

The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John Carlos, Holy Cross Church, Harrison, NJ, September 25, 2022

THE FIRST CHURCH

Today we begin our Religious Education classes for the year. I invite you to take a few moments and think back to when you were introduced to our faith in Jesus. Who stands out as the significant influence in your faith formation?

I am profoundly grateful to such a great group of dedicated and talented Coordinators, Catechists, and Helpers, under the direction of Mr. Frederick Osterkorn, that bring the faith alive in our young Christians. We have labored intensely to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment where our children can learn about our beloved Catholic faith.

No matter how effective our Religious Education program may become, it is only as good as the example that is presented to our children. Teaching that happens at home is just as important as the teaching in our classrooms. As a Church, we recognize that it is within the family unit that our Catholic faith is handed down, the family is the first church. Learning is more effective when parents actively participate in their children's education. Families enrolled in our parishes' Religious Education program are strongly encouraged to assist in the faith lives of

their children by taking part in one of the Sunday liturgies (masses) and actively participating in their faith formation.

I look forward to working and growing with you in our faith.

Father John Carlos

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今天的三篇经文光照基督徒，思索自己对贫富差距的社会责任，因为天主是我们共同的天父，我们同在一个救恩的盟约内，也同属一个人类大家庭，彼此的幸福息息相关。亚毛斯先知警告富人和权贵为富不仁，压榨穷人。耶稣以比喻教导天国的贵客是穷人。圣保禄宗徒则指出，我们蒙召追求正义，在基督内重建一切，因为天主赐生命给万物。身为基督徒，面对贫穷和不正义的问题，我在生活中如何回应？我有经常性地参与教会济贫的爱德活动吗？

下面分享今日主日福音（亚 6: 1, 4-7; 咏 146; 弟前 6: 11-16; 路 16: 19-31）的反省 摘自【我灵赞颂主 iBreviarium】

今天的第一篇读经以及福音，都在警告那些为富不仁者，倘若他们继续我行我素，毫不顾及他人的痛苦和需要，天主的义怒定会临于他们身上，不但曾经花天酒地、吃喝宴乐的生活将一去不復返，连自由都会失去。我们无法预言为富不仁者会在何时受到何种惩罚，但他们的行为本身一

定已經導致他們的心整日在惶惶不安的算計與提防中煎熬，
沒有真實的平安、更沒有天國的喜樂。進一步說，今日世界
越來越大的貧富兩極分化導致了更多的暴力、戰爭和社會動盪，
「沒有公正就沒有和平」這句話正變得越來越現實。求主助佑我們，
從我做起，彼此分享，彼此關愛