



Focus on the Word

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 25.6-10; Philippians 4.12-14; Matthew 22.1-14

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Michael Raymond Munian

The 28 victims of the explosion in San Cristobel, Puerto Rico in August



Parish Week † Sunday, 15 Oct. 2023

Saturday, 14 Oct. / St. Callistus I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ida & Silvo Cilento (family)
- 12.00 pm Living Rosary
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Agnes Britto (family)

SUNDAY, 15 OCT. / 28-A

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: World Mission
- Parish Attendance Survey, week 1
- Knights of Columbus, 1.30 pm

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Norah & Anthony Teixeira (Lallajee family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Cyrilda Alagaratnam (Shirani Hemachandra)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 16 Oct. / St. Marguerite D'Youville

- St. Maria Goretti's birthday (1890)
- St. John Paul II elected to the papacy (1978)
- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Woods (Alice Larkin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Trevor D'Silva (wife)

Tuesday, 17 Oct. / St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)

Wednesday, 18 Oct. / St. Luke, evangelist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Douglas Dias (Daphne)

Thursday, 19 Oct. / St. Paul of the Cross, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ramon Gatchalian (Ophelia)

Friday, 20 Oct. / St. Hedwig, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)

Saturday, 21 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Teresa San Juan
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Custodio & Caitana Fernandes (Pascoal & Victoria)

SUNDAY, 22 OCT. / 29-A

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- Parish Attendance Survey, week 2

- 9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Lina Vitello (CWL Council)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Lea Abinajem (Amalia)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Second Collection

22 October: World Mission Sunday

The 2nd collection on 22 October is for *World Mission Sunday*.

"Here we are, Jesus, ready to serve to the ends of the earth."

On World Mission Sunday, all Catholics are called to celebrate their vocation to be missionaries. On this day, Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. As Jesus requested:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We are invited to live this Mission as servants of the living Lord. The testimony of our faith in Christ the Redeemer, our hope and our charity provide the greatest service that baptized people can offer, here and to the ends of the earth.

COMING UP

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- 23 Oct. Wedding: Diaz – Ocampo (11:00 am)
- 24 Oct. ▶ St. Albert School Mass (11:00 am);
- St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 29 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- **Ministry Sunday**;
- CWL (11:30 pm)
- 1 Nov. **Feast of All Saints**
- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls**
- 6 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Nov. ▶ St. Albert School Remembrance Liturgy

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For more information on Parish activities, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2023

Our 2023 *ShareLife* Campaign is underway. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages! Thank you for giving to *ShareLife*!

Food Security: \$500,000 pledged

Archbishop Leo invites you to join *ShareLife*'s fight against hunger. He said,

"It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone in our city today lacks access to food, which is a most basic human right. Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord's call to *feed the hungry*. Since the earliest days of the Church in Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, and we continue this life-giving legacy today."

Please support the fight against hunger by giving at our Parish using a *ShareLife* envelope.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults in our Parish RCIA, and the Youth who are in the RCIC.

At the 5.00 pm Mass on 23 Sept., the Candidates celebrated the Rite of *Candidacy*. This confirms their status, and ensures that they will move forward to their Initiation.

Coming up:

28 Oct. 5.00 pm Mass – Admission to the *Catechumenate*

18 Nov. 5.00 pm Mass – *Early Initiation*

Sunday School

10.30 am Mass



New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. When Mass begins, they will be called to come up in front of the Altar with their teachers for the Priest's blessing. Afterwards, they will be led to their room for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.

A Special Gift SANCTUARY CARPET

We thank **Eric and Rufina Pinto** for their thoughtful gift of the new carpet behind the Altar for the Clergy to use during the sacred Liturgies. It makes it much more comfortable for the presiding Priest during Mass, as opposed to standing on the black marble.

Altar Servers Annual Awards Mass

PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH, 14 October

The annual Altar Server Awards Mass will be at 10.00 am on Saturday, 14 October at Precious Blood Church, 1737 Lawrence Ave. East. Our parish Award Candidate this year: **Leanne-Gale Adhaqwa**. *Congratulations*, and God bless you and all our faithful Parish Altar Servers.

