



Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 25 Sept. 2022

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

Mon., 26 Sept. / Ss. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, *priests & Companions, martyrs*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Leonardo Baltonado (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Justino Rodas (family)

Tuesday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent de Paul, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph Neil Castanheiro (Ellen Cruz)

Wednesday, 28 Sept. / San Lorenzo Ruiz & *Companions*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Emma DeCicco)

Thurs., 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, *archangels*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)
 10.30 am Wedding: Marko Mulla & Keilie Mendoza

Friday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, *priest & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Watson (Ophelia Gatchalian)
 1.00 pm Wedding: D'Artaniel Jackman & Theresa Linatoc
 7.00 pm Mass: In Honour of The Canadian Martyrs (Michel Lafrance)

Saturday, 1 Oct. / St. Therese of the Child Jesus, *virgin & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ron Forrester (Debbie)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Irene Puvanarajh & Marino Vasantharajah
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Maria Subramaniam)

SUNDAY, 2 OCT. / 27-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd Collection: Healing & Reconciliation

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (friends & family)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Therese Endaya Bernaldo (Raphael)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
 Habakkuk 1.2-4; 2 Timothy 1.6-14; Luke 17.5-10

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Rita D'Souza, Helio Lima, Ann Dribnak

The three teenagers killed in the car crash in Brampton on August 28.



2nd Collections

25 September, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 25 Sept., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

2 October, Healing and Reconciliation

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 2 October, will be for the effort of the Church in Canada to assist with the *Healing and Reconciliation* process with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30) provides an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. In a special way, we remember the children that never returned home. We recognize this painful history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement in the residential school system. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

Cardinal Collins will offer the 7:30 am Mass on 30 September 2022 at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica. Indigenous community members will participate in the service.

COMING UP

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- 1 Oct. *Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux;*
 Wedding: Vasantharajah – Puvanarajh (11:00 am);
 2 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Healing & Reconciliation*
 4 Oct. *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi;*
 - Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 9 Oct. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
 24 Oct. Municipal Elections

1st Holy Communion: Starts 24 September

Preparation begins on 24 September for *First Holy Communion* for students in public school, and those in Catholic schools outside our Parish. For more information, call Fr. Elias, 416-261-0076.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Please remember in your prayers the Adults who are in the process of joining the RCIA, and the Youth who are joining the RCIC.

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; the parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 23 & 30 Sept. 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 24 Sept., 1 Oct. 10.00 am

In your prayers, remember the Candidates from both groups who will be taking part in the next Rite:

Candidacy Rite: 24 Sept., at the 5.00 pm Mass

A Special Gift WEDDING FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks **Corazon Gutierrez** and **Roy Reed** for their gift of the beautiful flower arrangements following their Wedding on 6 July. May God bless and guide you in His peace.

Greeters *Screening forms*

Many thanks to our Parish Greeters for your service, and for attending the Ministry Update meeting on 17 September. We are working with the Archdiocese to obtain the current *Volunteer screening forms* to update the records we have to maintain, and we will provide them as soon as possible.

Upcoming Weddings

John Abanilla and Gayle Baylon

24 September 2022

Matthew Caporiccio and Cassandra D'Alonzo

24 September 2022, St. Clare of Assisi, Woodbridge

Marko Mulla and Keilie Mendoza

29 September 2022

D'Artaniel Jackman and Theresa Linatoc

30 September 2022

Ricky Yip and Samantha Dulnuam

8 October 2022



Cora and Roy at their Wedding on 6 July 2022

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

11 June 2022

Kieran Alexander Cusack-Cadena

River Isabelle Cusack-Cadena

Amelia Lynn Simpson

Kayden Saje Sollano

18 June

Matilda Maria Naddaf

Alea Lucy Torres-Pulmano

25 June

Sofia Eliza Albuquerque Parrilla

10 July

Alexandria Nagales Amo

Junic Jenaya Bandese

Moises III Benedict Delos Santos

Didier Kouadio Kouakou

Mikaela Julianna Miranda

Nia Cecille Amada Octaviano

James Coronado Pantaleon

Maverick Cas Perdon

Elizabeth Lily Rama

Louie James Siu

Jedidiah Roe Solijon

Aldwyn Joshua Timbang

16 July

Sarah Elizabeth Chiang

Zane Ethan Aziel Magsumbol

Dion Anthony Mabazza

31 July

Almach Polanco Domondon

Marcella Avery Pacana

Adriana Michela Santoro

6 August

Mathew Adam Hagen

Kimberly Serenity Aria Lall

Amara Hope Natividad

7 August

Francis Anson Gomes

Nolan Frederick Galura Miller

Rionna Udarbe Monton

13 August

Alora Beatriz Luzano

27 August

Travis Joseph Esguerra

September 10

Nikolas Samuel Osting-Lahovich

Blessed Mykola Charnetsky 1884-1959

For five decades after World War II, the Soviet Union tried to erase the Ukrainian Eastern Catholic Church. But the underground Catholic Church became the



largest illegal Christian community in the world, and remained steadfast through the irrepressible witness of leaders like **Bishop Mykola (Nicholas) Charnetsky**.

Born into a devout peasant family in western Ukraine, Charnetsky felt called to the priesthood at a young age. After studies in Rome, he was ordained in 1909 and became a seminary professor and spiritual director in Ivano-Frankivsk. In 1919, Father Charnetsky joined the missionaries of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and worked for the reconciliation of Catholics and Orthodox, giving popular missions in northwest Ukraine. In 1926, pope Pius XI appointed him apostolic visitor to Eastern Catholics in the region; five years later he was ordained a bishop.

When Soviet forces invaded in 1939, Bishop Charnetsky fled to Lwow, Poland (which later became Lviv, Ukraine, when the Russians redrew the map of Europe after World War II, and moved Poland, Belarus and Ukraine to the west by 200 kilometers). In 1945, Bishop Charnetsky was arrested by Soviet police as a “Vatican agent,” and sentenced to hard labor in Siberia. According to official records, Bishop Charnetsky underwent 600 hours of interrogation and torture and spent time in 30 Soviet prisons and campus over the next 11 years. All the while, he offered comfort and counsel to his fellow prisoners, heard their confessions and secretly celebrated the Divine Liturgy.

He was released from prison on the verge of death in 1956. To everyone’s amazement, he did not die, and gradually recovered enough to serve the Church for three more years. He had a prayerful presence and he privately prepared and ordained candidates for the Priesthood. As a result of his sufferings, he died a Martyr on 2 April 1959.

Together with 23 Martyr-companions, Bishop Mykola Charnetsky was Beatified in Lviv by St. Pope John Paul II on 27 June 2001.

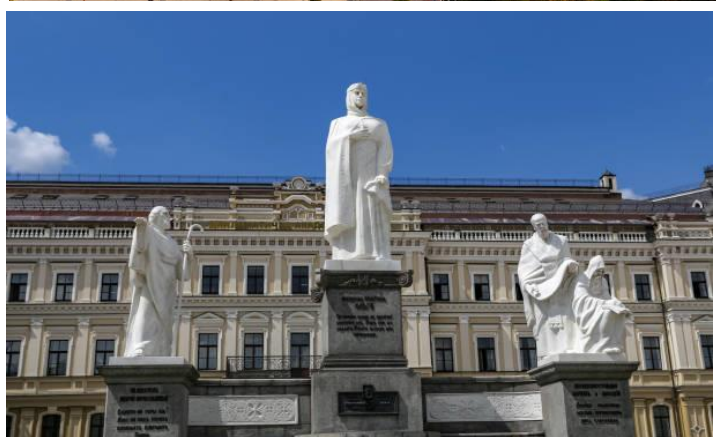
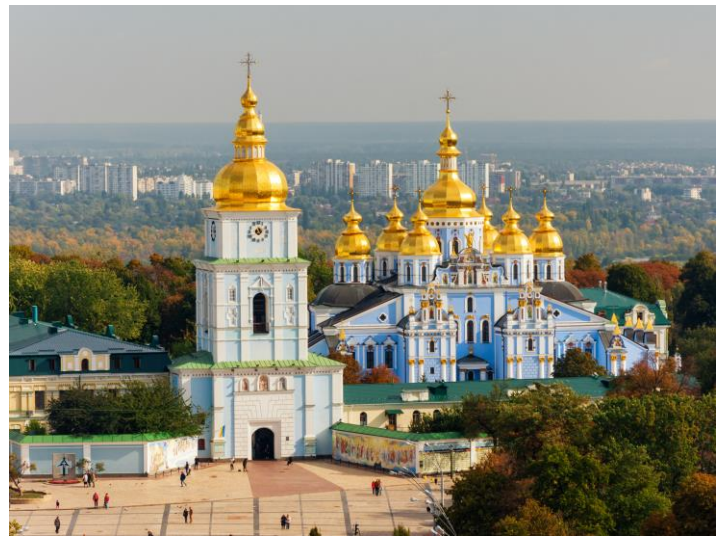
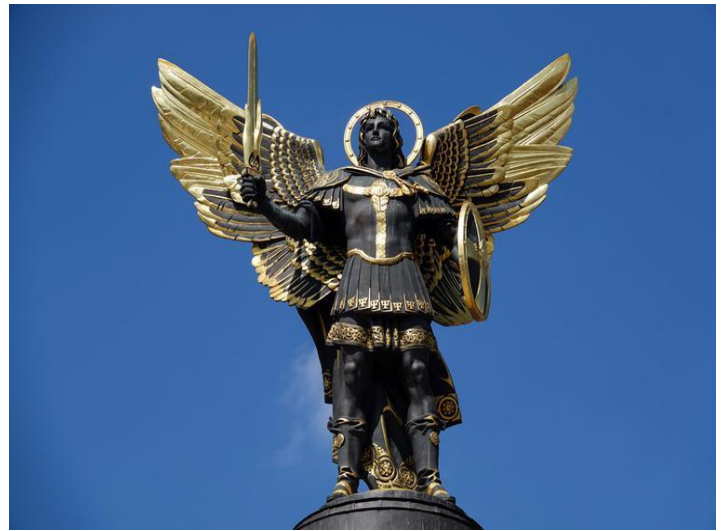
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St. Michael the Archangel, Kyiv

St. Michael Catholic Monastery, Kyiv

St. Princess Olga, Kyiv

St. Vladimir, Kyiv



The Pope in Nunavut, the end of his Canadian Visit

Pope Francis traveled to the edge of the Arctic on 29 July to deliver an apology to the Inuit people for the "evil" of Canada's residential schools, wrapping up his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada with a dramatic visit to the remote territory of Nunavut to meet with school survivors.

Francis landed in Iqaluit, population 7,500, and met with former students at a primary school to hear first-hand their experiences of being torn from their families and forced to attend Church-run, government boarding schools. The aim of the policy, which was in effect from the late 1800s to the 1970s, was to sever children from their Native cultures and assimilate them into Canadian, Christian society.

"How evil it is to break the bonds uniting parents and children, to damage our closest relationships, to harm and scandalize the little ones!" Francis told a gathering of Inuit youths and elders outside the school.

He thanked the school survivors for their courage in sharing their suffering, which he had heard for the first time this past spring when delegations of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples traveled to the Vatican to seek an apology.

"This only renewed in me the indignation and shame that I have felt for months," Francis said. "I want to tell you how very sorry I am and to ask for forgiveness for the evil perpetrated by not a few Catholics who contributed to the policies of cultural assimilation in those schools."

Before speaking, the Pope sat in a chair covered in seal skin and watched Inuit throat singers and dancers perform. In his talk, he said "I'm sorry" in Inuktitut, the Inuit language, drawing cheers; he ended with "thank you" in Inuktitut.

The events stretched far longer than planned; the Pope's plane took off for Rome about 90 minutes behind schedule.

The visit capped an unusual tour designed specifically to give the Pope opportunities to apologize to generations of Native peoples for the abuses and injustices they suffered and to assure them that he was committed to helping them reconcile their relationship with the Catholic Church.

Ahead of his arrival, organizers readied scores of hats with mesh face protection to guard against the mosquitoes that sometimes abound in the mild summer temperatures of Iqaluit, which is some 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle.



The **Catholic Register** is producing a commemorative magazine for the recent Papal visit. The 64-page full colour magazine, *From Penance to Progress*, features Rome-to-Canada-to-Rome coverage with original you-are-there photos and articles from the *Register* reporter who was embedded with Vatican media for the entire visit. In addition, it will offer reflections on what the visit accomplished and content "prompts" to help individuals, parish groups and schools think about and discuss the way forward for truth and reconciliation.

Copies of the magazine will be delivered to all Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The *Register* will provide copies free to its paid subscribers. Non-subscribers will be able to get single copies at Church or by contacting Circulation Manager Stephanie Williams at: stephaniew@catholicregister.org. The price is \$15.99.

Stewardship Reflection

The Cardinal's Homily for 18 September 2022

Cardinal Thomas Collins designated the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time as Stewardship Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This year, Stewardship Sunday was on 18 September 2022. The Cardinal prepared a homily for that day which was shared at all Masses that weekend. For the benefit of our Parishioners, the text of the homily is below.

I remember that once, when I was a seminarian, there was a Mass early in the morning in the seminary chapel, and the Priest had a very clever way of getting our attention. He took a little bag containing nickels, dimes, and pennies and, during his homily, he threw the contents onto the marble floor of the chapel so that they all went *clinkity-clinkity-clink*. Anyone who was asleep at that early time woke up very quickly. The point he was making, which I remember, now after over 50 years, was that we who are serving the Lord need to learn from those who serve mere mammon, mere wealth - earthly things.

For those little coins, for mere material goods, people are willing to spend time, energy, and creativity - to use all their talents and abilities, just to get those coins that were rolling on the floor...so unimportant in the great scheme of things. We who have been given the message of the Gospel, the invitation to the Kingdom of God, and the grace of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist; we who have been given so many gifts from the Lord, including the brief time we have on this earth, need to use our talents with at least the intelligence, the wisdom, the astuteness of the people of this world who use them very effectively for things which are not worth very much, or even for things which are evil. The children of the light, the servants of the Lord, must know how to be effective in using the gifts that God has given them. That's a very good point which we need to think about, especially this day when we reflect throughout the Archdiocese on the great gift of Stewardship.

We are stewards. We are servants who are entrusted with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. God has given us our very life and the precious gift of time. He has given us our talents and has helped each one of us in different ways. Above all, He has given us the great gift of our faith, as well as the material goods we possess. We've been entrusted with these gifts only for a while, in order that we might use them wisely and astutely, with at least the creativity and the energy that the people who serve false gods, or no God at all, use in the pursuit of the far lesser things that they cherish.



In the traditional wisdom of the Church, there is a great way of looking at Stewardship: how to live as one entrusted with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and how to use them fruitfully for the glory of God in the service of our neighbour.

This little bit of wisdom speaks of “**See, Judge, and Act.**” We need to “**See**” clearly the situation in which we live, just as people who are simply trying to get ahead in the world need to see what is really going on. We need to be astute, shrewd and prudent in seeing reality clearly, so that we make good decisions. We need to “**Judge**”, and assess our situation according to the principles of the Gospel. Then we need to “**Act**” effectively, at least as effectively, creatively, wisely, and shrewdly as the children of this world in serving their lesser goals. We are serving the Lord and our goal is the Kingdom of God, and we owe it to the Lord to be at least as fruitful and creative as those of this world.

