



## Focus on the Word

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
2 Kings 5.14-17; 2 Timothy 2.8-13; Luke 17.11-19

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

### Pray for the Deceased

Christian Segun

The 10 victims of the mass stabbing  
in Sskatchewan in September



## Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 9 Oct. 2022

### Saturday, 8 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Brigitta Wagner (Christa Hahn)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Christyantion 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

### Monday, 10 Oct.

■ *Thanksgiving Day*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cresencia Sardua (Chita)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Francisco & Teresa Di Michele (family)

### Tuesday, 11 Oct. / St. John XXIII, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)  
11.00 am funeral Mass: † Jim Dela Vega Antolin

### Wednesday, 12 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maximiliana Hahn (Christa)

### Thursday, 13 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Int. Thanksgiving Gerda Gisling  
(Christa Hahn)

### Friday, 14 Oct. / St. Callistus I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Sunil Prakash (Mukesh Kapadia)

### Saturday, 15 Oct. / St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Agnes Britto (family)

### SUNDAY, 16 OCT. / 29-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Karola Deschel (Christa Hahn)  
10.30 am Mass: † Michael Woods (Alice Larkin)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Sp. Intention & Thanksgiving  
(Dominic & Anita)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Greta McMaster** for the beautiful white flower arrangements place at our Altar following her Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery on 16 July. May God grant her eternal rest.

### Parish Attendance Count 16 & 23 October

At all Sunday Masses on 16 & 23 October, volunteers will conduct our annual *Attendance Count*. This is a requirement of our Archdiocese for its planning and reporting purposes. The count is simply a manual tally of all those arriving for our Masses.

### 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.

### COMING UP

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- 23 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *World Missions*;  
- K.O.C. (1.30 pm)  
24 Oct. Municipal Elections  
30 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Shepherds' Trust*;  
Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)  
24 Nov. ► St. Albert School Mass (8:30 pm)  
27 Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> **Sunday of Advent**  
- St. Vincent de Paul *Bundle Up* Sunday

### Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://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 wants to join? Call 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion



*Catholic Schools: Currently starting*

Students in our Catholic Schools will receive preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

## 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 September (Above)

**Amelia Isabelle Vivar dela Cruz**

**Isabelle Aeva Ilagan**

**Dawn Kennedy Joven Magsino**

**Bless Mondal**



18 September (Above)

**Grace Nicole Araya**

**London Olivia Boodhoo**

**Anderson Ernia Daliva**

**Liane Celeste Demitto**

**Avery Charlie Mendoza**

**Aiden Michael Pena**

25 September

**Amirah Kleine Medicielo**

# Greed and Inequality

Catholics are familiar with the following verse from Luke 12:15 - Then He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Mr. Mohandas Gandhi also warned us when he said the world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed. The statistics support his comments. According to a Credit Suisse report, we now live in a world where the richest one percent of the population owns more than half of the total wealth.

How did we end up this way? It was not always like this. For most of human history, we were hunter-gatherers. During this period, humans were relatively equal, each having a limited number of possessions. People only took what they needed to survive. Hoarding items was not an option because we were constantly on the move. We lived a nomadic existence.

But things changed approximately 12,000 years ago when we started domesticating plants and animals. This made our food supply more accessible and predictable. Farming enabled families to collect wealth and pass it on. The region with the first agricultural communities is known as the Fertile Crescent, a narrow strip of land between the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers. The Greeks called this area Mesopotamia, which means "between the rivers". In addition to agriculture and irrigation, technological advances in this region included the development of writing, glass, and the wheel. It should be noted, however, that the more technologically advanced a society was, the less equal it tended to be.

Cities started to form. Mesopotamian cities included Eridu, Uruk, and Ur. Early cities arose in the Indus Valley and ancient China, as well. Establishment of these urban areas further widened the gap between the rich and the poor. Large cities are places that disproportionately reward the most talented people, while fail the least skilled [World Economic Forum].

Fast-forward to today and the inequality crisis is at a tipping point. After 12,000 years of "progress", the most recent statistics show that 82% of the wealth created in 2017 went to the richest one percent of the global population, while the 3.7 billion people who make up the poorest half of humanity received nothing [Oxfam]. Clearly, this inequality is driven by greed. It is also obvious that the answer to most of the world's problems is a fair allocation of the world's wealth.

