

# OCTOBER 18, 2020

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives.



Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

*Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

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### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, October 19**

**8:30 a.m.** - Helen & Edmond Michaud †  
Alex Bavarskis †

**Tuesday, October 20**

**8:30 a.m.** - Fran Cripps † | Kevin Canough †

**7:00 p.m.** - RCIA

**Wednesday, October 21**

**8:30 a.m.** - Jim Colli † | Pat Schmahl †  
Special Intention for the birthday of  
Robert Simon Alzamora

**Thursday, October 22 - No Mass**

**Friday, October 23**

**8:30 a.m.** - Bill Kennedy † | Owen & Aileen Kelly †  
Special Intention

**Saturday, October 24**

**5:00 p.m.** - Joe Murphy †  
Bozidar & Stephania Cerar †  
Special Birthday Intention

**Sunday, October 25**

**9:00 a.m.** - Mass for the People

**11:00 a.m.** - Anna Song Kim †  
Angela Napoli † | John Stunt †

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### ONGOING FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for  
**"The Church and Grace"**  
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 20th  
in our parish hall.

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### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone in need of prayers for healing? Please contact the church office to add them to our weekly intentions.

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### ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

**"Give to God what is God's."**

You belong to Christ and Christ is God's!  
How will you respond to so great a love?  
Is He asking you to follow Him?

Are you being called to teach the word of God  
as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or  
email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

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### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



*We pray that by the virtue of baptism,  
the laity, especially women, may  
participate more in areas of  
responsibility in the Church.*

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## DIOCESAN SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in the year 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form by November 13.

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So many couples struggle alone and are confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille has helped countless marriages and the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and restore a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, beginning with a weekend on **October 23, 2020** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).




St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for volunteers to help at their store on Queenston St. in St. Catharines. The society is an international lay organization founded by French university students and led by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. He was a lawyer, author and professor dedicated to the service of the poor. Through the society, his work continues today. The organization is open to those who desire to live their faith in love and service of their neighbours. The store sells a wide variety of goods and all proceeds, with the exception of the salary of the manager, are used to aid the poor and needy in our community. The work involves sorting and organizing the many donations brought to the store and thus, no experience is necessary. The store is open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers work a three hour shift, once a week. If you are interested in helping this most worthy charitable service, please contact the store manager at 905-684-2042.

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### PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS



**O Mary**, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

**We seek refuge under your protection**, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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### I AM THANKFUL FOR:

- ♦ the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends
  - ♦ the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat
  - ♦ the lady behind me in church who sings off key, because it means I can hear
  - ♦ the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking
  - ♦ the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby
  - ♦ my huge heating bill because it means I am warm
  - ♦ a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home
  - ♦ my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine
  - ♦ the taxes I pay because it means I am employed
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