



Masks are mandatory in the Church

Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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October 17th, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands. As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfill his duties toward God; he must "give to God what is God's."

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfillment of the latter is part of the fulfillment of the former. We Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfill our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter (1 Pet. 2: 13-14) and St. Paul (Rom. 13: 1-7), stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. The prophet, second-Isaiah, who lived in Babylonia with the exiled Jews, tells us, in God's own words, that he is the God, not only of the Jews, but of history and of the whole world.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b. St. Paul praises his converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ his Son and tells them how they are ever in his prayers so that they would continue to be faithful to the call God had given them, a call proved by the many gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on them.

The Gospel is from Matthew 22:15-21. God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to

as citizens of the state. The same necessity obliges us too. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen, but we must keep on writing such history in glaring lights of daily deeds, for there are, and there always will be, those enemies who cannot read history books

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection: October 10th, 2020

Envelopes	\$370.00
Loose	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$10.00
Donation	\$45.00
	\$445.00

Notices:

1: Tickets on a quilt: The tickets are out on the quilt. You can purchase tickets from any member of the Sacred Heart Ladies Group, or e-transfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook. These tickets will be drawn on November 15th at the JCDC AGM

2: Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup and Biscuit Take-out

Saturday October 24th

Time: 4:45 pm

Pick up at the Johnstown Parish Hall

Cost: \$10.00 each

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

Please contact the following people for tickets:

Please let us know by Oct 21st, so we can get the correct numbers

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Eddie: 902-322-6543

Elizabeth: 902-539-2078

3: Religious Christmas Cards for sale:

There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca

You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered 50 packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10.

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

4. Mass for shut-ins will start broadcasting on Sunday, October 18th, at 11:30 am, on CTV. The taping for MFSI takes place at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River, on Saturdays, until further notice, due to Covid-19. We are inviting parishes and groups to call Mae, and book a taping.

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5: AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

Betty MacNeil, Secretary, JCDC Ltd.

6: Youth Virtual Conversations

With the approval of Bishop Kirkpatrick, we are looking for youth to participate in a ZOOM meeting regarding how youth experience society in the Church today.

These sessions are a facilitated conversation organized by ages of youth and with consent of their parents. The facilitator for the Atlantic Canada sessions is Trevor Driesbeck, Archdiocese of Moncton.

The background is Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (2018). The Catholic Bishops in Canada are seeking to reflect and respond to the hopes, joys, and fears that young people experience in society in the Church today.

The virtual conversations are being held at the following dates and time per age group;

Ages 12-15 - October 24, 2020 - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Ages 16-19 - October 24, 2020 - 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Ages 20-24 - October 29, 2020 - 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Virtual conversations are limited to 6 youth per Diocese. If you know of any youth in your parish that might be interested in this event please have them email me at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca or call me at 902 202-2972 by October 20, 2020.

7: In remembrance of our loved ones: November is the month of remembering those who have died. It is customary in our parish to remember our loved ones who have died since November of the previous year. Consequently, there will be a candle light service of remembrance on the Saturday mass on November 7th. As the names are read, a family member will be invited to come to the candle stand to light a candle. Those to be remembered can include parishioners who have died during the year, relatives of parishioners whose burials took place in other parishes or relatives of people who were buried in Johnstown. Please call or email Louise at 902-535-3107/ louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com.