Pope Francis summed it up as follows: "Once capital becomes an idol and guides people's decisions, once greed for money presides over the entire socio-economic system, it ruins society, it condemns and enslaves men and women, it destroys human fraternity, it sets people against one another, and it even puts at risk our common home, Mother Earth."

# The Cost of Royalty

The British Royal Family spent a staggering £102.4 million pounds last-year, despite hard-up Brits dealing with soaring inflation and a pandemic, the costs came amid reports that Britain's future King, Prince Charles allegedly accepted £1m in a briefcase from the Qatari PM.

The Royal accounts published on Thursday showed the monarchy's taxpayer-funded spending came to £102.4 million during 2021/22 – an increase of £14.9 million, or 17%, on the previous financial year.

Official royal travel amounted to £4.5 million, housekeeping and hospitality to £1.3 million, utilities £3.2 million and payroll costs £23.7 million. Property maintenance soared by £14.4 million to £63.9 million, as the 10-year project to renovate Buckingham Palace continued.

Campaign group *Republic* lambasted the figures, with chief executive Graham Smith saying: "As always, while the rest of us face a cost-of-living crisis and continued squeezes on services, the royals walk off with hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money. We need to put the monarchy on a proper budgetary footing, like any other public body. We need to slash that budget down to below £10m, and only fund what's required for the functions of the head of state."

Efficiencies within the royal household have included a pay freeze and a recruitment freeze, with a close eye being kept on energy use, ahead of the expected rise in energy costs. A senior royal source said: "It goes without saying, in terms of the environmental credentials, that not only are we looking at consumption, but also we have an eye on – in terms of the cost of living – one of the big increases that is coming and is happening now is utilities.

"So we're looking very much at how we can be innovative in reducing consumption and consequentially as a by-product reducing costs as well to ensure that we can live within and operate within the funding envelope that we are anticipating." Another royal source described heir to the throne Charles as taking a very close interest in how inflation and the cost-of-living problems were impacting people, particularly the Duchy of Cornwall's tenants, and their welfare.

Charles has spent time with farmers "sitting around the farmhouse table" discussing the challenges while visiting Duchy districts to work out ways to help them, the source said. The prince and the Duchess of Cornwall have shown support for vulnerable communities through their engagements, including trips to high streets where the retail sector is struggling, the source said.

Charles's Prince's Trust has worked for many years to help young people with skills to find employment, with the source adding that making sure they are "best equipped to get the best jobs they can" will be "the best insulation against these economic circumstances."

# I Do Not Mourn the Queen

*There is little room for the views of millions who vociferously reject Britain's self-proclaimed greatness, and its royal family.* By **Shree Paradkar**, Social & Racial Justice Columnist Wed., 14 Sept. 2022

No, I don't mourn the Queen. Like hundreds of millions of people around the world, I see no reason to. But you'd hardly know from the hagiographical public discourse in Canada that the world is far from unified in grief over the death of a person under whose title a nation unleashed unspeakable violence, the wounds of which remain fresh.

There is little room for the millions who vociferously reject Britain's self-proclaimed greatness, and its royal family. Condolences to those personally near and dear to Elizabeth. Sorry for their loss, human to human. By all accounts, she sounds like a person of dignity who took her duties seriously and untiringly. The British monarch's duties have been referred to as a service to the nation. But what were these duties? Were they merely innocuous ribbon-cutting ceremonies and charming royal walkabouts? Were those weekly meetings with the prime minister idle chit chats? What were these formalities servicing? A symbol, perhaps, but of what?

To many, the Crown is a symbol of economic and racial power and its consolidation in one family, in one institution, in one nation, and its offshoots. It's the power to assent to laws, whatever their intent or consequence. The power to reside above the most powerful, to be unaccountable. You won't see a British ruler or a parliamentary leader hauled up before the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, neither in Kenya, nor in the Middle East neither India nor Argentina neither Ireland nor in the Caribbean or, heaven forbid, Canada. Through all this pillaging and bloodshed, leaders marauded under the royal banner while the monarch was positioned as an apolitical figurehead, made mystical by remoteness.

