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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Today's first reading is from the middle section of the book of the Prophet Isaiah chapters 40 – 55, also known as Deutero Isaiah or second Isaiah. In this section, Prophet Isaiah gives new hope and encouragement to exiles who were on the verge of gloom and despair. Deutero Isaiah loudly proclaims Yahweh is the only God.

Deutero Isaiah in no uncertain terms denounces people who worship idols and false gods. Only Yahweh has the power to create and destroy. To those who were longing to return to their homeland, this section of Isaiah, gives them comfort and hope. Now Yahweh declares the Persian King, King Cyrus, helped this displaced people to have orderly return to their homeland with dignity.

Those who think that humans have control over the affairs of the universe are sadly mistaken. And in our times, it is demonstrated in the helplessness of the entire world during this crisis of Covid 19. In a series of poems called "Songs of the Suffering Servant," this section of Isaiah, the purpose of human suffering, but not all suffering, are due to sin. They can be means to win over their enemies in order that true religion may be brought to those who did not see Yahweh as true God.

This Sunday as we celebrate the World Mission Sunday, once more, the Church invites us to look into our primary task of being Christians and mandate that Jesus gives His disciples, "go...proclaim... baptize..." As Jesus invites us in the Sermon of the Mount – "I am the light of the world", you be also the light of the nations. As Israel was called to be the light to the nations, so may we too a beacon of light to those around us.

Finally, I would like to remind all our parishioners what the Gospel proclaim to us, give to Caesar what is to Caesar and to God the things that are God's. Let us remember that everything that we have and will be ours in the course of days, have been entrusted to us on trust. Let us be good trustees.

All those who have the right to vote, do exercise your franchise for the sake of common good.

Do take good care of yourselves.

Peace!

Blessings and prayers,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD
Pastor

Source: <https://pagadiandioocese.org>

[Original text: Italian] [ZENIT's translation by Virginia M. Forrester] Pope Francis on Matthew 22:15 - 21

VATICAN CITY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

This Sunday's Gospel (*Matthew 22:15-21*) presents to us a new face to face between Jesus and His opponents. The subject addressed is that of tribute to Caesar – a “thorny” question, about the lawfulness or not of paying taxes to the Emperor of Rome, to whom Palestine was subject in Jesus' time. The positions were different; hence the question addressed to Him by the Pharisees: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” (v. 17) a trap set for the Teacher. In fact, according to how He responded He would have been accused of being for or against Rome.

However, in this case Jesus also answers calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question to give an important teaching, rising above the controversy and the opposing sides. He says to the Pharisees” “Show Me the money for the tax?” And they brought Him a coin and, looking at the coin. Jesus asked them: “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” The Pharisees could only answer: “Caesar's.” Then Jesus concludes: “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” (Cf. vv. 19-21). On one hand, intimating to restore to the Emperor what belonged to him, Jesus said that to pay the tax was not an act of idolatry, but an act owed to the earthly authority; on the other – and it's here that Jesus gives the “coup” – recalling God's primacy, He asks that He be given what is due to Him as Lord of man's life and of history.

The reference to Caesar's image, engraved in the coin, says that it's right to feel oneself fully — with rights and duties – citizens of the State, but, symbolically, He makes one think of the other image that is imprinted in

every man: the image of God. He is the Lord of all and we, who have been created “in His image,” belong first of all to Him. From the questions posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each one of us, a question that we can ask ourselves: *to whom do I belong?* To the family, to the city, to friends, to the school, to work, to politics, to the State” Yes, certainly, but first of all, Jesus reminds us, <we> belong to God. This is <our> fundamental belonging. It is He who has given <us> all that <we> are and that <we> have. And, therefore, day after day we can and must live our life in the acknowledgement of this, our fundamental belonging, and in our heart the acknowledgement of our Father, who created each one of us individually, unrepeatable, but always in keeping with the image of His beloved Son Jesus. It's a stupendous mystery.

A Christian is called to commit himself concretely to human and social realities without opposing “God” and “Caesar”; to oppose God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist attitude. A Christian is called to commit himself concretely to earthly realities, but illuminating them with the Light that comes from God. The priority entrustment to God and hope in Him do not imply a fleeing from reality but rather rendering diligently to God what belongs to Him. It's because of this that the believer looks at the future reality, that of God, in order to live his earthly life in fullness and to respond courageously to its challenges.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live always in conformity with the image of God that we bear within us, also making our contribution to the building of the earthly city.



A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit.

And inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
Amen.

KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

(Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)



- 1) Why do we call this cake, a ‘pound cake’?
- 2) Which is the only fruit that has its seeds on the outside?
- 3) Where are most of the bones in a human body?
- 4) When was the first Gospel written?

ANSWERS:

- 1) It comes from its name. A pound of flour, butter, eggs and sugar is all it takes.
- 2) Strawberry.
- 3) In the hands and feet. Each hand has 27 and each foot has 26.
- 4) Approximately in 70 AD by St. Mark, 40 years after the death of Jesus.

Reflection

International Catholic Stewardship Council - Oct.2020 • e-Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 10/11, 2020

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.



Mass Intentions

	Day		Intention
Saturday	Oct 17	4pm	Sp. Int. of Barbara Wisniewski
		6pm	Anonymous
Sunday	Oct 18	9am	+To Nu Tran+
		11am	Sp. Int. of Ehigie & Christiana
		1pm	For the Parishioners
Monday	Oct 19	8am	Sp. Int of Pat, Mark & Tasha
Tuesday	Oct 20	8am	+Alejandro Baltazar+
Wednesday	Oct 21	8am	Sp. Int. of Jun Boy Posadas
Thursday	Oct 22	8am	Sp. Int. of Jessica Salvani
Friday	Oct 23	8am	+Antonio Madrinan+



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Since 1926, Popes have entrusted The Society for the Propagation of the Faith to facilitate this important celebration of the missions.

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the 2nd last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. As agreed by the Holy See and the bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contributions to this collection will continue to be used until 2020 to assist six dioceses in Northern Canada which for many years had also been under the jurisdiction of the Congregation.

“How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!...I once more invoke the Holy spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples.” **POPE FRANCIS, EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 261**

Source: ORDO 2019-2020 p.370

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct 18: World Mission Sunday

Oct 24: Guardian Angels Parish - Rosary Procession

Baptism Prep Class



For those preparing their child to get baptized in the Catholic church, we are conducting Baptism Prep Class upon request. Please call or email the parish office for details.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Sessions are for persons inquiring about the Christian faith or wanting to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Session is ongoing and is held every Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

Parish Religious Education Program

For inquiries about PREP classes for the year 2020/2021, please email parish.ga@rcav.org or call 604-684-5775; or send your email direct to the PREP Coordinator at carmelacorpuz@hotmail.com

Rosary Procession

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Come & join us for Rosary Procession at our own backyard, from the Grotto and around the Rectory, on



October 24 at 3 pm. Bring your family and friends. Event will be headed by Legion of Mary - Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium. “The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” - Saint Francis de Sales

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

There have been a further 21 donations made to Project Advance in the past two weeks bringing our total to \$17,815 from 52 donors. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far. Please remember that you can donate online, by mail, or by enclosing your contribution in an envelope marked "Project Advance" and placing it in the collection basket during the offertory at Mass.



Thanks for your Care and Support

Terry O'Neil would like to express his sincere thanks and gratitude to all parishioners who have sent him cards, well wishes, prayers, etc. in the past couple of weeks at the time of his sickness.



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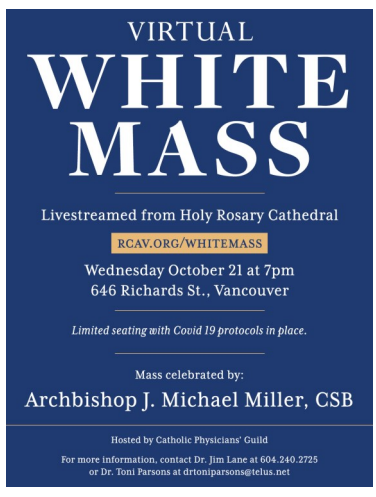
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⚠ Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.



VIRTUAL
WHITE MASS

Livestreamed from Holy Rosary Cathedral
RCAV.ORG/WHITEMASS

Wednesday October 21 at 7pm
646 Richards St., Vancouver

Limited seating with Covid 19 protocols in place.

Mass celebrated by:
Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Hosted by Catholic Physicians' Guild
For more information, contact Dr. Jim Lane at 604.240.2725
or Dr. Toni Parsons at drtoniparsons@telus.net

Into the Deep: New Saints, New Witnesses

Join us on Friday, Oct. 23 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Zoom to learn more about the Saints of October 2020: Blessed Olinto Marella, Blessed Carlo Acutis, and Blessed Michael McGivney. How did a misunderstood priest, a fifteen-year-old gamer and internet geek, and the Founder of the Knights of Columbus get to be Saints?

Father Horgan will also give some insight on the process of canonization, including explanations on how the Church recognizes new saints, how many kinds of saints there are, the marks of holiness, and the role of miracles. He will also discuss relics and incorrupt saints.
Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

All Souls' Day Mass with Archbishop Miller

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for All Souls' Day Mass on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:00 pm live from the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani. Register to attend in-person or by livestream at rccav.org/events

Highways to Heaven - Lives of Blesseds Carlo Acutis & Chiara "Luce" Badano

How did two normal teenagers—a 15-year-old tech whiz and an 18-year-old ray of sunshine—live such authentic lives? Despite their short years on earth, they found their highway to heaven and are on the way to sainthood. We only have one life to live, so how can we find true fulfillment and meaning? Let's look to Carlo and Chiara and hear their stories. Join us this Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:00 pm on Zoom to get to know these two extraordinary youth through storytelling and artistic performances. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events. Presented by young adults from SFU Chaplaincy and Focolare Movement.