

Sunday, October 22, 2023



"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

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 23, 2023

8:15 am: + Cynthia D'Souza

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

8:15 am: Paul Hales

7:00 pm: + Deceased Members of the Tavares Family

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

8:15 am: + Paul Tjioe (1st Death Anniversary)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

8:15 am: + Cynthia Nazareth

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:15 am: + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family

7:00 pm: + Vincent Mui

+ Paul Caravaggio

+ Pedro Santos

+ Vincent Mui

+ Cynthia Nazareth

+ All Souls

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:15 am: + James A. Ben

5:00 pm: + Tony Britto, Tony Paes & Doreen Pinto

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:30 am: Thanksgiving Mass from Aranha Family

10:00 am: Stanko Perkovic & All Deceased Family Members

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth

7:00 pm: + Maria Hac

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile? This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. 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. — *Father John Muir*

*A gentle reminder that there are NO
MASS INTENTIONS for the entire
month of November.*

*It is the month of the Holy Souls; all those
whom Jesus has called to new eternal life
with Him.*

Book of Life

As we have done in the past, our Book of Life is placed before the Tabernacle. In this book, you are invited to write names of your family and friends who have died so they will be remembered in the Eucharist that we celebrate each day. You are welcomed to use the *All Souls Day* envelopes. However, please make sure you put the envelopes in the offertory box on Sunday or drop them off at the parish office. **The Book of Life will be placed before the Tabernacle on November 1st.**



Parish Website

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Youth Website

stpatricksyouth.com

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Comisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catali, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafraite, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranica, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranica, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero



Parish Ministry Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

The voice of Jesus continues daily to speak to us, calling us to follow Him. If we say yes to following Jesus, then his words "I have come to serve not to be served." should hit us like a ton of bricks. We should be asking *HOW DO I SERVE?* There are all kinds of service, but the service that Jesus is speaking to is our service to God and to one another. Over the next few weeks, in preparation for "Ministry Sunday" **OCTOBER 28TH. - 29TH.** I would ask you to seriously consider how you can serve God and one another through active Ministry in the Parish. Throughout the years, men, women and children have volunteered their service to Minister in this Parish. We would not be where we are today as a community of faith had they not done so. Think for a minute of all those who helped when we were preparing to re-open after covid-19. Sunday after Sunday, musicians, lecturers, altar servers, ministers of the eucharist, greeters, ushers, have given of their time to minister to one another. The various Parish organizations, the CWL, the Knights, the Squires, the Legion of Mary, have all in their own way contributed generously to serve the Parish. After saying that, I need to say thank you, because without you this community of faith would not be what it is.

But, there is always a need for new servants, and that is why I am proposing to you a "Ministry Sunday" a time to think about how you can give back to that Parish what has been so generously given to you. The Parish needs your help, so please take this to prayer, and hopefully we will have a wonderful response.

—Fr. John

Online Prayer Group: Mon & Fri

Join us in praying the Rosary every Monday & Friday for the month of October.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, will be on zoom only. Friday evenings Rosary at 6:15 pm (before Mass), will be live-streamed from the Parish, and prayers will be lead by different Parish Organizations.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570

Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

Youth Ministry: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed for our Youth Ministries for the 2023-2024 school year.

They include: EDGE (Gr. 6-8), Verso L'Alto (high school) and Confirmation Classes.

We are looking for high school students, college/university students, young adults, and those young at heart! Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Maria stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com to see how you can serve the youth of our parish!

Food Drive-Thank you!

Last year, over 35,500 residents visited food banks in Mississauga - that is 5% of Mississauga's population. We are so happy with our Parishioners' kindness during our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. **We have raised over 8,576 lbs of food.** We know you have many choices when it comes to donating, and we are so grateful that you chose to donate to our cause. Thank you to everyone who showed incredible generosity. We are touched by the generosity of everyone who participated. You are making a difference in the lives of people this year.

Squires 20th Anniversary Dinner

It is with great joy to invite you all to dinner and music on **November 4th, 2023 after the 5pm Mass**, to celebrate the **20th anniversary of our beloved Squires Group**. You have supported the Squires throughout their journey, and we want to express our great appreciation. Tickets will be available for \$20.00. Thank you!

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm, Sun 9am-1pm