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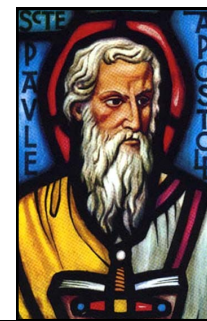


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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Summary

The chief priests and Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into making a political error or renouncing God's authority. They asked whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Pointing out that it was Caesar's head on the coin, Jesus told them to give to the emperor what was due the emperor, but to pay more attention to what belonged to God.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes we can get into debates with our children similar to the one Jesus had with the chief priests and Pharisees. Children often wear us down with their relentless arguing. We would do well as parents to imitate Jesus' simple and straightforward response.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Purchase a bag of foil-wrapped chocolate coins and give each member of the family at least three coins each. One at a time, have each person slide one of their coins to the center of the table and name one thing that is very important to them. (Keep in mind that each person will name the top three important things in their lives if you use three coins each.) Continue going around the table and repeat the process for as many coins as each person has. When all the coins are in the center of the table, talk together about how many of the coins represent loyalty to something other than God - perhaps material gifts, power, or recognition. Go around the table again and think of important things that are important in our lives that come from God. For each item, take out a coin.

Discussion Starters

1. It was very clear to me that the only power we have comes from God when...
2. I know that sometimes I put other priorities in front of God, but I definitely put God first when...

I don't think Jesus is telling me not to pay taxes in this Gospel. Instead, I think he's saying...

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**October 22
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21
5:30pm

- Scott Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, October 22
9:00am

- Missa Pro Populo

10:30am

- +Emanuel Cutajar
- +Moses & Elizabeth Mifsud
- +Nenu Dingli

12:00 noon

- +Maria Fenech

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

- +Joe & Apolonia Farrugia

Wednesday, October 25

- +Paul Delicata

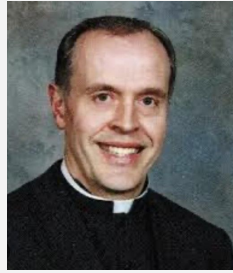
Thursday, October 26

- Thanksgiving to Jesus

Friday, October 27

- +Doris Micallef

From our Pastor's Desk...



I am writing to invite you to join a new prayer group in our parish dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower of Jesus. She was a Carmelite nun who lived a simple and humble life of love and trust in God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis but left behind a beautiful spiritual legacy that has inspired millions of people around the world. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997..

St. Therese is a patron saint of missions and of florists, but she is also a powerful intercessor for all our needs and intentions. She once said, "I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth." She promised to shower roses from heaven as a sign of her prayers and favors. The Church has attributed many miracles to her intercession, especially through the use of her relics.

The jubilee year of St. Therese of Lisieux started on January 8, 2023. On that day, the Holy Doors of the Basilicas of Lisieux and Alençon were opened together. The jubilee year will end on January 8, 2024, when the Holy Doors will be closed. It is a special year in the Catholic Church where believers can receive a plenary indulgence by fulfilling certain conditions. These conditions include visiting the shrines of St. Therese, performing works of mercy, and receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist.

The spiritual meaning of the jubilee year is to rediscover God's infinite mercy. It is a time to recognize that God welcomes everyone and personally seeks to connect with each individual. Additionally, it is an opportunity to follow the example of St. Therese and embrace the "little way" of spiritual childhood. This path is based on trust and surrendering to God's love.

The prayer group's purpose is to learn about St. Therese's life and spirituality. We aim to follow her example of holiness in our daily lives and to pray for ourselves and others, having confidence in her intercession. We will also share our experiences of her presence and help in our lives, and thank her for the roses she sends us.

The first meeting of this prayer group will be on Monday, November 6th at 10 am in the parish hall. Please join us after the 9:15 am Mass for a coffee and then come together to pray and to present your prayer intentions. We will read some excerpts from her writings.

I hope you will join me in this new initiative to honour and imitate St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus. She is a friend and a sister to us all, and she wants to help us grow closer to God and to each other.

NEW OFFICE HOURS STARTING THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

We are excited to announce that starting from his Sunday, October 22nd, the parish office will be open from 10 am to 1:30 pm on Sundays. This is a trial period to see if this change will benefit our parishioners and staff.

Many parishes in the city have found that opening the office on Sundays gives people more flexibility and convenience to book masses, make donations, register for events and do other tasks that may be harder to do during the week. We hope that this opportunity will also work for our parish and enhance our sense of community and service.

Please note that Sundays are busy days for our parish, so we ask for your patience and cooperation as we try this new arrangement. The opening of the office may also help us coordinate other activities and ministries more effectively.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on this change. Please feel free to contact us at stpaultheapostleto@archtoronto.org or 416-767-7054, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support and participation in our parish life. God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION This weekend the entire church celebrates World Mission Sunday in which we renew our missionary commitment to the Gospel. Pope Francis said that "the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord's help." The Holy Father exhorts all of us to see ourselves as missionaries. In today's first reading, the Lord says to us "I call you by your name." This invitation to be a missionary is deeply personal. All of us are called by the Lord to serve him with our whole lives and help spread the Gospel to those around us. One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship. In today's Gospel, Jesus says to give "God the things that are God's." Is not our entire life God's? He is the one who created us and blessed us with countless gifts which are all owed back to him. Cardinal Collins says in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods and must eventually give an account to the Master." Let us seek to give of ourselves to our parish community to live out our missionary call of stewardship.

Pope Francis said that "the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one." One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship. Let us strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and offer them back to the God for Jesus says in today's Gospel to give "God the things that are God's."

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We are delighted to announce that we have received many inquiries and registrations for the First Communion and Confirmation programs. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in preparing your children for these important sacraments. If you have not yet registered your son or daughter, please do so by the end of October. You can find the registration form and more information on our website at stpaultheapostleto.archtoronto.org. Alternatively, you may scan the appropriate QR code below to register online. Once we have all the registrations, we will contact you with the details of the classes and schedules.

As you prepare your children for these sacraments, we also encourage you to attend Sunday Mass regularly with them. This is a vital part of their faith formation and a great opportunity to grow closer to God and the community. You can check the Mass times and locations on our website as well.

We are here to support you and your children in your faith journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

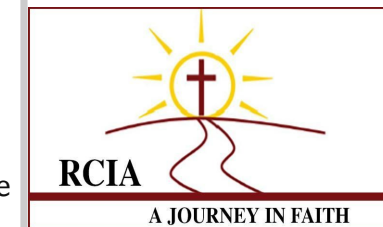
First Holy Communion



Confirmation



VOCATION REFLECTION "Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



Opportunity for those who wish to become Catholic or who are Catholic and have not received Eucharist and or Confirmation

Classes are on Saturday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Classes are held in the parish rectory.

Contact the parish office and speak to Fr. Roy or the parish secretary if interested.

Invitation to Pray for the Dead at Assumption Cemetery

As Catholics, we believe in the communion of saints, so we are connected with those who have gone before us in faith. We also believe that our prayers and good works can help those who have died and are still in need of purification. So, we practice the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the dead.

On **Sunday, November 5th at 3pm**, we invite you to join us for a special mass at Assumption Cemetery to pray for our loved ones who are buried there. This is a beautiful way to honor their memory and to express our hope in the resurrection.

