



Parish Week

Angel of God,
my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love
entrusts me here;
ever this day,
be at my side;
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

Sunday, 2 Oct. 2022

Focus on the Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Habakkuk 1.2-4; 2 Timothy 1.6-14; Luke 17.5-10

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. . Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Basta Viviana Dias

The **100** victimis of the **flooding** in **Columbia** this **summer**.



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

Monday, 3 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Joseph & Veronica Martin (Christine Martin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Oct. / St. Francis of Assisi

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonardo Deleon (family)

Wednesday, 5 Oct. / St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmelo & Edna)

Thursday, 6 Oct. / Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gerard Gonsalves (Christine Martin)

Friday 7 Oct. / Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mackertich, Hovhan, Sonkies & Anna (Christine Martin)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lim Teng Chay & William Sy Eng Chon (Emilio Go & family)

Saturday, 8 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Brigitta Wagner (Christa Hahn)
- 1.00 pm Wedding Ricky Yip & Samantha Dulnuan
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Christyantton Anthonypillai (family)

SUNDAY, 9 OCT. / 28-C

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (Rebello family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

2nd 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) provided 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 role in the residential school system. We pray, educate, advocate, and look for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

COMING UP

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- 23 Oct. 2nd Collection: *World Missions*
- 24 Oct. Municipal Elections
- 30 Oct. 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- CWL (1:00 pm)
- 1 Nov. **Feast of All Saints**
- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls**
- 7 Nov. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 9 Nov. St. Maria Goretti School Mass (9:00 am)
- 13 Nov. - 2nd Collection: *Shepherds' Trust*;
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 24 Nov. ► St. Albert School Mass (8:30 pm)
- 27 Nov. 1st **Sunday of Advent**
- 2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;
- St. Vincent de Paul *Bundle Up* Sunday;
- CWL (1:00 pm)
- 7 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 10 Dec. Catholic Women League Advent Reflection (2-4 pm)
- 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
- 2nd Collection: *Christmas*

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

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 24 Sept., the Candidates celebrated the Rite of *Candidacy*. This confirms their status, and ensures that they will move forward to their Initiation.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 7, 14 October 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 8, 15 October 10.00 am

Coming up:

7 Oct. 7.00 pm Mass – Make up *Election Rite*

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

19 Nov. 5.00 pm Mass – *Early Initiation*

Do *you* want to join the Church? Do you have a friend who has been looking to join a spiritual community of faith that honours God and celebrates his Blessing and Peace in our lives? Do you want your children to honour God and grow up with faith, and know that there is a meaning to their life? Call the Pastor, Fr. Edwin, for details: 416-261-0076.

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion



Catholic Schools: Starts in September

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in Grade 2. Soon the families will begin receiving Information packages to register the students in this process. We look forward to resuming the in-person family instruction meetings that will be held early in the New Year.

Public Schools: Saturday Class started 24 September

Preparation began on 24 September for *First Holy Communion* for students in public school. They meet every Saturday at 10.00 am. For further information, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Kathleen Marion McDowell Baccichet** for your gift of the beautiful flower arrangement at the Altar following her funeral on 7 July. May she rest in peace.

Municipal Election 24 October 2022

The Church encourages citizens to exercise their mandate and vote in the Municipal Election on 24 October. Be informed about the issues in our community, and take advantage of opportunities to hear the Candidates and learn their positions on public policy. Democracy is a fragile treasure. By exercising our mandate and voting, we help to counteract forces that undermine our right to free, fair, and fully informed self-government. We can keep our democracy strong and resilient.



Life Chain

2 October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

All are asked to join this year's *Life Chain*: a silent hour of prayer on: *Sunday, 2 October, 2 - 3 pm*. Our assembly location is:

**Danforth Avenue & Victoria Park Avenue,
or Lawrence Avenue & Kennedy Road**

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as, "*Life, the first inalienable right,*" and "*Abortion kills children*" for one hour at hundreds of locations across North America. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds, and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope and truth. As Jesus Our Lord asked of his disciples, "COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

Altar Servers *Annual Awards Mass*

ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCH, 15 October

Please remember in your prayers the Parish Altar Servers who will be attending the 2022 Altar Server Awards Mass at 10.00 am on Saturday, 15 October at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering. Our 2022 Award recipients:

Zian Villaruz



FALL TRAINING SERIES

*Resumes Saturday,
5 November, 9-10.30 am*

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on Saturday, 5 November. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.

Bishop Michael

Power 1 October

Bishop **Michael Power** (17 Oct. 1804 – 1 Oct. 1847) was the first Bishop of Toronto after the diocese was established on



17 December 1841. More than 90,000 poor Irish refugees landed at Quebec in 1847 to escape the *Great Famine* after the potato crop failed in Ireland. Many had Typhus, and it spread among Canadian towns, including Toronto. Bishop Power contracted the disease while visiting some victims at the House of Providence beside St. Paul Church in Cabbagetown. He was 42 years old. His remains are buried in a crypt beneath St. Michael Cathedral.

