

Stewardship

PUTTING CHRIST AT THE CENTRE

Putting Christ at the Centre means looking at the life of Jesus, and living just as he teaches us.

All persons follow in their own way, based on their talents and situations, and we respond with faith.

We have an *urgent* call. It is a call to live as a *disciple* and as a *steward*.

Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future, but here and now, at this moment, in these circumstances.

There can be no delay.

A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which they have been cared for and made fruitful.

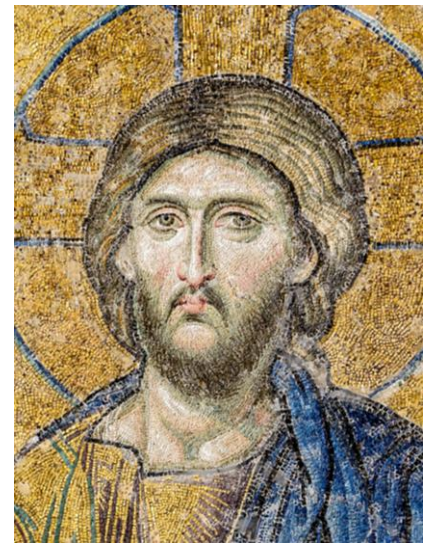
Each of us spends a brief time in this life, preparing for our eternal life with God. While we are here, we receive everything from God, even life itself, and are asked to make good use of what God has entrusted to us. We are invited by God to be good *stewards* of His gifts. It is no wonder that the idea of stewardship plays such a central role in the life of faith. The Bible often refers to the *spirit of stewardship*, using various terms to describe it.

In fact, the ideas of *servant*, *disciple*, and *apostle* – so central in the Scriptures – all include the idea of stewardship. We are servants of the Lord, who will be called to account when he returns. The disciple must be faithful to the teachings received from the Master. The apostles are sent out from Jesus, and must faithfully represent him as stewards of his mission and message.

The prospect of the return of the Master should fill Christians with joy: we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



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

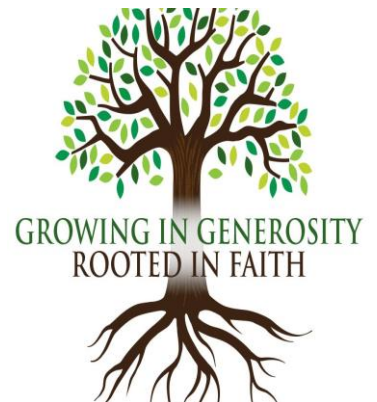


In New Testament times, and through the early centuries of Christianity, the disciples of Jesus had a lively sense of expectation, as they awaited His return. Our liturgy is still filled with references to the coming of the Lord, though we hear of that so often that we do not take it seriously. But Jesus will come at the end of time, whenever that will be, and each of us will stand before the Lord at the end of our life to give an account of our stewardship. That can happen at any moment, and we need to be ready.

Only the right use of the time, talent, and treasure which have been entrusted to us will allow us to be able serenely and joyfully to await the coming of the Lord. Often in the Gospels we hear of the imminent coming of the Master. In the classical stewardship parable, Matthew 25.14-30 (See also Luke 19: 11-27), three servants are entrusted with great sums of money, and are then assessed by the master when he returns, on the basis of how they made use of the money they had received.

Stewardship calls for creativity and boldness. Each of us has enormous potential, but few things are sadder than to hear at the end of a person's life: "that person had a lot of potential." As good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with true increase.

If we have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but we will use them generously to serve others. In doing so, we give glory to God. That is the whole point of stewardship.



Parish Week

Sunday, 25 August 2019

Saturday, 24 Aug. / St. Bartholomew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dean Fernandez (St. Vincent De Paul)
5.00 pm Mass: † Antonia Bermudez (Lillian D'Souza)

SUNDAY, 25 AUG. / 21 – C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Celine Donald (Evelyn Walsh & 9am Ushers)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 am Mass: † David Meunier (Barry)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 26 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joaquin & Ana Gotera (Emelita)
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased CWL Members

Tuesday, 27 Aug. / St. Monica

- 8.00 am Mass: † For the Unborn (D'Souza family)

Wednesday, 28 Aug. / St. Augustine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Conversion of Sinners (D'Souza family)

Thursday, 29 Aug. / Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cleto Amat (family)

Friday, 30 Aug. / St. Rose of Lima, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vicente Chan (Rose & Pauline)

Saturday, 31 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Celia Breon (Corine)
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Gracias)

SUNDAY, 1 SEPT. / 22- C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lloyd Reteiff (Tina & Jerry Koenig)
10.30 am Mass: † Angela Miandro (mother)
12.00 am Mass: † Serapion Claudio (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

6 Sept. Concepts of God:

The experience of salvation history
(Mass at 7.00 pm; meeting at 7.30 pm)

"I want to become a Catholic."

Do you know people who have told you they are thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076, let them know that there are information meetings for Inquirers; the next date is noted above.

Most importantly, make sure to invite them to come to Church with you, and introduce them to our faith community.

Spiritual Reflection

"The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me too." — St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Focus on the Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Isaiah 66.18-21; Hebrews 12.5-13; Luke 13.22-30

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true gladness is found. Amen.

Prayer for the Unborn

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name),
the unborn baby that I have spiritually
adopted who is in danger of abortion.

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; Say this every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!)



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 September

Parishioners may wish to know that, this year, a major liturgical feast falls on a Sunday:

29 September: Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel*

In our archdiocese, this Feast takes precedence over the sequential Ordinary Time Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "26th Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings.

☺ Your sabbath smile

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can never live long enough to make them all yourself. - Groucho Marx

COMING UP

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- 2 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Sept. Jean Vanier High School Mass (9.00 am)
8 Sept. ► Annual Rosary Sunday, Martyrs' Shrine, Midland;
- Infant Baptisms (1:30 pm)
15 Sept. Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm)
21 Sept. Memorial Mass: † Rosa Barila (1:00 pm);
- Wedding: Raymond Rashid – Toschica De Abreu (3:00 pm)
- RCIA Candidacy Rite (5:00 pm Mass)
22 Sept. 2nd Collection:
Bishops' Collection for Needs of the Church in Canada
28 Sept. 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Saturday Classes
begin for students from schools outside our Parish (9.00 am)
29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**;
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance
1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
6 Oct. ► Christopher Leadership Course begins,
St. Theresa Church (6.00 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Preparing for a Federal Election *Educate, Reflect, Act!*

A federal election will be held on 21 October 2019. To help Catholics learn more about important issues, the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of short one-page doubled-sided resources, inviting us to reflect on the election through the lens of our faith.

Throughout the election campaign period, we will provide these Bulletin inserts to help educate the faithful. Short video vignettes and other resources are also available online. These non-partisan tools will help us discern the path forward as we elect those who will lead our community and country.

For more information, to access the election resources or to order free tickets to the 3 October election debate from a Catholic perspective featuring the major political parties, visit: www.archtoronto.org/election

Preparing for the Federal Election *Discerning through the Lens of our Faith*

All eligible voters have a duty to cast a ballot. To help us reflect on important issues through the lens of our faith, the Archdiocese of Toronto has created a series of short one page resources on a variety of issues. These are non-partisan resources – they don't tell us which party to vote for, rather they help us view these issues through the lens of our Catholic faith, an important consideration as we discern who we will vote for on Election day.

We will be sharing some of these resources in our parish throughout the election campaign period. If you'd like to view the resources online, including short videos and other reflections, visit:
www.archtoronto.org/election

Be An Informed Voter!

With a federal election scheduled for Monday, 21 October, the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of resources to help us reflect on important issues throughout the campaign. These short video vignettes and one page reflections provide background through a Catholic lens on issues like poverty, religious persecution, life issues, environment, etc.

As a charity, the Church cannot tell people who to vote for but we do hope that all Catholics will read the party platforms from our faith perspective. To access these resources, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/election — let's learn about the issues as we prepare to cast a ballot on 21 October.



Bible Study:

Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

The Prophets urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness.

Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

At St. Bernadette's Parish,
21 Bayly St. E, Ajax

beginning Friday, 13 September,
from 7pm to 9 pm;

or Wednesday, 18 September,
from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

and continuing for 10 weeks.

(Study Guide: \$40, optional)

For more information or to register for the study,
Call: Renate at 905-686-0745,
or Michelle at 905-686-3259;

or email: gsmlministry@gmail.com

2019 Mission Co-op Appeal

Fr. Sam Samuel, V.C., and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering on the weekend of 3 – 4 August. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood.

Thank you very much for your generous support. If you like to sponsor a seminarian and help him to become a priest, contact: **Fr. Francis Cheruparampil V.C.**, Mission Procurator, Email: Fcheru@aol.com. The Vincentian Missionaries keep you and all our parish in their prayers and Masses.

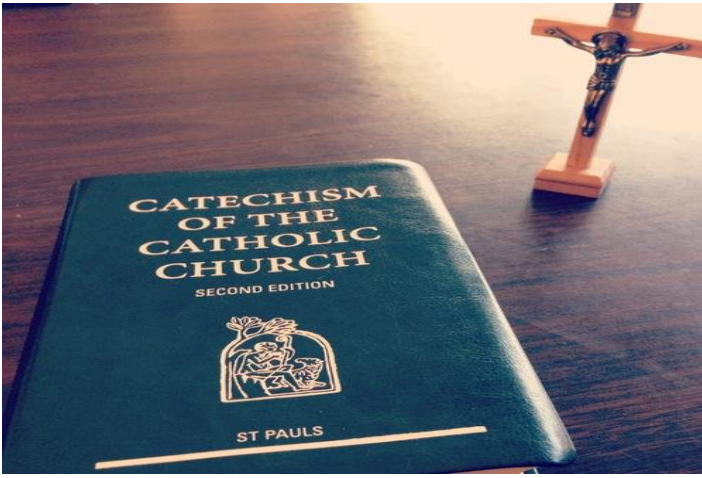
2019 *A Summer of Tears*



[Above] Gloria Garces kneels in front of crosses at a memorial near the scene of a mass shooting in El Paso, Texas, on 3 August 2019, where 22 people died.

[Below] Friends light candles at a memorial near the scene of a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, on 4 August 2019, where 10 people died.





Revision to the Catechism

New revision of number 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the death penalty – Rescriptum “ex Audentia SS.mi,” 02.08.2018

The Supreme Pontiff **Francis**, in the audience granted on 11 May 2018 to the undersigned Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has approved the following new draft of no. 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, arranging for it to be translated into various languages and inserted in all the editions of the aforementioned Catechism.

The death penalty

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,” [1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

[1] FRANCIS, *Address to Participants in the Meeting organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization*, 11 October 2017, L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, 13 October 2017, 5.



[Above] Vancouver police have laid charges following an incident where a woman drove her SUV down a set of stairs at the Sheraton Wall Centre on Friday, 19 July 2019.

If she visits Toronto and wishes to attend Mass at St. Maria Goretti Church, she will be asked to use the TTC.

☺ Your sabbath smile





Fritz Eichenberg

friend of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker

Fritz Eichenberg was born to a Jewish family in Cologne, Germany, on 24 October 1901. The destruction of World War I shaped his anti-war sentiments. He worked as a printer's apprentice, and studied at the Municipal School of Applied Arts in Cologne and the Academy of Graphic Arts in Leipzig, where he studied under Hugo Steiner-Prag. In 1923 he moved to Berlin to begin his career as an artist, producing illustrations for books and newspapers. In his newspaper and magazine work, Eichenberg was politically outspoken and sometimes both wrote and illustrated his reporting.

In 1933, the rise of Adolf Hitler caused Eichenberg to emigrate with his wife and children to the U.S., where he settled in New York City for most of the rest of his life. He taught art at the New School for Social Research and at Pratt Institute and was part of the WPA's Federal Arts Project.

Eichenberg also served as the head of the art department at the University of Rhode Island and laid out the printmaking studios there.

In his prolific career as a book illustrator, he worked with many literary forms, but specialized in material with elements of extreme spiritual and emotional conflict, fantasy, or social satire.

He illustrated such authors as Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, Charlotte and Emily Brontë, Poe, Swift, and Grimmelshausen. He also wrote and illustrated books of folklore and children's stories.

Raised in a non-religious family, Eichenberg had been attracted to Taoism as a child. Following his wife's unexpected death in 1937, he turned briefly to the practice of Zen Buddhist meditation, then joined the Religious Society of Friends in 1940.

Though he remained a Quaker until his death, Eichenberg was also associated with Catholic charity work through his friendship with **Dorothy Day**, whom he met at a Quaker conference on religion and publishing in 1949. He frequently contributed illustrations to Day's newspaper the *Catholic Worker*.

Eichenberg was a long-time contributor to *The Nation*, his illustrations appearing in that magazine at various times between 1930 and 1980. In 1947, he was elected into the National Academy of Design as an Associate member, and became a full Academician in 1949.

Eichenberg was a former director of Graphic Arts Center in Brooklyn and was on the faculty of Pratt Institute and later a head of the art department at University of Rhode Island.

Dorothy Day died on 29 November 1980.

Eichenberg died at home in Peace Dale, Rhode Island, on 30 November 1990 at age 89.



Opus Dei Prelate in Toronto

The Archdiocese of Toronto was recently honoured by a visit of the Prelate of the Opus Dei, 12-14 August 2019.

Monsignor Fernando Ocáriz Braña was born on 27 October 1944 in Paris, France, the youngest of eight children. He joined Opus Dei on September 7, 1961 and studied Physics at the University of Barcelona, where he graduated in 1966.

He was ordained a Priest in 1971, and serves as the current Prelate of Opus Dei. Monsignor Ocáriz is the fourth person to head Opus Dei since its founding in 1928. He is widely published in philosophy and has been a consultant of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith since 1986.



On Tuesday, 13 August, Msgr. Ocariz started his visit in Toronto by seeing Ernescliff College, a university residence located on the campus of the University of Toronto for a get-together with students and young professionals.

After being welcomed, the Father spoke about the importance of Christian formation. "Formation does not mean being informed about abstract concepts, ideas and values; rather, it is most fundamentally our being formed according to the likeness of Jesus Christ, our being identified with Jesus Christ." He also addressed the topic of facing difficulties in our Christian vocation: "We should never view the challenges as negative. Quite the contrary, the greater the challenges, the more the grace of God is there to help us, which means we should embrace those challenges."

The Father spent the morning at Kintore College, a beautiful university residence educational centre which opened on the campus of the University of Toronto in 2012. Kintore hosts a wide variety of events for women of all ages. There he met with members of the Work, and their families and friends.

After lunch, he visited Hawthorn School, the only independent, Catholic-inspired, all-girl school in Toronto. Founded 30 years ago by a group of parents and educators, Hawthorn now provides integral education in daycare and summer camps as well as excellence in elementary and secondary education.

In the evening, a group of about 200 persons received the Father at the Fairview Library Theatre in Toronto.

Patrick, a father of three boys, asked about how to deal with the suffering afflicting his immediate family, as well as how to love the crosses that we are asked to carry. Efraim, who recently left his job as a banker to work in the trades, asked the Prelate how he could convince his friends about the equal dignity of all professions, even those that are less prestigious. The Father replied by reminding the audience of the innate value of human work. Rex, a teacher and father of seven children, asked how he could help his immediate family understand his commitment to the means of formation in the Work. "If they see that you are happy, they will see that it is good for you, and if it is good for you, this is what they will want for you."

Before the end of the get together, Mike, a family father, dedicated and performed music on the piano for the Father who then imparted his blessing on all those present. Afterwards, some families were invited to greet him.