Living Rosary 12.00 pm, 14 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will host a *Living Rosary* at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 14 October. Sponsored by CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY. If the weather permits, the *Living Rosary* will be held in front of the Church. For details, contact: **Beatriz**, 416-834-9624.

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Ministry Sunday: 29 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will hold its Annual *Ministry Sunday* at all Masses on 28/29 October. All parish ministries are welcome to have representatives and information about their activity at the tables throughout the Church Vestibule.

Knights of Columbus



Upcoming events

- Weekly* Sale of 50/50 TICKETS at Masses
- 15 Oct. General meeting, 1.30 pm, N. Classroom
- 21 Oct. MEN'S CHOIR rehearsal, 6.15 pm, N. Classroom
- *Continues weekly, Saturday evenings.*
- 29 Oct. 50/50 Draw
- 11 Nov. Spiritual Reflection: THE PRODIGAL SON
A study in redemption, using an artistic masterpiece.
6.15 pm, N. Classroom
- 19 Nov. General meeting, 1.30 pm, N. Classroom
- 2 Dec. FAMILY ADVENT HYMN NIGHT, 6.15 pm
- 17 Dec. General meeting, 1.30 pm, N. Classroom

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Tyrone Anandarajan and Shalika Sivathasan

20 October, Sacred Heart Church, King City

Kyle Anthony Valdez Diaz and Frances Marion Ocampo

23 October

Adrian Canagasuriam and Vaishy Sivakumar

26 October, St. Michael Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Shoan Sathiyendran and Priyanka Chandrakumar

4 November, St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Richmond Hill

Letter of St. Pope John Paul II to Artists, 1999 (Excerpts)

To all who are passionately dedicated to the search for new "epiphanies" of beauty so that through their creative work as artists they may offer these as gifts to the world.

"God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

The artist, image of God the Creator

1. None can sense more deeply than you artists, ingenious creators of beauty that you are, something of the pathos with which God at the dawn of creation looked upon the work of his hands. A glimmer of that feeling has shone so often in your eyes when (like the artists of every age) captivated by the hidden power of sounds and words, colours and shapes, you have admired the work of your inspiration, sensing in it some echo of the mystery of creation with which God, the sole creator of all things, has wished in some way to associate you.

The special vocation of the artist

2. Not all are called to be artists in the specific sense of the term. Yet, as Genesis has it, all men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life. In a certain sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece. It is important to recognize the *distinction*, but also the *connection*, between these two aspects of human activity.

The artistic vocation serves beauty

3. A noted Polish poet, Cyprian Norwid, wrote that "beauty is to enthuse us for work, and work is to raise us up." The theme of beauty is decisive for a discourse on art. It was already present when I stressed God's delighted gaze upon creation.

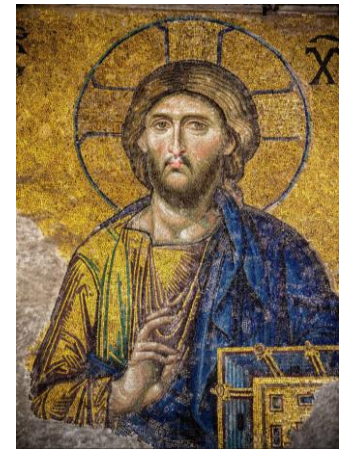
The artist and the common good

Society needs artists, just as it needs scientists, technicians, workers, professional people, witnesses of the faith, teachers, fathers and mothers, who ensure the growth of the person and the development of the community by means of that supreme art form which is "the art of education". Within the vast cultural panorama of each nation, artists have their unique place.

Art and the Word made flesh

5. The Law of the Old Testament explicitly forbids representation of the invisible and ineffable God by means of "graven or molten image" (Deuteronomy 27:15), because God transcends every material representation:

"I am Who I am." (Exodus 3:14)
Yet in the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God becomes visible in person: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son born of woman" (Galatians 4:4). God became man in Jesus Christ, who becomes "the central point of reference for an understanding of the enigma of human existence, the created world and God himself."



