



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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17th September 2022 - 25th September 2022

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Saturday 17/09/2022 18h00 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fr. Nambondi, OMI
Readers: Charles & Marie Ntahonshakira
Communion Assistant: Benediktus Hummel

Sunday 18/09/2022 07h30 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fr. Shalongo, OMI
Readers: Josephine Nyamukuphundza & Sr. Christine, MSC
Com Assistants: Jacob, Charlotte & Sr. Patricia, OSB

09h30 Sonntag im Jahreskreis: Fr. Walter, OMI
Lesung: Christoph von Walter & Veronica Fuhs
Kommuniohefer: Christa Roth

10h40 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fr. Shalongo, OMI
Readers: Tatiana Sikwila & Brother Paul, CMM
Communion Assistants: Monica Bille & Emily Mundukuta

Saturday 24/09/2022 18h00 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: CMI Priest
Readers: Wilson Shikoto & Christine Mahoro
Communion Assistant: Zacarias Nangacovie

Sunday 25/09/2022 10h00 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: IMBISA BISHOPS
(NB: THERE WILL BE ONLY THAT ONE MASS AT 10h00)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
08:30-12:30 & 14:30-16:30

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS: N\$ 9,728.65

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- All Parents/Guardians of children in the 2nd year for Confirmation & 2nd year for 1st Holy Communion are reminded that Confirmation for 2022 is scheduled for 5th November 2022, and 1st Holy Communion is scheduled for 12th November 2022. Please, make sure all necessary duties, requirements and obligations are fulfilled, especially **Stole fees of N\$ 50.00** that has to be paid at the Parish Office.
- Meeting: All parents/guardians & Catechists for 2nd year 1st Holy Communion Candidates are requested to attend a meeting on 22 September 2022, at the Kindergarten classes. Please, make sure every candidate is represented.
- Parishioners are reminded that registration for the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation for 2023 started on 6th September 2022 and ends on 11th October 2022. **NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DUE DATE.**
- ALL parishioners are invited to the **IMBISA MASS** to be hosted at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish on 25th September 2022 at 10h00. Parishioners are also requested to participate in the rehearsal for that Mass every Tuesday & Thursday at 18h00 in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Furthermore, all parishioners are requested to participate in the final cleaning of the yard on Saturday 24th September 2022 starting at 09h00.
- Invitation: All Parishioners are invited to a national Seminar on Synodality and The Namibian Catholic Church scheduled for 14th October 2022, at 16h00 - 19h00 in the Cathedral Parish Hall
- Parishioners who intend to get married are required to **declare their intention** at the Parish office **at least 6 months** prior to their proposed Marriage date
- Parishioners intending to get married this year who have not yet attended a Pre - Marriage Workshop are informed that there are **only two Pre - Marriage Workshops remaining** for the year: **14 - 16 October 2022 & 11 - 13 November 2022.** Please, register now.
- A **Voz Divina Choir** will be hosting a **Song Night** to commemorate their 23rd year of existence. The **Song Night** will take place on **Saturday 15th October 2022**, at 18h00 at the Cathedral Parish Hall. Tickets are **N\$30 for Adults & N\$ 15 for children.** Refreshments will be there to be won. Contact Person: **Mr. Allison @0814446650**
- Although all restrictions relating to COVID-19 pandemic have been lifted, it is still up to each one of us to ensure that we remain healthy.**

PLEASE, LET'S KEEP SAFE

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

FIRST READING: Amos 8.4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113

RESPONSE:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor from the dust.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. May the name of the Lord be blest both now and forevermore! R
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth? R
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. R

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept, may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 19 Sep (St Januarius, BM)

Proverbs 3:27-34, Psalm 15; Luke 8:16-18
Play is how children become themselves, and how we find ourselves again when we feel lost. Lord, help me to hear with your heart and mind so that I can be who you created me to be.

Tue 20 Sep - Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr, Paul Chong HoSang & companions, Ms

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119; Luke 8:19-21
The Korean Church was initially a lay Church, without the Eucharist. There must be a living faith before there can be a truly beneficial celebration of the Eucharist.

