

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

Mission Statement

While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary time, October 18th 2020

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Every Christian person has a double citizenship. The real Christian is at one and the same time a good citizen of his country and a good citizen of heaven. We can be a good citizen of both by forming our conscience well and keeping ourselves finely tuned to the Will of God in our lives. Let us follow Pope Emeritus Benedict's advice: "The true law of God is not an external matter. It dwells within us. It is the inner direction of our lives, which is brought into being and established by the will of God. It speaks to us in our."



"Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's". "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Mt 22. 15-21)

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|  | Marriage: Please contact the Pastor. |
|  | Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. |

| Ministers and servers | Saturday October 17 th 16:00 | Sunday October 18 th 10:00 | Saturday October 24 th 16:00 | Sunday October 25 th 10:00 |
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| READERS & CANTOR | Helen McCauley | Laura Paladino | Helen McCauley | Laura Paladino |
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| OFFERTORY COLLECTION | | | | |
| COFFEE ASSISTANCE | No coffee | No coffee | No coffee | No coffee |



The collection total for Saturday October 10th and Sunday October 11th was \$435.35. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

| Mass | | | Mass Intentions | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Day | Date | Liturgy | For | From |
| Saturday | October 17 th (16:00) | 29 th Sunday in ordinary time | Eugene Morris | Lucie, Dany and Jean |
| Sunday | October 18 th (10:00) | 29 th Sunday in ordinary time | Glenn Stewart Alex McKinnon | Helen Pichard Sheila & Michael Nellis |
| Monday | October 19 th (11:30) | | Jacqueline O'Grady | Barbara Miller |
| Tuesday | October 20 th (11:30) | | | |
| Wednesday | October 21 th (11:30) | | Pro Propulo | |
| Thursday | October 22 th (11:30) | St John Paul II | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | October 23 th (11:30) | St John of Capistrano | No mass | No mass |
| Saturday | October 24 th (16:00) | 30 th Sunday in ordinary time | | |
| Sunday | October 25 th (10:00) | 30 th Sunday in ordinary time | Dennis Gibson | Frank & Rosemary Scardina |

Important
Information

The tunnel from the underground will be open beginning Saturday October 10th

People will be able to use the tunnel for the underground parking on Saturday October 10th. You still have to follow the rules from the government: by keeping social distancing, not socializing in the tunnel and not using the bathrooms in the basement of the church. We thank you for your cooperation in respecting the government rules for Covid 19. Being in a red zone, we will be forced to close the tunnel if there are problems.

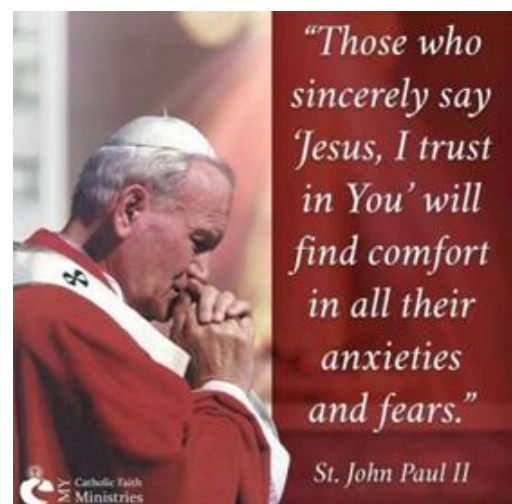
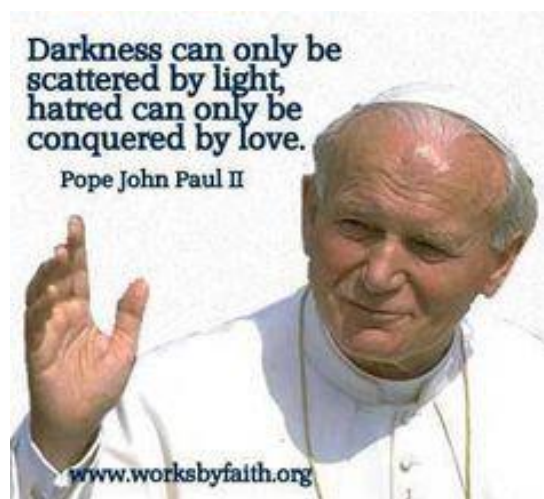
«Return to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's»

Today, the Gospel presents to our consideration a “famous” assertion from Jesus Christ: «Return to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's» (Mt 22:21).

We would not be able to properly grasp the meaning of this sentence without bearing in mind the context which Jesus said it into: «The Pharisees went out and took counsel on how they could trap Jesus with his own words» (Mt 22:15) but «Jesus understood their evil intent» (v. 18). Thus, Jesus reply is a calculated one. When they heard it, the Pharisees were surprised, as they did not expect it. If Jesus' answer would have clearly been against Caesar, they might had been able to denounce him; if, on the contrary, Jesus had been in favor of paying the taxes to Caesar, they would have left very pleased with their ruse. But, while not speaking against Caesar, Jesus has relativized his reply: we must return to God what is God's, and God is the Lord of even the powers of this world.

As every other ruler, Caesar cannot exert an arbitrary power, because his power has been left to him in warrant; as the servants of the parable of the talents, that had to account to their Master for the use given to his money. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus tells Pilatus: «You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above» (Jn 19:10). Jesus does not want to appear as a political agitator. He simply put things right.

Matthew 22:21 has, at times, been interpreted in the sense that Church should not “mix up in political life”, but mind only its salvific mission and faith. But this interpretation is totally false, because dealing with God's matters does not mean to mind only the cult of the Church, but to be also concerned about men, who are God's children, and about man's justice. Pretending the Church does not move from the sacristy, while being deaf, blind and mute before the moral and human problems and abuses of our time, amounts to stealing from God what belongs to God. «Tolerance that only accepts God as a private opinion, but denies Him the public knowledge (...) is not tolerance, but hypocrisy» (Benedict XVI).



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