



Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 18 Sept. 2022

Saturday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lajor Ziemba Birthday remembrance (Christa Hahn)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Chester Bulac & Kathleen Mae Marzo
 5.00 pm Mass: † Meredith Gittens (Maryanne Taylor)

SUNDAY, 18 SEPT. / 25-C / *Stewardship Sunday*

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon*
- *2nd Collection: Needs of the Church*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (friends & family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Marcus & Brianna Whalen (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Mary D'Cunha (Esme D'Mello)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 19 Sept. / St. Januarius *bishop & martyr*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (parents)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosa Chimenti (Denyse Robillard)

Tuesday, 20 Sept. / St. Andrew Kim, Tae-gon, *priest*, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & companions, *martyrs*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birth of Dino Aseo (wife)

Wednesday, 21 Sept. / St. Matthew, *apostle & evangelist*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Wilfredo De Leon (family)

Thursday 22 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary Roberts (Barb & Liz Noll)

Fri., 23 Sept. / St. Padre Pio, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday of Hyacinth Wickramasinghe (family)

Saturday, 24 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jeanette Liles (Daphne)
 2.00 pm Wedding: John Abanilla & Gayle Baylon
 5.00 pm Mass: † Dian D'Lima (Vivian, Barbara, Lilian, Kamatti D'Souza)

SUNDAY, 25 SEPT. / 26-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*
- *Shrine Apostolate Presentation at all Masses*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Yoahan Alexandan (parents)
 10.30 am Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Esme)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Pray for your special intentions at the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7 pm.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Focus on the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Queen Elizabeth II
Monica Tsoi A Sue



The **41 victims** of the fire at
Abu Safein Coptic Church in Giza, Egypt

Greeters 6.00 pm, 17 September 2022

All Parish Greeters are invited to their next ministry meeting in the Church, following the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 17 September.

2nd Collection

18 September: *Bishops' Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada*



The 2nd collection on Sunday, 18 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements.

The CCCC also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society. It also works with the Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Byzantines and Syrians, to address needs within their communities.

COMING UP

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- 29 Sept. *Feast of St. Michael the Archangel;*
 - Wedding: Mulla & Mendoza (10:30 am)
- 1 Oct. *Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux;*
 - Wedding: Vasantharjah & Puvanarajh (11:00 am)
- 2 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Healing & Reconciliation*
- 3 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 4 Oct. *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*
- 9 Oct. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 23 Oct. 2nd Collection: *World Missions*

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

Stewardship Sunday

18 September 2022



18 September 2022 is dedicated throughout the entire Archdiocese of Toronto to *Stewardship*. Through this observance, we are encouraged to make effective use of the gifts which we have been given by the Lord, not for selfish ends as did the steward in today's Gospel, but for good, for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour. That is our mission: to see the needs around us, to judge not according to our selfishness, but according to the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and then to act carefully, clearly, creatively, and effectively, in order to serve those who are in need.

RCIA *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 16 & 23 September - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 17 & 24 September - 10.00 am

Wedding Congratulations

Roy Reed and Corazon Gutierrez

6 July 2022

Ron Perwin Mariyathan and Barbra Ratnam

9 July 2022, St. Rose of Lima Parish

Elvin Polanatham and Priya Ranjan

9 July 2022, Our Lady of the Airways, Malton

Abe Sena and Jan Wage

16 July 2022

Lyon Lobo and Rajnie Chauhan

6 August 2022

Joseph Young and Nicole D'Monte

2022

Anojan Kathiramalairajah and Suesana Manoharan

20 August 2022, Our Lady of Good Health Parish

Storme Moore and Jenusha Jeyakuman

3 September 2022, St. Marguerite d'Youville, Brampton

Maclindan Christy and Amirthashini St. John

10 September 2022

Brian Vethanayagam and Keishia Fernandopulle

10 September 2022, St. Patrick, Markham

Michael Revita and Levy Ann Maris Ramos

16 September 2022, St. Christopher, Mississauga

Chester Bulac and Kathleen Mae Marzo

17 September 2022

Harold Ramisiar and Ulrica Ho

17 September 2022, Prince of Peace Parish

Pray for the Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

21 August

**Jose Aquino
Elizabeth Adele Hack**

**Dwayne Lemont Foley
Frederick Gerald Rowe**

**Nyima Dolma, the victim of the
Kipling Station fire attack in June**

28 August

**Alfredo Segador
The 21 victims of the tavern shooting
in Pretoria, South Africa in July.**

4 September

**The 40 victims of the devastating floods
in Kentucky in August.**

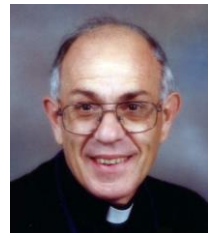


Fr. Richard Veltri

16 October 1934 – 12 September 2011

This week, we remember dear **Fr. Richard Veltri**, who served often at St. Maria Goretti Parish from 1985 to 2005.