Learning more about the Catholic Church in Canada

A guide for non-Catholics who want to understand better about how the Church is organized in our country.

What is the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is the Church founded by Jesus Christ. Jesus was born about 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. He entrusted His Church with the full means of salvation. Guided and protected by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church possesses the fullness of truth and grace.

Who is Jesus Christ?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully divine and fully human.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

All who are saved come to new life through **Jesus**. This includes those who try to be good but, through no fault of their own, do not know about Jesus.

Who are the Bishops?

Bishops are the successors of the Apostles and thus guarantee the apostolic succession in unity with the Roman Pontiff (the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ). Although Catholic clergy and members of consecrated life had already been present in what was to become Canada, the Church became officially established in this country in 1658 with the appointment of Saint François de Laval as Bishop and Vicar General of New France.

What groups make up the Church?

The Catholic Church (composed of both the *Latin* Church and the *Eastern* Catholic Churches) is made up of “ecclesiastical communities” which are groups of the faithful under the authority of a Bishop. There are different kinds of ecclesiastical communities based on whether they are specific to the Latin Catholic Church or the Eastern Catholic Churches, as well as whether they are defined by geographical territory or the unique makeup of a community. In Canada, the ecclesiastical

communities of the Latin Catholic Church include “archdioceses” and “dioceses,” which are defined by geographical territory, and “ordinariates” and a “personal prelate” (there is only one in the world), which are defined by the unique pastoral needs of the faithful which they serve.



the ecclesiastical communities of the Eastern Catholic Churches in Canada include “eparchies,” as well as an “archeparchy” (being the Eastern Catholic equivalents of “dioceses” and “archdioceses” in the Latin Church), and may also include “exarchates” (local churches of Eastern communities present in Canada not yet promoted to the level of eparchy), all of which are defined by geographical territory.

How many dioceses are there in Canada?

Currently in Canada, there are 59 dioceses of the Latin Catholic Church, 12 eparchies and 2 exarchates of the Eastern Catholic Churches, as well as 2 ordinariates.

Archdioceses

Edmonton, Gatineau, Grouard-McLennan, Halifax-Yarmouth, Keewatin-Le Pas, Kingston, Moncton, Montréal, Ottawa-Cornwall, Québec, Regina, Rimouski, Saint-Boniface, Sherbrooke, St. John’s, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg.

Dioceses

Amos, Antigonish, Baie-Comeau, Bathurst, Calgary, Charlottetown, Chicoutimi, Churchill-Hudson Bay, Corner Brook and Labrador, Edmundston, Gaspé, Grand Falls, Hamilton, Hearst-Moosonee, Joliette, Kamloops, London, MacKenzie-Fort Smith, Nelson, Nicolet, Pembroke, Peterborough, Prince Albert, Prince George, Rouyn-Noranda, Saint John, Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, Saint-Hyacinthe, Saint-Jean-Longueuil, Saint-Jérôme-Mont-Laurier, Saint-Paul, Saskatoon, Sault Ste-Marie, St. Catharines, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Trois-Rivières, Valleyfield, Victoria, Whitehorse.

How are Eastern Catholics organized?

The Catholic faithful of the Eastern Catholic Churches have been in Canada since the 1800. Their numbers are increasing due to immigration, as well as refugees fleeing persecution and violence, especially in the Middle East. The influx has resulted in the erection of new ecclesiastical communities of the Eastern Catholic Churches in Canada, referred to as “eparchies” (or “exarchates” at their early stage), under the authority of their own Bishops.

In areas of Canada where the numbers of Eastern Catholic faithful do not require their own eparchy, it is the local Latin Catholic Bishop that cares for them.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Board of Directors Reports on its \$30,000,000.00 National Fundraising Commitment

18 July 2022

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Fund is officially accepting proposals and distributing funds for projects in support of healing and reconciliation. Projects are determined locally in consultation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples, and the first proposal received approval on July 15, 2022.

The Fund has already collected \$4.6 million from Catholic dioceses across the country, as part of a nationwide commitment to raise \$30 million over the next five years. Project proposals from Diocesan / Regional Reconciliation Committees are being presented to the Fund, as part of an effort to support and encourage local collaboration between Catholic entities and Indigenous partners. All applications for funding must first be submitted through local Diocesan / Regional Reconciliation Committees.

“The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is a critically important effort in support of the path of healing and reconciliation between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples,” said Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chair of Board. “We are pleased with the progress made to date, and are looking forward to distributing funds as quickly as possible in support of reconciliation projects across the country”.

The Fund is designed to meet the highest standards of transparency and good governance and is overseen by a Board of Directors made up of Indigenous leaders across Canada. The most recent addition to the Board is the **Honourable Graydon Nicholas**, CM, ONB, LL.D, who has a lengthy history of working for justice for First Nations and other people.

Mr. Nicholas was the first Indigenous person in Atlantic Canada to earn a law degree and has served as counsel on many important cases involving the rights of Indigenous people. He was the first Indigenous judge in New Brunswick, where he served on the provincial Court from 1991-2009. He served as Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick from 2009 to 2014, also a first for an Indigenous person. Presently, he is the Chancellor of St. Thomas University, where he is also the Endowed Chair of Native Studies.

“As the former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, lawyer, judge and Indigenous leader, Mr. Nicholas brings a wealth of expertise to the important work of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund,” said **Bishop William McGrattan**, Vice-President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. “It is our sincere hope that that the governance and oversight offered by all the accomplished and highly respected Indigenous Directors who have agreed to serve on the Board, will help the fund to advance healing between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples.”

Other Board Directors whose positions have been previously announced include:

❑ **Chief Wilton Littlechild**, a Cree chief, residential school survivor, and lawyer who served as a Commissioner for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Chief Littlechild has been elected Chair of the Board.

❑ **Giselle Marion**, who holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia and works as the Director of Client Services with the Tłıchǫ Government in Northwest

❑ **Rosella Kinoshameg** is an Odawa/Ojibway woman and residential school survivor from the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation Territory, with over 50 years of nursing experience, mostly working with First Nations communities on community health care. She has an honorary Doctorate in Sacred Letters from Regis College at the University of Toronto.

On 30 September 2021, the Canadian Bishops announced a \$30 million national financial pledge to support healing and reconciliation initiatives. In keeping with that commitment, the Fund will accept donations raised from 73 dioceses across Canada, while publishing annual reports and cooperating with an audit by an independent accounting firm each year.

About the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

The I.R.F. is a Canadian registered charity established in 2022 to advance healing & reconciliation initiatives. The Charity accepts donations in order to fulfill a \$30 million commitment made by Canada’s Bishops.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948. The Bishops meet regularly in Ottawa to pray, discuss, plan and undertake various initiatives for the good of the Church.



Gayle Baylon & John Abanilla: Rehearsal.
Below: The *Wedding*, 24 September.



RCIA Rite of Candidacy, 24 September.

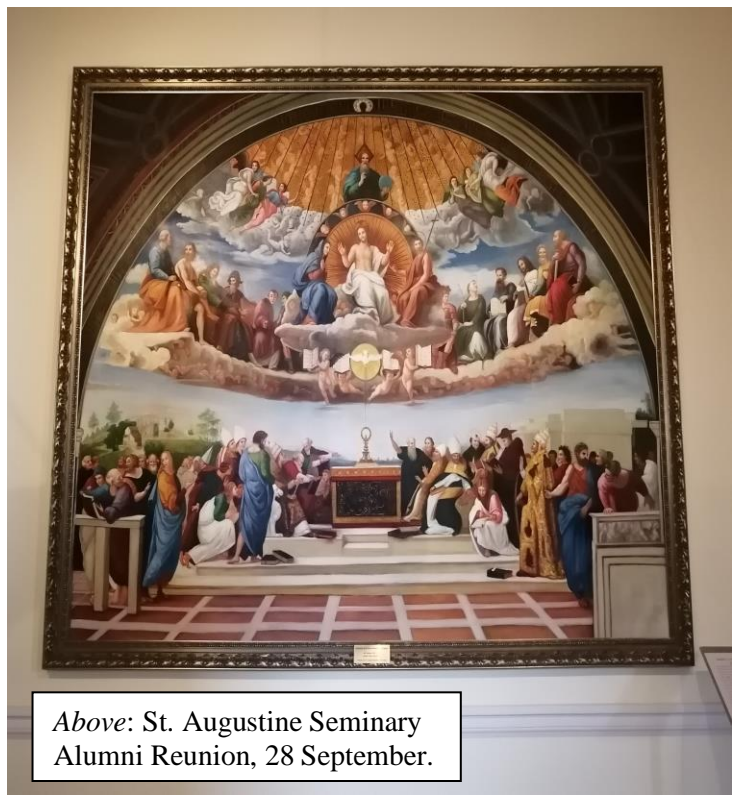




Theresa Rei Linatoc and D'Artaniel Jackman, Rehearsal, 27 September.



*Above: Br. Antonio signs up Parishioners for the Shrine Apostolate of the Heralds of the Gospel, 25 Sept.
Below: Instruction evening, 29 Sept.*



Above: St. Augustine Seminary Alumni Reunion, 28 September.

Repair & Renewal

Major electrical upgrades continue, Sept. 2022, including the replacement of old panels & wiring.

