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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Oct. 18th - 9:00 am – Matt Tkachyk (Eugene & Yvonne Bazin)

Friday, Oct. 23th – 9:00 am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 am – Joseph & Marie-Ange Ricard (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, Oct. 25th - 9:00 am – Angèle Rouire (Maurice & family)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Lawrence & Joan Allen**

God's Share: Oct. 11th - \$370.00 (19) + \$10.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$415.00**

Taxes & Insurance Fundraising: Oct. 11th - \$625.00 - YTD = **\$625.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>October 18th</u>	<u>October 25th</u>	<u>November 1st</u>
Readers:	Simone Lambert	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.	Volontaires

Bazar: Due to restrictions remaining in effect, we are forced to cancel the bazar for this year as well as the fall concert. The draw of the **raffle will take place on October 30th**.

NOTICE : Please read the attached appeal for donations and/or the envelope picked up at the church entrance and let your hearts be moved and guided to donate what is right and just in the eyes of our Lord. God repays a hundredfold in blessings and graces.

Readings for Sunday: October 25, 2020

Exodus 22, 20-26; Ps 17 (18), 2-3, 4.20, 27.51ab;
1 Thessalonians 1, 5c-10; Matthew 22, 34-40



October 18, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayer Intention for October 2020

Let us pray that by virtue of baptism, the lay faithful, especially women, will participate more in the responsible instances of the Church.

Let us pray for our families.

Let us pray for our pastor, Fr. Peter.

Let us pray for all the members of our parishes who are sick and for our deceased faithful.

First Communion: Saturday, October 17, 2020

Congratulations to the seven children who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time : **Carter Cleutinx, Jayden de Rocquigny, Jason Friesen, Austin Green, Seth Michael, Liam Rey et Madilyn Vuignier.** Let us keep them in our prayers.

Parish News:

The month of October- the month of Holy Rosary. Father Peter encourages you to increase your devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary by reciting the Holy Rosary daily. You can pray personally or gather to pray the chaplet together in your family. Let us pray for our families, the elderly, the sick in our parish, especially for the conversion of hearts of all sinners!

New: St-Claude Parish Office Hours:

The new hours for the St. Claude parish office will now be on **Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

Weekday Mass:

In St. Claude: at 9 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) * Thursday afternoon: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 3PM to 4PM.

In St. Denis: Friday morning, 9AM – 10AM: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession; 10 AM: Holy Mass

Saturday Evening: 7:30PM Holy Rosary; 8 PM: Mass in English in St. Claude Church.

Sunday Mass:

+ In St. Denis: at 9:00 Am: Bilingual Mass in the church.

+ In St. Claude: at 11:00 Am: Mass in French in the church.

Marriage Tips

Husband and wife are meant to lead each other to heaven. What have you done today to enrich your spouse's spiritual life?

Thought of the Week:

Do I judge the current political systems with the same benevolence, or, at least, with the same respect as Jesus?

Alain Faucher, priest.

The Good Shepherd Campaign 2020

This week, Archbishop LeGatt is launching the **2020 Good Shepherd Campaign, *United Now More Than Ever in Christ***, with the goal of raising \$275,000 in support of the formation of our seminarians and to help counter the enormous impact of the pandemic on the Archdiocese and its parishes.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing information and testimonies with you through your parish and on the [Archdiocesan website](#) and [Facebook page](#). You will notice that this year's campaign will primarily take place online to adapt to the new reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow us to be the best possible stewards of our resources.

We invite you to read the [Meet Our Seminarians](#) banner which introduces our seminarians and includes a word from Fr. Joshua Gundrum, our Archdiocesan Director of Vocations to the Priesthood, on what it means to discern a call to the priesthood. We also invite you to watch the videos featuring our most recently ordained priests, Frs. Brian Trueman ([click here](#)) and Jean-Baptiste Nguyen ([click here](#)), on what it means for them to be a priest.

The special collection will be held on October 31 & November 1. Please be generous in helping the Archdiocese reach its goal!

And most importantly, we invite you to pray for our seminarians as they continue to discern God's will in their lives as they journey toward the priesthood.

Parish News

Saturday evening mass time in St. Claude:

- **Mass in winter: As of the first weekend of November, the time for Saturday mass will be at 5 p.m. and the rosary at 4.30 p.m.**
- **Mass in summer: As of the first weekend of April, the time for Saturday mass will be at 8 p.m. and the rosary at 7:30 p.m.**

The Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be broadcast live on the St. Claude parish Facebook page. Mass in French at 11 a.m. in Saint-Claude.

Thought of the Day:

When were my last words of encouragement for someone committed to public service? A little gratitude to him/her would prolong Jesus' positive attitude towards the politicians of his time!

Alain Faucher, priest.

Faith and the Modern World



We have grown accustomed to aggressive comments from some adversaries of our faith. At the end of the day, people have opinions and some are occupying a great deal of public space. These secular ideas would eliminate any perceived traces of religious affiliation in our workplaces, attire, laws, landscapes and schools. For example: schools named after saints, [St. Brendan's], the Cross on Mount Royal, Lake St. Louis Facing these "secular" proposals, many believers appear to have given up; perhaps hoping that common sense would remember and acknowledge the many contributions made by members of religious orders as our institutions and cities were established. That's what's happening today. More and more people may even choose to erase previous generations' accomplishments and start from scratch. Voices are weighing in. Certainly there have been unforgivable abuses of power. Yet we should not deny the merits of people who lived exemplary lives and were instrumental in establishing our society. Not to be dismissed is our faith practiced by the majority of our ancestors.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus confronts a similar situation and expresses his opinion. On one hand, there are obligations as defined by the Jewish religion. On the other, there are the political realities of that time as the Roman Empire had invaded the small territory surrounding Jerusalem. Hoping to implicate Jesus, the Pharisees and Herodians asked his opinion on a very sensitive issue as whether believers should pay taxes to the Roman emperor. To encourage him to speak his mind and possibly entrap him, the Pharisees began the conversation with a flattering portrait of Jesus as a master of truth and an expert on the true path that leads to God. However, as Christ's words are God's, He outsmarted the disbelievers with His response. Many secular and biblical reflections still refer to Christ's response today.

Responding to such flattering comments from those who confronted him, Jesus answers them. These people were either dedicated, observant supporters of the Jewish Law (Pharisees), or staunch supporters of the puppet government established by the Romans (Herodians loyal to the Roman Emperor). Jesus does not allow himself to be influenced by either group. He takes a common coin that is used to pay taxes to the Romans. The coin displays the head and title of Caesar Augustus. The question concerned the legitimacy of using such *idolatrous* common currency when one is committed to respecting the Torah, the Law of the God of Israel. Jesus' answer is clear: God and Caesar are separate entities and entitled to their due. *Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's* (Mt 22:21). There is no question of currency when responding to a legitimate obligation.

Jesus was not assessing the political system in which his people were mired. He recognized that the current political structure had legitimate expectations. According to him, Caesar and God have different domains. At that time, religious thought was not separate from political consciousness. My question today is: *Have we gone too far as we consider these two realities of a balanced life: politics and religious faith?*

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli