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29th Sunday - Ordinary Time - Year A October 18, 2020

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Saturday Readers

Oct. 17 - Mindy Brugman

Oct. 24 - Joan Holzer

Sunday Readers

Oct. 18 - Nikki Lussier

Oct. 25 - Lorne Zarazun

Gospel Reflection

Overcoming the Trickery of Evil

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” [Matthew 22:15-18](#)

The Pharisees were “hypocrites” filled with “malice.” They were also cowards in that they would not even act on their own malicious plot. Instead, they sent some of their own disciples to try to trap Jesus. From the point of view of worldly wisdom, they set a very good trap. Most likely, the Pharisees sat and discussed this plot in great detail, instructing these messengers on exactly what to say.

They began by complimenting Jesus telling Him they know He is a “truthful man.” They then go on to say that they know Jesus is “not concerned with anyone’s opinion.” These two accurate qualities of Jesus are spoken because the Pharisees believe they can use them as the foundation of their trap. If Jesus is truthful and not concerned about other’s opinions then surely they expect Him to declare that there is no need to pay the temple tax. The result of such a statement by Jesus would be that He would be arrested by the Romans.

The sad truth is that the Pharisees spend a tremendous amount of energy plotting and planning this malicious trap. What a waste of time! And the glorious truth is that Jesus spends hardly any energy dismantling their plot and revealing them for the malicious hypocrites they are. He states, “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”.

In our own lives, there are times when we may find ourselves face to face with the malicious intent and plotting of another. Though this may be rare for some, it does happen. Often times, the effect of such a plot is that we become deeply disturbed and lose our peace. But Jesus endured such malice so as to show us the way to handle the attacks and traps we may encounter in life. The answer is to stay grounded in the Truth and to respond with the wisdom of God. God’s wisdom penetrates and foils every human act of malice and trickery. God’s wisdom is able to overcome everything.

Reflect, today, upon how deeply you trust the wisdom of God to guide you through life. You cannot make it on your own. There are traps and snares that will inevitably come your way. Trust in His wisdom and abandon yourself to His perfect will and you will find that He will guide you every step of the way. (mycatholiclife.com)

Mass Times & Special Intentions

**** Please note: Wednesday evening (7 pm) Mass is now being changed to Wednesday mornings at 9 am ****

Saturday, Oct. 17: 7 pm - Sydney & Mary Thompson (RIP) from Maria Stagliano

Sunday, Oct. 18: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Wednesday, Oct. 21: 9 am - Special Intentions for Joe Endrizzi (RIP) from Candy Endrizzi & the Holzer Family

Thursday, Oct. 22: 9 am - Special Intentions for June Misuraca (RIP) from Jean & Sonny Pedersen

Friday, Oct. 23: 9 am - Special Intentions for Mario Scarcella (RIP) from Luisa Scarcella

Saturday, Oct. 24: 7 pm - Billy McKinnon (RIP) from Maria Stagliano

Sunday, Oct. 25: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Wednesday, Oct. 28: 9 am - Special Intentions for Maria Lentini (RIP) from Franca & Maria Stagliano

Thursday, Oct. 29: 9 am - Special Intentions for Fred Schraeder (RIP) from Jean & Sonny Pedersen

Friday, Oct. 30: 9 am - Special Intentions for Mary Rose Scarcella (RIP) from Luisa Scarcella

Saturday, Oct. 31: 7 pm - Special Intentions for Neil Pedersen (Health & Wellness) from Sonny & Jean Pedersen

Sunday, Nov. 1: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Wednesday, Nov. 4: 9 am - Special Intentions for the deceased members of the Marcoffio Family from Annette Marcoffio

Thursday, Nov. 5: 9 am - Special Intentions for the deceased members of the Marcoffio Family from Annette Marcoffio

Friday, Nov. 6: 9 am - Special Intentions for the deceased members of the Marcoffio Family from Annette Marcoffio

Saturday, Nov. 7: 7 pm - Special intentions for her deceased Parents from Annette Marcoffio

Sunday, Nov. 8: 9 am - Special Intentions for the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier

Wednesday, Nov. 11: 9 am - Special Intentions for her deceased Parents from Annette Marcoffio

Wednesday, Nov. 18: 9 am - Special Intentions for Angelina Holzer (RIP) from Joan & Paolo Holzer

*** To request a Mass for special intentions, please contact Fr. Vu**

Confession

Confessions are heard by appointment or after mass on Saturday evening. Please contact Father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safe Environment Coordinator Needed

The Parish is looking for 1 or 2 individuals to volunteer to be our Safe Environment Coordinators.

For more information please contact Jean Pedersen.

Coin Drive

Change is good!!!

Drop your spare change in the coin jug at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for sharing - every little bit helps.

Pilgrimage of Faith - 2020

The campaign runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 2020 – still lots of time to donate

Our parish goal = \$11,650

Total collected to date = \$7,972

29 families from our parish have donated towards our 2020 goal.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Masses continue to be held with a limit of 50 people in attendance.

Registration is required and masks are encouraged.

Please remember to cancel with Claudette should your plans change and you cannot attend your registered mass.

Please wear your mask when entering the church and walking to your place - once there you may remove mask - if you move about the church please ensure you wear your mask especially when going to receive Communion. Please remember to use hand sanitizer entering and exiting the church. Please practice social distancing and the requirements of the Health Authorities. Please see the Diocesan website for detailed instructions/requirements. Please contact Claudette Kendel to register or cancel – either by phone (250 837-5010) or by email (bckendel@telus.net)

If you have any announcements you wish to include in the Bulletin, please contact Jean Pedersen by noon on Thursdays. Email: sjpeders@telus.net or call 250 837-5597

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