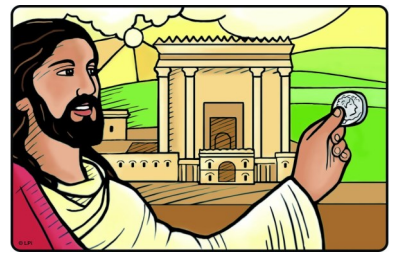
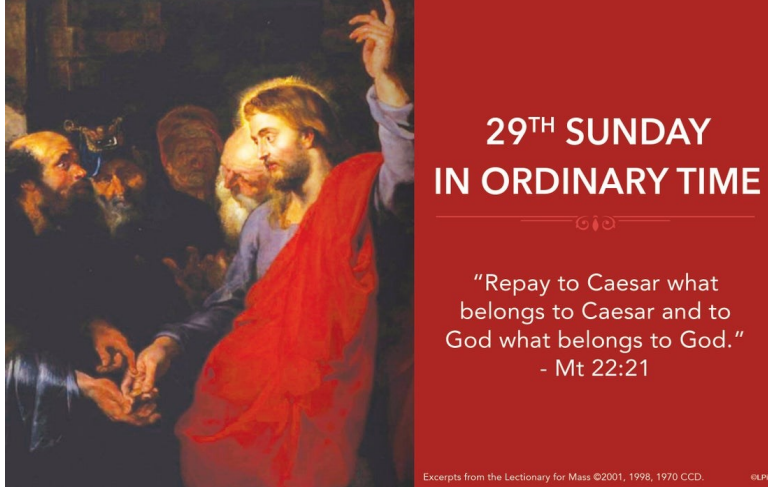


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## Sunday, October 22nd, 2023



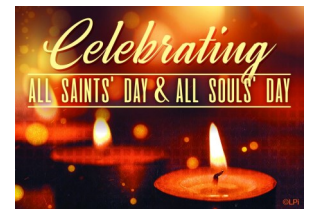
Sat. Oct 21	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Rinaldo Tonini (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Oct 22	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Graces & Mercies for Mambourquette Family (Adelaine Nohara)
Mon. Oct 23	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Oct 24	9:30am	Health & Recovery of Gary Shannon (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. Oct 25	9:30am	✠ George Albanese (Vince Addario)
		✠ Sam Molinaro (Mary Ann Biggar)
		Thomas & Avery Hanson (Melissa Middleton)
Thurs. Oct 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancianiello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Fri. Oct 27	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
		For the Health & Salvation of Eva & Elizabeth Blizniouk (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
		Special Intention (Vince Addario)
Sat. Oct 28	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Marcellino D'Ambrosio (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Oct 29	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt & Gerald Iftody (Pat Vaillancourt)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory October 8th, 2023—\$1,454.00**  
**Offertory October 15th, 2023—\$1,290.00**  
**First Communion registration:** Tues. Oct 24th, 5:30pm in the parish. Please bring registration forms and Baptismal certificates.

### Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this weeks' gospel reading, Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.



### All Saints Day— November 1st, 2023

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honoured saints, but not to set them apart. We honour saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits ? the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favourite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?" **Masses for the Feast of all Saints will be celebrated on Nov. 1st at 9:30am and 6pm.**

**All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:** Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on an envelope (at back of church) and place 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. Masses on the Feast All Souls will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6pm.**

**World Mission Sunday, October 22nd:** Theme: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". This year, Pope Francis calls us to develop the passion for evangelization which is a vital dimension for the Church. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 22nd. The theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics to the world in one family of faith. That Sunday, we commit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the society of the propagation of the Faith. We join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News and by giving a donation. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or donations can be made by e-transfer.

## Sunday, October 29th, 2023



Mon. Oct 30	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Oct 31	9:30am	✠ OPP Constable Greg Pierzchala (Nohara Family)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. Nov 1	9:30am	The Voth Family (Sharen, Daniel & Pierce) (Annette Mastracci & Family)
		✠ Sam Molinaro (Mary Ann Biggar)
	6:00pm	Healing for Jordy (Jaski Family)
Thurs. Nov 2		<b>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b>
	9:30am	Special Intention for Carole (Vince Addario)
	6:00pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Nov 3	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
		✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
		Special Intention for Jonathan Jaski (Jaski Family)
	6:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Mass</b>
	8:00am	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
	9:00am	<b>Mass</b>
Sat. Nov 4	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Gemma Silvestri (Rosa Colangelo)
		Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 5	9:30am	Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
	11:00am	✠

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**  
**St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out**  
The next dinner will be **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6pm.** **The St. Ann Pasta Dinner Committee has set up etransfer** for payment for the monthly Pasta dinner fundraiser. When you order or pick up dinners, you can e-transfer payment to the following email address and the funds will be automatically deposited (no password required). [stannspasta@gmail.com](mailto:stannspasta@gmail.com)

The committee will help pay for costs for renovating the hall kitchen with profits from future events. Your support at these events will help them reach this goal.

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbour. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbour. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

**Prayer Intention Month of November:** For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**YOUTH MINISTRY HAS RESUMED THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8:30PM!** This program is for students in Grades 5-8. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will lead and co-ordinate the program. Registration forms are at the back of the church. Please hand them in to the office or the Sisters as soon as possible.

**Lakeshore Catholic High School Gatorwalk:** Last weekend, Kayleigh Gilles spoke about the this school fundraiser/walk which will take place on Friday, Oct 27th. The funds go to Dominica to support CALLS (Centre where Adolescents Learn to Love and Serve), the Grange (Senior living complex) and St. John School. If you would like to support Kayleigh, you can make a donation to her directly or bring to the office and it will be forwarded to her.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** If your child is Catholic, in Grade 3 or above, has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please fill out the form (available at the back of the church) and give to Fr. Jacek or bring to the church office. Or, the form can be scanned and emailed to the church office. Training will begin soon!

**Catholic Women's League**

CWL membership drive begins in November. If you use offertory envelopes, the annual membership envelope is dated Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. **THE ANNUAL FEE is \$40.**

**Warmvember:** The CWL will collect warm clothing items (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, jackets etc.) for the Welland Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, during the month of November. Items can be placed in the baskets at the church entrance or bring to the office. **PLEASE—NEW ITEMS ONLY.**

**Diocesan Advent Retreat:** DATES: Saturday, Nov. 11th **OR** Thursday, Nov. 16. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. Guest Speaker, Linda Dirks—"Look to the Sparrow". To register, please phone the office.

**Diocesan Mass for the Deceased:** Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2pm at St. Kevin Parish in Welland. All are welcome to attend.