Let's look at what God says to us in the readings today. First of all, we need to “**See**”. In our case we need to see, and not just as the steward or manager in the Gospel—he's about to lose a job and he saw that coming very quickly; we need to see the world in which we live. We need to see those who are in need. We need to see the face of Christ in all of those who are suffering. We need to see, in our neighbours, the different ways in which they can be helpful in advancing the cause of Christ. We need to see, within our own heart, our own frailties for which we are sorry, but also the gifts God has given to us. As we have heard in the first reading, the prophet Amos speaks of those who are trampling upon the needy and of those who are causing suffering to others, tampering with the scales, buying the poor for silver.

We need to see what is happening in this world and use the gifts which God has entrusted to us as stewards of his creation to use them well, effectively, and creatively in order to spread the love of God, which is made authentic and real in this world through the love of our neighbour who is in need. It is our neighbour whom we have to notice, first of all.

“Judge”: we need to judge, according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Judge, not in the sense of being judgmental, but in having principles, stars we steer by, to help us to know how to act in any given situation. Of course, the steward in the Gospel was a crooked and dishonest steward, and the Lord does not praise him for that. He was judging according to his own selfish values concerning how to satisfy his needs. Rather, Jesus praises the steward in the Gospel for acting wisely, even in the service of an unworthy goal; how much more should we act at least as wisely not for unworthy goals, but according to the principles which we find in today’s second reading and throughout the whole Gospel:

- ❑ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- ❑ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all
- ❑ This was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is our mission: we are immersed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that it may be in our mind that we know it, on our lips that we speak it, and in our hearts so we live it. This provides us with the principles by which we judge the world in which we live and are able to know what to do with what we see before our eyes.

This is the heart of Stewardship. We see the world, we recognize our own abilities to help, and we judge it all according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But then we need to act. Now, the one thing our Lord praises in the crooked steward in today’s Gospel is his astuteness in using his gift of intelligence to get out of a problem which he was facing—he was about to be let go. Jesus is not, again, praising his crookedness, but he is saying people like this whose judgments are not made according to the Gospel of Jesus but according to their own selfishness, nonetheless use their God-given talents in creative ways. Just as in that story I told in the beginning, for a clinkity-clinkity-clink, for mere mammon, for coins and bits and pieces, people use great creativity.

So this steward, this manager, used admirable sharpness and wisdom, and the intelligence God gave him for his own selfish needs. We need to use our own intelligence, creativity, and talent for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour and do at least as well as the servants of mammon. The dishonest steward knew how to see his situation, and act effectively, though the principles by which he judged reality were corrupt. He was using his mind for a bad purpose with bad principles, but was acting effectively, though for a bad cause. We need to act effectively for a good cause. *See, judge, and act.* This is the guiding light, principle, and method which has long been at the heart of our life of evangelization as servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And so, on this Sunday which, throughout our entire Archdiocese, is dedicated to *Stewardship*, we’re 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.

In this way, we are able to make present in this world, the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For we are his representatives here, we are his messengers. He calls us to use the gifts he has given to us in such abundance, during the brief time we have in this world, to show our love for the Lord God by effectively loving others in ways that will help them. And let us look at our parish: look at all the different ways each one of us can work together as parishioners to strengthen one another; to use our different talents individually, as a parish community, and as a diocesan community to serve other people and to do so for the glory of our Lord. That is our commitment on this Stewardship Sunday, to see the needs, to judge according to the Gospel, and to use the gifts God has given to us to act effectively for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour.

WHAT MAKES YOU
GRATEFUL?
ARE YOU TAKING
TIME TO DEVELOP
AN ATTITUDE OF
GRATITUDE?



Repair & Renewal

Major electrical upgrades begin, 14 September 2022, including the replacement of old panels & wiring.