Wed 21 Sep ST MATTHEW, AE

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19; Matthew 9:9-13
Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw Jesus. He got up and followed him. How do we respond?

Thu 22 Sep (St Maurice & companions, Ms)

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90; Luke 9:7-9
Jesus never forces us to accept his loving presence. He waits for us to be open to the gift he wants to give. The more open we are, the more we will be able to accept the gift Jesus longs to give us.

Fri 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 9:18-22
"The life and mission of Padre Pio testify that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted with love, transform themselves into a privileged journey of holiness, which opens the person toward a greater good." - St John Paul II.

Sat 24 Sep Liturgy of the Day

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90; Luke 9:43-45
Like Jesus' disciples, we often get sidetracked with miracles and the unimportant stuff of life. Jesus calls us today to pay attention, to listen, to remain focussed on the most important aspects of our faith.

Sun 25 Sep 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146; Luke 16:19-31
Jesus didn't go looking for the cross; rather, it came to him because of the way he chose to live his life. If we choose to follow Jesus, then we, too, must be willing to pay the price for our choices.

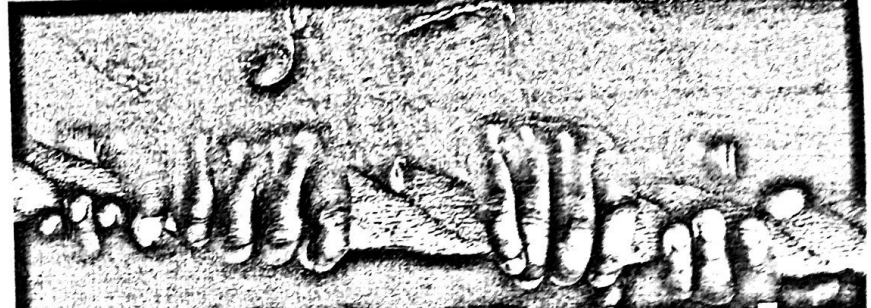
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Economic Justice with a Human Face

The most recent articulation of Catholic Social Teaching is Pope Francis' 2021 encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. We saw last week how he employs the parable of the Good Samaritan in giving a human face to the abstract notion of economics. This, of course, is simply a development of the first principle of CST, the dignity of the person. The pope could not be clearer when he says:

To claim economic freedom while real conditions bar many people from actual access to it, and while possibilities for employment continue to shrink, is to practise doublespeak. Words like freedom, democracy or fraternity prove meaningless, for the fact is that, only when our economic and social system no longer produces even a single victim, a single person cast aside, will we be able to celebrate the feast of universal fraternity.

No longer one single victim? Isn't that unrealistic or wishful thinking? In worldly terms, yes, probably. But at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which Pope Francis proclaims, is compassion for every individual who suffers, whether through illness, poverty or religious oppression. Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for the person, not the person for the Sabbath". Catholic Social Teaching echoes this when it affirms that the economy must serve people, not the other way round.

In South Africa, one of the clearest representatives of this vision has been the Redemptorist, Bishop Kevin Dowling. A man deeply moved by the plight of the poor, in one of his talks he said:

Our advocacy for change, and respect for

socio-economic rights especially for the poor, can and should be predicated on the fundamental ethical and theological principle of the *inviolable dignity of the human being* in their total context, their total situation in life, and on the protection of that dignity – as one facet in building an ethical vision for our economy.

Bishop Dowling goes on to say that it is not enough to do things for the poor. Policies and structures must collaborate with impoverished people and communities to realise the objectives of reducing poverty. The involvement of people is not only a recognition of their inherent dignity but also promotes the CST principle of the common good as the basis for building a more caring economy.

So, we have economic justice inspired by the dignity of every human being and focused on the common good. But another principle of CST is essential: solidarity. Each of us is part of the human family and we are all interconnected and interdependent. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions, as Pope Francis never tires of saying. During one of his papal audiences in 2014 he spoke clearly on the topic:

Solidarity is a recognition that we are all in this together. Solidarity is a word that means much more than some acts of sporadic generosity. It is to think and to act in terms of community, of the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few. It is also to fight against the structural causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights.