd
 - 9:00am
 - Meet in the Big Church
- SPY2 Sponsor Forms
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*Justice:
Giving What
is Due*





**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.**

-St. Augustine

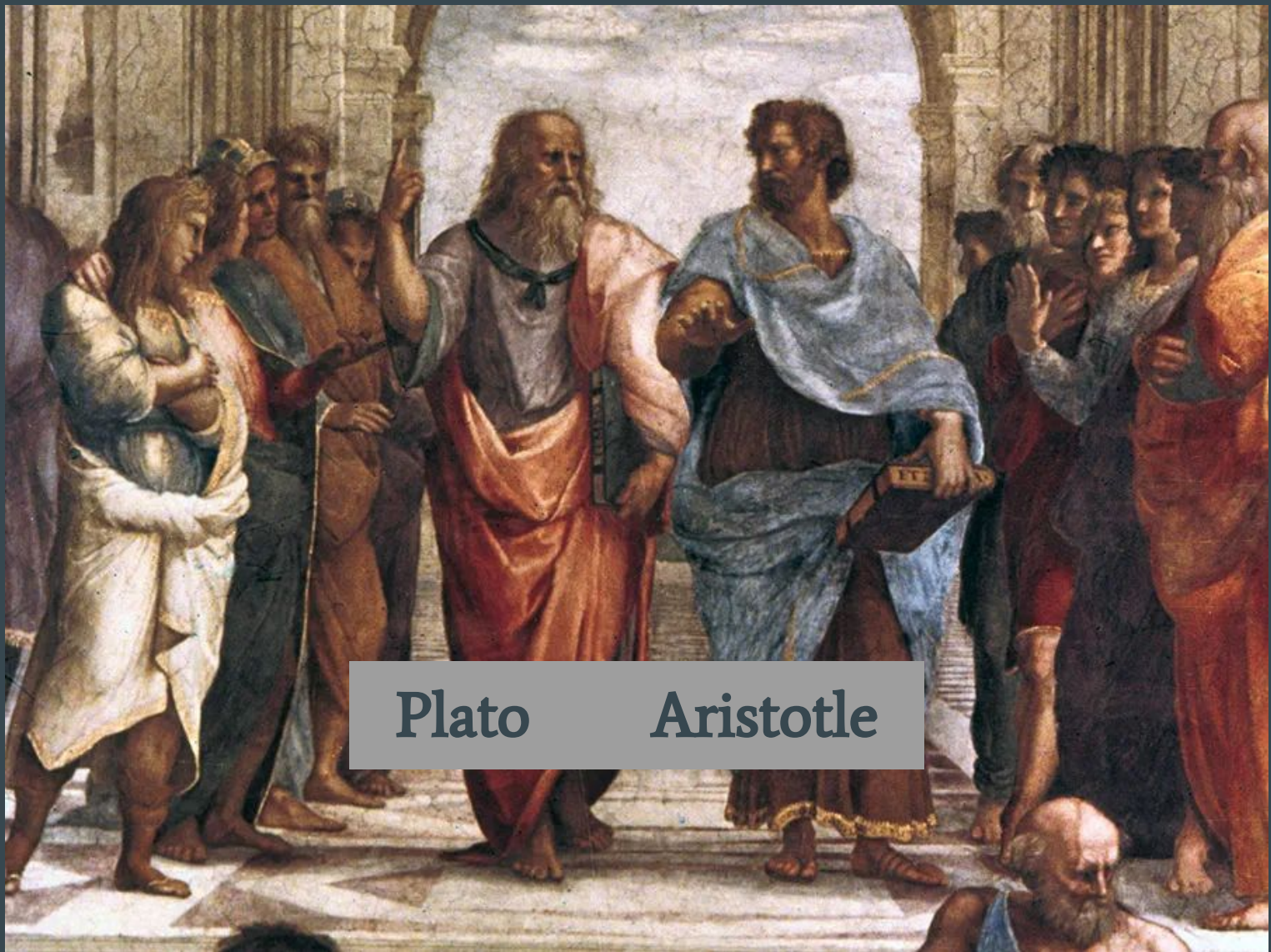
What is Justice?

1st approach:

Philosophy
(knowing by
human reason)

2nd approach:

Theology
(knowing by
Divine Teaching)



Plato

Aristotle

With a New Introduction by Adam Kirsch

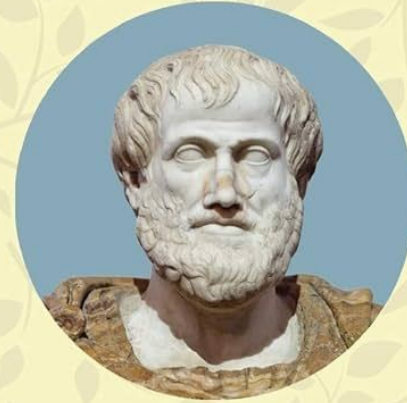
THE REPUBLIC OF PLATO

Translated and with an Interpretive Essay by

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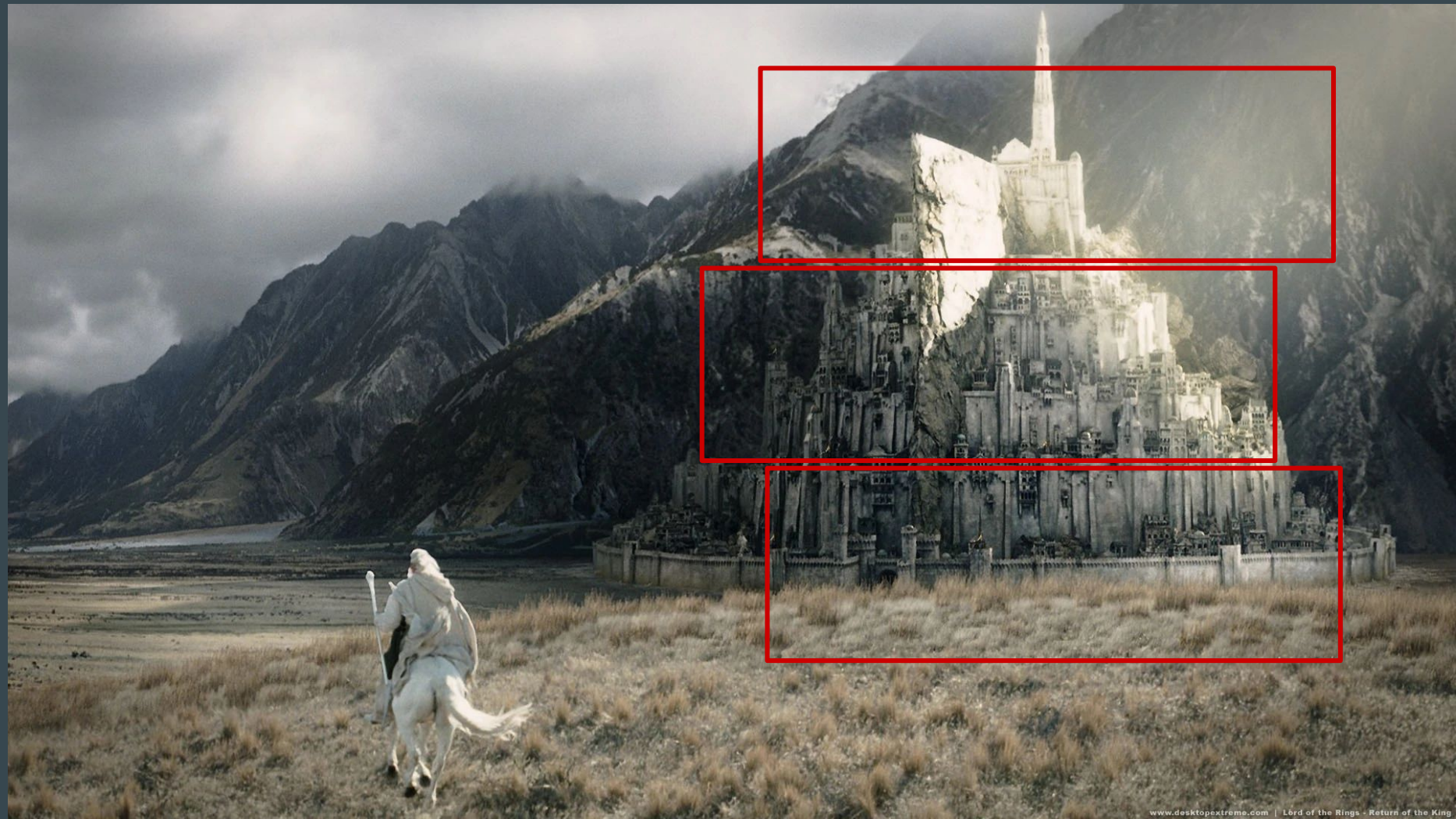
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Nicomachean Ethics



Aristotle





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Reason	Knowledge	Philosophers	Wisdom
Spirit	Honor	Warriors	Courage
Desire	Pleasures	Commoners	Temperance



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Gyges' Ring

Plot:

- Gyges, a shepherd, discovers a corpse wearing a ring
- Gyges puts the ring on and becomes invisible
- Gyges uses the ring to seduce the queen, kill the king, and take the kingdom

Argument:

- The ring, or invisibility, is the only barrier between a just and an unjust person
- We would all be unjust if we had the power to do wrong without consequence
- Injustice is more profitable
- We are only just because it is necessary

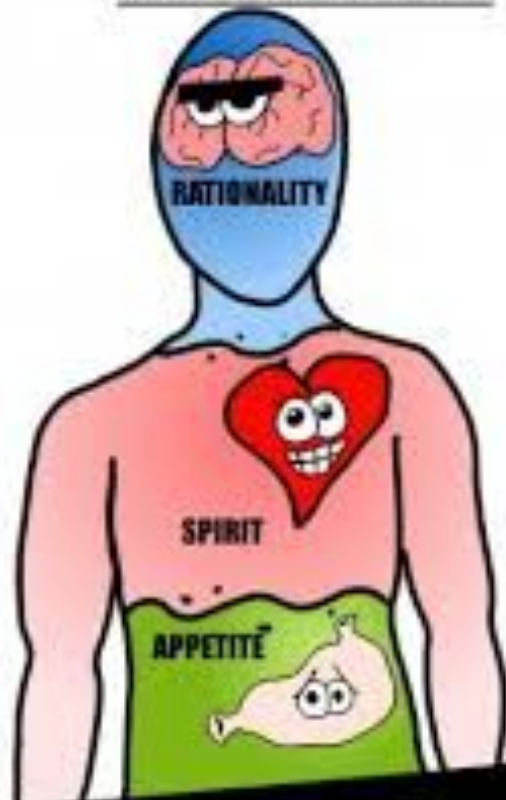
Plato doesn't think Gyges is a good role model.

However...

- Laws are in place so that the human person learns how to be just.
- The virtue of justice makes a person good at knowing what is right and wrong, and willing to put it into practice, despite the consequences.
- Rights and duties are the concern of Justice

1807 Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. ...

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So what...?

1. We live in society, and this is natural to human beings.
2. Society, like the body, has many different parts and roles, and they need to work harmoniously.
3. “Rights” and “duties/responsibilities” are necessary to understand what persons need and deserve from each other.
4. Married people/citizens have different rights and duties than consecrated people (e.g. sisters, priests).
5. Observing duties is the primary way we learn to love like God.

Colorado Catholic VOTER GUIDE



As faithful Catholics, it is our duty to shape the moral character of our community, state, and country through **voting**. Our faith maintains a hierarchy of values when voting on candidates and issues. The listed values are supported by the Colorado bishops. Each value is important; however, some are more foundational and therefore require more priority. It is the duty of each person's conscience to adhere to objective truth, which is reflected in the below values to guide your vote.

Hierarchy of Values to Guide Voting as a Catholic:

- 1 Sanctity of Life:** Human life must be protected at all stages from conception until natural death.
- 2 Marriage and Family:** Marriage is the union of a man and a woman who together as husband and wife may become father and mother to any children they produce.
- 3 Religious Liberty:** Religious liberty is rooted in the dignity of the human person, including freedom of conscience and expression, and is central to the U.S. Constitution.
- 4 Economic Justice, Poverty, & Welfare:** Economic decisions should respect human dignity and express a preferential option for helping the poor and vulnerable through safety nets and opportunities for upward mobility.
- 5 Healthcare:** Healthcare should be patient-centered, respect human dignity, protect life, promote the principle of subsidiarity, be affordable, and assure conscience rights.
- 6 Immigration & Promoting Foreign Peace:** Immigration policy should provide immigrants with basic human needs, including the ability to work, and should encourage pathways to citizenship. Promoting peace is essential in international relations.
- 7 Education:** Parents are the primary educators of their children; therefore, education policy should empower parents with education decision-making authority to choose best learning options for their children.
- 8 Restorative Justice:** Criminal justice reform should focus on preventing crime and caring for survivors of crime, while also offering those who commit a crime an opportunity to rehabilitate and effectively return to society.
- 9 Energy & Environment:** Care for the environment and responsible use of energy resources come from our duty to steward creation and provide for future generations.
- 10 Technology:** Technology must respect human dignity and protect children.

We prepared a legislative candidate survey for the Catholic church in Colorado. You can find more information from candidates can be found using the QR code or visiting [resources/voter-guide](#)



"We have a moral duty to vote with conscience, and to pray for wisdom as we head to the voting booth."

Aquila



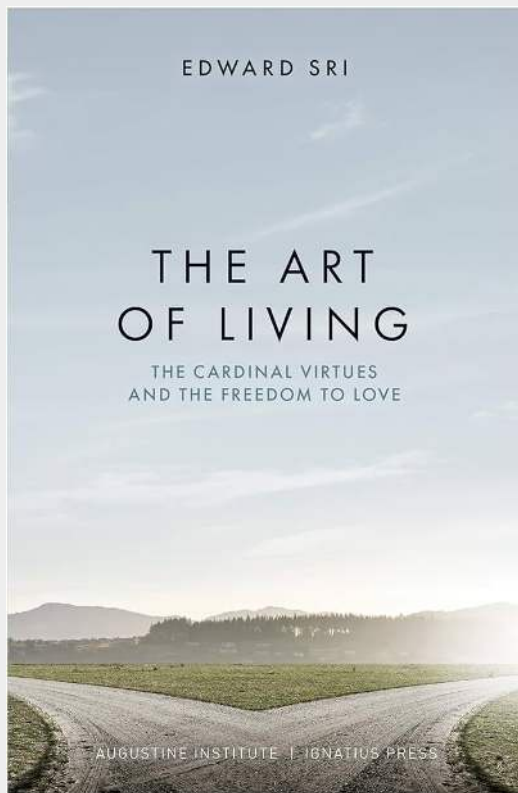


Table Discussion Questions:

1. What are the things that you owe to your spouse and (grand)children? In other words, what do they have a right to?
2. What rights does God have?
3. Thinking of things in terms of “rights” and “duties/responsibilities” can seem very overwhelming and impersonal. How do you fulfill the obligations of your life in a way that isn’t just “because I have to”?
4. How does love factor into the virtue of justice?

Resources:

- *The Cardinal Virtues* by Josef Pieper (Very Academic)
- *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and The Freedom to Love* by Edward Sri





Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.