It's an ingenious sleight of hand. Still, if one accepts that the queen was merely a figurehead, free from any responsibility for what she symbolized, exactly what are we mourning? That this figureheaded-ness was handled with grace? A range of justifications for the monarchy — divine ordination, tradition, continuity — have been used to keep the plebs from questioning the grandiosity of royalty too closely, with royals entitled to the thousands of gaudy, glittering baubles. Perhaps it still serves to keep us from questioning why Charles, the new King, can legally avoid paying estate tax, something even other obscenely rich people cannot, on inheriting parts of estate estimated at \$500 million US from his mother. The position of Queen afforded Elizabeth significant immunity from criticism. But when the title was criticized, the person was protected.

She is eulogized as a paragon of progressive ideals. She was anti-apartheid! Nelson Mandela was her buddy! This, even though hundreds of thousands of Kenyans, Iraqis, Yemenis, Koreans, Malaysians were displaced and massacred during her

reign. It appears we must endlessly laud royals of great power and wealth, particularly this family, who took and took but contributed nothing to humanity. At least celebrities (actors, musicians, singers, artists, athletes, heck, even TikTok and Insta influencers) possess skills that entertain us, move us and enrich our understanding of the mysteries of life. But hush. This is not the right time to criticize the Queen, we're told. It's insensitive. It's impolite. Polite, is it, to ask those who lost life and limb, land and wealth, ancestors and children, and even their own histories to mourn the very symbol of their suffering?

Sensitive, is it, to live in Canada and suggest the tyranny of British colonialism is a thing of the past, even while the Indian Act of 1876 in its various iterations and colonial philosophies continues to tragically upend Indigenous lives, an example of which played out as the James Smith Cree Nation torn apart just this month? I wonder how many of these mourners will show up as "allies" in orange shirts on National Truth and Reconciliation Day without recognizing their inconsistency.

How can British colonialism be a thing of the past when there never has been reconciliation with it? When the paternalistic attitudes (quite apart from greed and extraction in the name of exploration) that drove it still thrive? When, as the author John Newsinger wrote, the blood never dried?

If Tucker Carlson, that depthless denialist with a megaphone on Fox TV, is to be believed, we — the people of colonized lands — ought to be grateful to the colonizers. "When the British pulled out of India they left behind an entire civilization, a language, a legal system, schools, churches and public buildings, all of which are still in use today," he said this week, extolling British benignity. As if all of those things did not exist before the British set foot on the land. Yes, churches, too. Christianity has existed in India since 52 AD, as a one-second Google search shows.

There seems little space for nuance or critique around the death of this symbol of coloniality. Not only is it impolite to criticize the revisionist propaganda around the Queen, it's now apparently dangerous to question the automatic ascension of Charles as king. In recent days, U.K. police arrested at least four people for protesting the monarchy. One woman was charged for "breach of the peace" because she held a sign saying: "Abolish monarchy." One was led away by police for holding a sign saying, "Not My King."

Meanwhile, Charles himself appears set on defying the blatant efforts to rehabilitate his terrible image. Deliciously insightful videos of him with distinct "let them eat cake" vibes are circulating online. In one, he's displaying his foul temper with an outburst at a leaky ink pen. In another, he appears to peremptorily and dismissively wave at stationary to be taken off his desk, rather than, you know, moving it himself. Here's to Charles then, the crusty king of England, who might yet be our best bet for stirring revolt and revolution.

*Credit: Thank you to Mr. Desmond Lobo and a number of parishioners for your contributions to this subject.*



Leo Rashid, Daniel Caron Escobar and Damen Daniesh receive their *Blessing in Preparation for Baptism*, 2 Oct..



Sabina Mendonca celebrates her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday with daughter Joanita Rebello (5 October).



Theresa Wong, with her daughter Tammy, receives Holy Communion on 6 October, after celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Mr. Robert Noble, principal of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy, with some Parishioners who have fond memories of the school (9 October).

# Repair & Renewal

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



