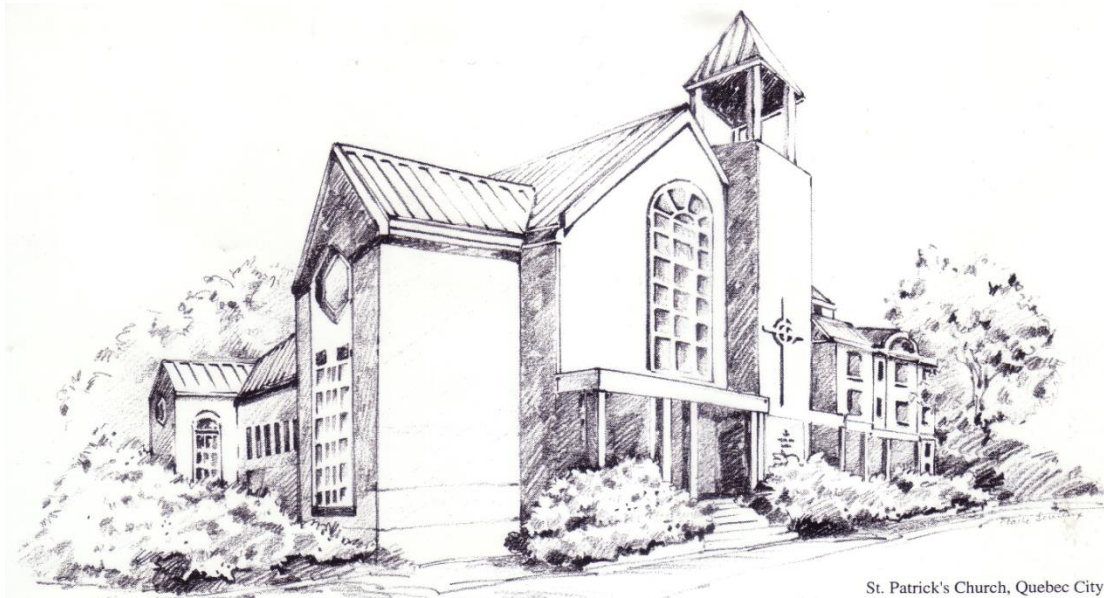


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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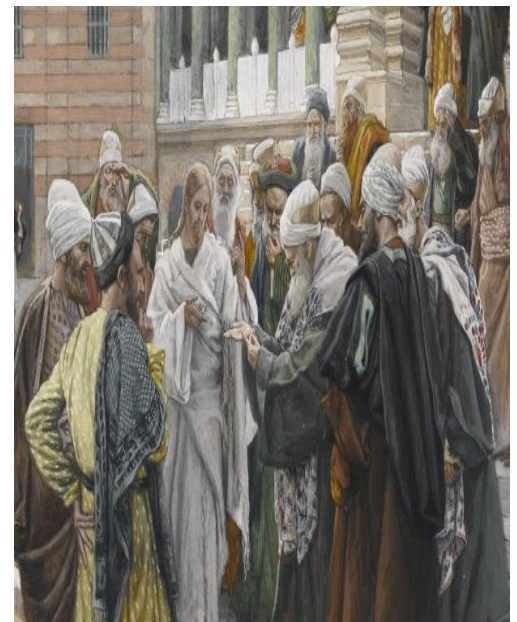
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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of tax. Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?. (Loyola Press).



“Show me the coin used for the tax.” Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22.15-21)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	October 21 <sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	Brendan & Terry O'Gallagher	Edward Murphy & Family
			Sharon Leahy for her intentions and well being	Steve & Helen Kack
Sunday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	Izora Cameron Healy	Elizabeth Healy
Monday	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	October 24 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	<b>Pro Populo</b>	
Wednesday	October 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am		<b>Funeral Mass</b>	
Thursday	October 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	October 28 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	David Cannon	Dan Colson & Suzanne Colson
Sunday	October 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	Mary Lou O'Grady-Murphy	Edward Murphy & family

#### Donations for Ukrainians in Need

If you wish to contribute, you will find envelopes for "Donation for Ukrainians in need" in the display for Books and flyers, in the Atrium. Just put the envelope in the wooden box for it, at the back of the Church.

#### Donations using QR Code

It is now possible to give donations to the parish by using a QR Code with your cell phones. By scanning it, it will indicate what you should do in order to give your donations. The QR Code is on the table in the atrium of the church. Thankyou for your generosity.

#### Collection for World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

## **Holy Hour**

Beginning on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have Holy Hour from 7PM until 8PM. It will happen on every first Friday of the month. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament. Also, we will have some prayers and moments of silence. Father Rejean Lussier will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need to pray a lot right now because the world and our Church need prayers. Perhaps, there are also some of your loved ones who need prayers. Father Réjean Lussier

## **News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council**

Our CWL tea and Memorial Mass will be Oct. 28th at 2pm. We also invite all parishioners to enjoy a soup and dessert social after Mass on November 5th! It is election time for our council. Documents will be coming by mail to nominate candidates for: president•vice-president • secretary•treasurer•past president and chairwomen for the three standing committees of: Faith, Service, and Social Justice. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us. We are accepting new members! Visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) for information. You are also welcome contact our President Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648.

## **“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”**

Today, the Gospel presents to our consideration a “famous” assertion from Jesus Christ: “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (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 off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.” (Mt 22:15) but Jesus understood their malice. 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 even of 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 19:11) 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 the Church should not “mix up in political life.”, but mind only its salvific mission and faith. But this interpretation is totally false. Dealing with God’s matters does not mean to mind only the worship of the Church, but also be 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).

## **Message from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday this weekend**

Today, as then, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, “let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!” (Evangelii Gaudium, 86). The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. For in the end, this mission is his and we are nothing more than his humble co-workers, “useless servants” (cf. Lk 17:10). Remember also those words of Jesus: “In the world you will have tribulations but be courageous: I have conquered the world!” (Jn 16:33).

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