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Sunday, October 22nd, 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

— Mt 22:19-21
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Oct 21	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 22	9:30am	✠ Martin, Teresa & Joe Bajuk (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Mon. Oct 23	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. Oct 24	9:30am	Communion Service
Wed. Oct 25	9:30am	Communion Service
Thurs. Oct 26	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
Fri. Oct 27	9:30am	✠ Eric Egert (Gloria Egert)
Sat. Oct 28	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Jennifer Wright (Podolyak Family)
Sun. Oct 29	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Aladino Magazzeni (Marco Magazzeni & Family)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory October 14 & 15, 2017

83 Envelopes	\$1,845.00
Loose Collection	\$ 101.80
Total Offertory	\$1,946.80
All Souls	\$ 80.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00

First Eucharist: An information and Registration evening will take place on **Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30pm** in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” The Pharisees, full of malice, were trying to “entrap Jesus in speech.” They concocted a question that flattered him, saying, “You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth,” but which also put him in a position to be in big trouble if he challenged the Roman laws. Jesus, of course, escaped the trap with his brilliant reply. We can appreciate the wisdom of his response, but more importantly, we can appreciate what it means for us.



To repay to Caesar, in this case, meant to give appropriate allegiance to the secular authorities. We too are under such authority, and although Uncle Sam is different than Caesar in countless ways, the fact remains that as constituents of this country who enjoy its many benefits, we are also called to extend a certain kind of tribute to our government. Taxes, yes, but more than that too. The loyalty and patriotism that offers our gifts in service to the good of our nation is also a tribute we Christians should make in good faith. Only when a law of our land contradicts the moral principles of God do we have to follow our **primary** allegiance instead, namely, our allegiance to Christ. Unfortunately, in our day we live under certain national laws that do conflict with the truth about human dignity, and thus a tension exists for us. But the course is clear. We must repay “to God what belongs to God” by defending the truth even when it may be unpopular. This kind of courage is what built the Church in those early centuries of persecution when practicing our faith was against the law. Heaven forbid this should ever happen to us. But if it does, we know what must be done.



All Souls’ Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2017: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the **special envelopes (if you wish to make a donation)** available at the back of the church or write the names on the sheet of paper. Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.** **The Clergy of the Diocese** will gather at the Priests’ Plot at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines on **Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11am** to remember our deceased brothers and sisters and to pray as well for all the faithful of the Diocese who have gone to their eternal reward. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

St Ann’s Catholic School Council is pleased to be hosting “Stallion Country Bingo” on **Friday October 27** at the Fenwick Fire Station. The cost is \$20—includes 9 rounds of bingo and pizza. 6:30pm and the games begin at 7:00pm. Prizes - gift cards and other products showcasing local foods, wines and restaurants. Proceeds go towards upgrading physical education equipment in the school. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the school. Thank you for your continued support of St Ann’s School.

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. October 23, 2017- **Working Through the Anger**

World Mission Sunday: Theme: “Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith.” Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday! We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priests. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.



Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee News
 One of our two sponsored families have completed all of the requirements of the Canadian government in order to immigrate to Canada. They have been given a flight date of November 1, 2017. We are all grateful and thankful for this happy news and hopeful that the second family will be cleared to leave soon. Through the generosity of parishioners and others the committee has so far raised approximately \$63,000 to facilitate the resettlement of two families. Donations are still being accepted if you would like to assist. We will keep you informed as events unfold.

“Defending Life Where You Are” St. Catharines Right to Life Speaker’s Workshop: Sat., Oct. 28, 2017, 9:00am – 12:30pm at St. Alfred’s Hall, 272 Vine St., St. Catharines. Lunch and refreshments provided. No fee. Topics will cover Pro-Life 101, how to answer the tough questions, and an update on assisted suicide in Ontario. Everyone welcome. For info and to register, call 905-684-7505 or email info@chooselife.ca. ChooseLife.ca.

Catholic Women’s League

Upcoming Events....
Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 18th., 10am-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available in the office. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The CWL is asking for **assistance** making the pierogies. We will meet on **Tues., Oct 24th @ 9am** to peel potatoes and make the filling. The following day, on **Wed., Oct 25th at 9am** am, the dough will be prepared and the pierogies completed. If you can spare a couple of hours, please help with this part of the event. **More information to follow NEXT WEEK regarding the bazaar and how you can assist.**

Also, The CWL is collecting socks for the homeless. Their theme for this month is **Soctober**. For the rest of October, we encourage parishioners to hang the socks on the “clotheslines” on the staircase entering the church.

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women’s League. Memberships are due as soon as possible for the coming year ahead. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 5th or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league! If you wish to receive the CWL league magazine for the winter, be sure to submit your membership dues before December.

Parish Calendar

October.....	
Oct 23-25....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Oct 23....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Oct 22....	Special Collection— World Mission Sunday
Oct 23....	Holy Hour cancelled
Oct 29....	Youth Mass during 9:30am Sunday Mass
Oct 30....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Oct 30 & 31....	Weekday Masses cancelled
November.....	
Nov 1.....	Solemnity of All Saints— Masses 9:30am & 7pm
Nov 2.....	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Masses 9:30 & 7pm
Nov 3....	Youth Ministry Bingo Night Lookout Ridge
Nov 4....	Confirmation Retreat 9-12
Nov 5....	Spanish Mass 1pm
Nov 7.....	Finance Meeting 6:30pm
Nov 8....	First Communion meeting and reg. 6:30pm
Nov 11.....	Confirmation 5pm
Nov 13.....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Nov 13-16....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 16....	Bingo cancelled
Nov 18....	CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 19.....	Special Collection—Deo Gratias
Nov 20.....	First Reconciliation 10am
Nov 26....	Youth Mass 9:30am
Every Wednesday:	Confirmation classes 4-5:30pm; Youth Ministry 6:30-8:30pm (Grades 5-12)

Youth Ministry



Wednesday October 25th -- Celebration of the Feast day of Pope St. John Paul II - The Pope who loved Young People! - snacks - games!

NEW!!
High School Youth Nights! Starting Sunday, October 15th @ 6:30 pm -Our first ever Teen Ministry Night for high school students!

We are very excited to announce that St. Ann’s is starting a monthly Teen Ministry program together with St. Alexander Parish in Fontheill. We are going to be hosting our teen program one Sunday a month and alternating between St. Alexander Parish and St. Ann’s. Our youth group will include high school students from Notre Dame, E.L. Crossley, Lakeshore Catholic, Ridley College, and more. Come out, meet some new friends, and reunite with some old ones! This night is all about teens growing closer to Christ! I am happy to drive any students from St. Ann’s to St. Alexander who need a ride. We will meet in the Parking lot at 6:00 pm. If any other parents are able to help me with the driving please let me know. **Bring a friend!** Please RSVP and let me know who can attend!

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Sunday, October 29th, 9:30am Mass— Our Youth will participate in the Sunday liturgy and speak briefly about their youth ministry activities.

Notre Dame College School in Welland will hold its 42nd Annual Pilgrimage for the Developing World on Sunday, October 29th. The Notre Dame community invites and encourages alumni and friends to be part of this special Notre Dame tradition. Registration at 8:30, Departure prayer at 9:00 am; Pilgrimage Eucharist at approximately 1:00 p.m. If you can’t be there, please consider a donation which can be made online at www.notredamewelland.com, or to a student in your parish.