May he rest in peace.



Holy Land Christians 17 – 18 Sept. *Supporting our brothers and sisters in Palestine*



HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS will be at St. Brigid Church this weekend, 17 & 18 September, with a variety of beautiful religious articles from the Holy Land. In addition, they will have information on the work that is being done by Christians in the Holy Land to ensure

the ongoing proclamation of the Gospel, and the continuing existence of the Christian community and its Churches in the Land where Jesus preached and died for our salvation. You are invited to visit and support the work of HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS.

St. Brigid Church: 300 Wolverleigh Boulevard, (416) 696-8660.

A Special Gift WEDDING FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the families of **Oliver Dumpit** and **Tien Nguyen** for the gift of the beautiful flower arrangements at the Altar following their Betrothal on 2 July.

The Child

If there is anything we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could be better changed in ourselves. - Carl Jung



Canada's Bishops eager to engage Reconciliation Council

16 September 2022

Cooperative effort to respond to calls from Indigenous peoples

Canada's bishops want to engage with a new National Council for Reconciliation that Ottawa lawmakers plan to set up this fall.

"We would welcome the opportunity to meet with this newly created council," said Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops spokesperson Jonathan Lesarge.

Bill C-29, which would create the *National Council for the Reconciliation*, has passed first reading. Crown Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller expects it will sail through the Commons and Senate before Christmas. The new law would fulfill the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #53.

In 2015, the TRC wanted the commission to "Monitor, evaluate, and report annually to Parliament and the people of Canada on the Government of Canada's post-apology progress on reconciliation to ensure that government accountability for reconciling the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Crown is maintained in the coming years."

While the TRC envisioned the council as a body to monitor government action through annual reports, the Catholic Bishops want to be part of the progress, said Mr. Lesarge. "We hope that our initial collaboration with the federal government on planning the papal visit will lay the foundation for a co-operative relationship that responds to the calls we have heard."

The CCCB to-do list includes more transparency on residential school records, a process to address the status of Indigenous artifacts held in the Vatican Museums, collaborating with the Holy See on a statement about what is referred to as the "Doctrine of Discovery," and financial support for healing and reconciliation initiatives.

The Bishops will be reviewing an updated action plan during our national plenary assembly this fall.

Mr. Miller claims legislation to create the commission was delayed by COVID. Since 2019 and advisory board has been laying the groundwork for the commission. Bill C-29 was tabled in Parliament in June, just before the summer break.



Remembering 9/11

Americans remembered 9/11 on 11 September 2021, 21 years after the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil.

The loss still felt immediate to Bonita Mentis, who wore a necklace with a photo of her slain sister, Shevonne Mentis.

"It's been 21 years, but it's not 21 years for us. It seems like just yesterday," she said before reading victims' names at the World Trade Center to a crowd that included Vice President Kamala Harris and husband Doug Emhoff.

At the Pentagon, which also was targeted on 9/11, President Joe Biden vowed that the U.S. would continue working to root out terrorist plots and called on Americans to stand up for "the very democracy that guarantees the right to freedom that those terrorists on 9/11 sought to bury in the burning fire, smoke and ash." First lady Jill Biden spoke at the third attack site, a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 11, 2001, conspirators from the al-Qaida Muslim militant group seized control of jets to use them as passenger-filled missiles, hitting the trade center's twin towers and the Pentagon. The fourth plane was headed for Washington but crashed near Shanksville after crew members and passengers tried to storm the cockpit.

The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people, reconfigured national security policy and spurred a U.S. "war on terror" worldwide. Sunday's observances came little more than a month after a U.S. drone strike killed a key al-Qaida figure who helped plot 9/11, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

More than 70 of Sekou Siby's co-workers perished at Windows on the World, the restaurant atop the trade center's north tower. He had the day off because another cook asked him to switch shifts. "Every 9/11 is a reminder of what I lost that I can never recover," says Siby, now president of ROC United, a restaurant workers' advocacy group. He said ahead of the anniversary that the attacks made him wary of becoming attached to people when "you have no control over what's going to happen to them next."

Ginny Barnett volunteered at the Shanksville site after the attacks and struggled for years to come to terms with the tragedy. She gradually found hope by volunteering for the memorial there now.

"I have seen firsthand the evil that man can do, but I have also seen the good that man can do," Barnett said Sunday. "With God's help, we can focus on and foster good, rather than let hate and anger consume us."

Morning Retreat

The Catholic Women's League of
Canada, St. Rose of Lima Council

You are warmly invited to attend
A Morning Retreat

presented by The Sisters of Life

TOPIC: End of Life'

Saturday, 24 September,
after the 8:30am mass – 12noon

The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor who took a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Immersed in Eucharistic prayer within a vibrant community life, their missions include caring for vulnerable pregnant women and their unborn children; inviting those wounded by abortion into the healing mercy of Jesus; fostering a culture of life through evangelization; retreat works; spiritual accompaniment of college students; and upholding the beauty of marriage and family life.

Presenters:

Sister Gaudia Maria Magdalena, S.V. was raised in Ottawa, and graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Health Sciences. She entered the Sisters of Life in 2015, and professed first vows on August 4th, 2018. Since entering, Sr. Gaudia has served on the Postulant Formation team as well as in our mission to pregnant women in Philadelphia, before moving to the Toronto Mission in 2021.

Sr. Jeanne Marie, S.V. grew up in Taiping, Malaysia before moving to Auckland, New Zealand for her tertiary studies. She graduated from the University of Auckland with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Sr. Jeanne Marie entered the Sisters of Life in 2014 and just professed her Perpetual Vows on Canadian soil on July 16, 2022. Since entering, she has served in the Motherhouse Generalate community as well as in our mission to pregnant women in New York, before moving to the Toronto Mission in 2020.



Stewardship Reflection

18 September 2022

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8.4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Gospel: Luke 16.1-13 - *The Dishonest Manager*

Serving the Greater Master

From a young age, society presents us the “perfect” roadmap for a life of happiness. This vision usually includes having the fancy job, a large house, extravagant clothes and a large sum of money in the bank. It is engrained in our upbringing that the amassing of wealth should be the most important facet of our life, which is why the Lord’s words in today’s Gospel, that “you cannot serve God and wealth,” can be so difficult to swallow.

It is interesting that Jesus doesn’t say we cannot have wealth, but instead, that we should not serve wealth. What does it mean to serve wealth? It is to preferentially prioritize our efforts for career advancement over our efforts to deepen our relationship with God. Essentially, those who serve wealth utilize all of their time and talents to attain more and more possessions. Stewards on the other hand utilize their time and talents to serve Christ and His Church.

In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. It is only then that we can begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church. When the temptation to hold onto our wealth looms over us, let us remember Christ’s words, and ask ourselves how are we sharing our gifts with the parish community?

Summary

The Lord’s exhortation that “you cannot serve God and wealth” can be difficult to swallow. In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. When we view our wealth as a gift we can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the Church





[Above: Members of the Catholic Women's League attend a Send Off for the former Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, **Monsignor Pat O'Dea**, 14 Sept.

[Below: After the St. Maria Goretti School Mass on 14 September, members of the Choir pose with their teacher, **Mr. David Dias**, 14 Sept.

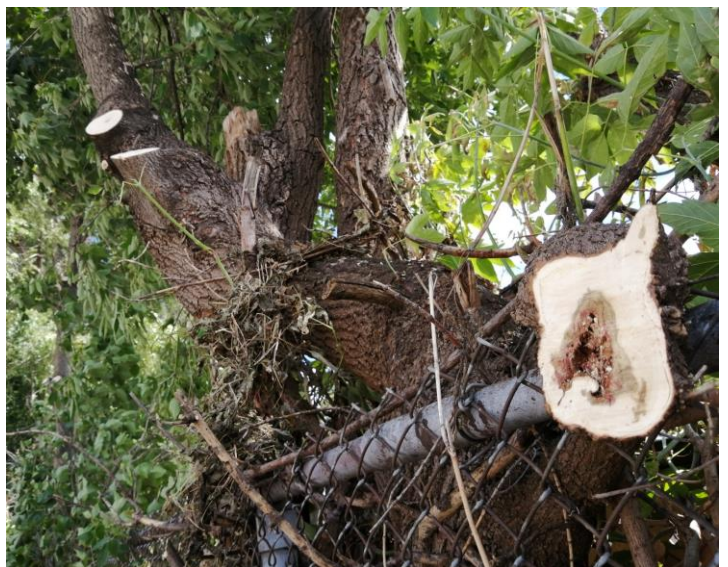




Zane Downey celebrates his 5th birthday, with Dad, Mom, some relatives and big bro Miguel. 2 September.



RCIC group, 3 September 2022.





In August 2022, St. Maria Goretti school undertook a major cleanup of the foliage around the Teachers' parking lot. In recent years, it had become unsafe to park large vehicles due to low branches from overhanging trees.