A fruitful alliance between the Gospel and art

6. Every genuine artistic intuition goes beyond what the senses perceive and, reaching beneath reality's surface, strives to interpret its hidden mystery. The intuition itself springs from the depths of the human soul, where the desire to give meaning to one's own life is joined by the fleeting vision of beauty and of the mysterious unity of things. All artists experience the unbridgeable gap which lies between the work of their hands, however successful it may be, and the dazzling perfection of the beauty glimpsed in the ardour of the creative moment: what they manage to express in their painting, their sculpting, their creating is no more than a glimmer of the splendour which flared for a moment before the eyes of their spirit.

The origins

7. The art which Christianity encountered in its early days was the ripe fruit of the classical world, articulating its aesthetic canons and embodying its values. Not only in their way of living and thinking, but also in the field of art, faith obliged Christians to a discernment which did not allow an uncritical acceptance of this heritage.

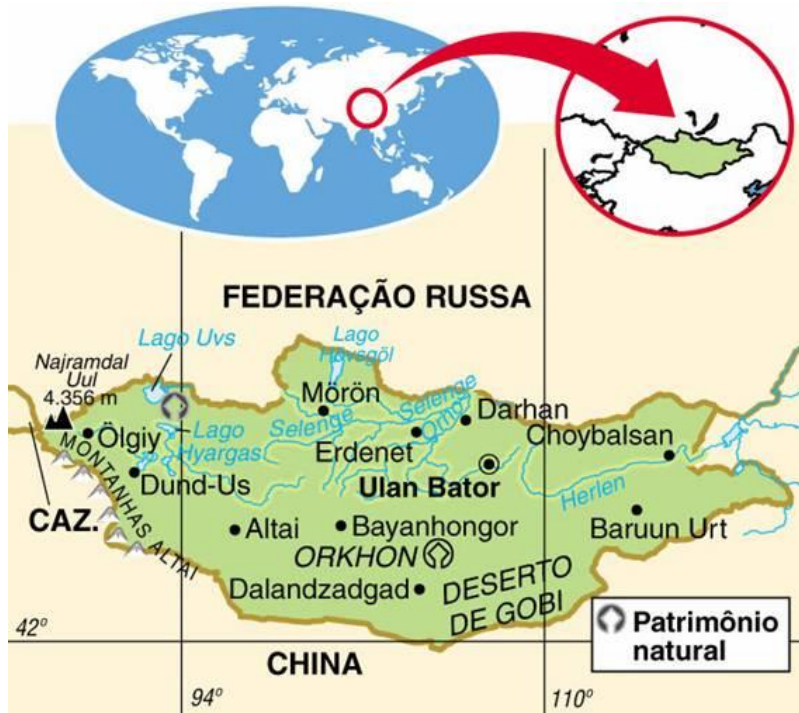
The Church needs art

12. In order to communicate the message entrusted by Christ, the Church needs art. Art makes perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God. It must therefore translate into meaningful terms that which is in itself ineffable. Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facet of the message and translate it into colours, shapes and sounds which nourish the intuition of those who look or listen. It does so without emptying the message itself of its transcendent value and its aura of mystery.



Pope Francis in Mongolia

21 August – 4 September 2023



Bishop Wenceslao Selga Padilla, born 29 September 1949 in Tubao, Philippines, served in Mongolia from 2003-2018.



Pope Francis and Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa



Bishop Giorgio Marengo celebrates Mass at a Mongolian Parish. At 47, he was the youngest Cardinal at the last consistory on 27 Aug. 2022.



Above: **Perlimaa Gavaadandov** took the RCIA 18 years ago. *Below:* **Bishop Marengo** with a Mongolian Parish.

Changing city scapes.



NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE, *Ottawa*; Original appearance in 1969 (a.k.a. the “mausoleum,” top), and after renovation, 2019 (above).

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, *Toronto*; Appearance in 1999 (lower left), and after addition of the ‘Crystal,’ 2009 (lower right).





Lindau, on Lake Constance, Germany

Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany

