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## PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

The question posed to Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel was a very important one for the Jewish people of his day. The Romans imposed a poll tax on all the nations under their rule. At the time of Jesus, the attitude of Jews to the Romans varied a great deal and so did their attitude to this tax.

Matthew says that a trap had been set for Jesus. If he agrees with the tax, he will be viewed as a collaborator. If he disagrees with the tax he will be seen as a rebel. Either way he will make enemies for himself. But Jesus avoids their trap and uses it to give all Christians and us an important lesson about how we live out our Christian Faith in every age and place.

Jesus avoids taking a political stance but rather focuses on the destructive intent behind their question. Matthew leaves us in no doubt that those who ask the question are insincere. Beneath the guise of a sincere attempt to understand how to obey God's Law lies the evil of those who seek to discredit Jesus and so, ultimately, to destroy him.

As we listen to this gospel we will be mistaken if we think it's about paying tax. In this gospel passage Jesus is asking us to reflect on our own sincerity as we seek a Christian response to the challenges and problems in our lives today. In the gospel, Jesus says give to Caesar what is owed Caesar. The coin used to pay the poll tax bore Caesar's image and name. In saying that we should give to God what belongs to God, Jesus reminds us of the one whose image we bear.

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them (Gen 1:27). He reminds us of the one to whom we owe everything.

When St Thomas Aquinas writes about religion, he discusses it as an aspect of justice. And that's very interesting. You might have expected that justice would come under the heading of religion, so that a religious man or woman will be just. But Aquinas puts it the other way around. A just person will be religious.

Why? Well, the answer is very simple. We owe God. That's the bottom line. Everything we possess, all that we are, the very gift of life has been given to us by the God who made us in his own image and so we owe God our thanks, our praise and our devotion. That's the bottom line.

Often people live as if they don't owe anybody anything. As if they were self-made men and women. But in today's gospel comes the reminder of just how much we owe and to whom.

Caesar was owed that which bears his name and his image, a coin. God is owed that which bears his name and his image, our very selves.

Fr.Maschio.

## PRAYERS FOR YOUR BELOVED WHO REST IN PEACE

November is the month of the Souls in Purgatory. It is the month when the Church traditionally prays for the souls of all our loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to have a special Mass said for them, please fill out the All Souls Day envelopes found in the pews with the names of deceased loved ones and turn them in to the office or put them in the collection basket.

There will also be a sheet in the entry of the church to list your deceased loved ones and they will be remembered at the Masses during the month of November.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** October 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Our country's healing

**SUNDAY** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Earl Karboviak

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

**MONDAY** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock God's will in coming election

**TUESDAY** October 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Donnie Lipsh

**WEDNESDAY** October 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Judy Clow

**THURSDAY** October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Father Bryan Kujawa

**FRIDAY** October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Bernard Crummy

**SATURDAY** October 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Frances Crummy

**SUNDAY** October 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Walt Crummy

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

## MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass intentions received thus far have been assigned so now is a good time to submit your Mass intentions. Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

## PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Catherine Klegstad  
 Elmer Hungate  
 Sophie Olsonawski  
 Eleanor Kraska  
 Cathy Cleem  
 Iver Cleem  
 Janet Olsonawski  
 Dion Turgeon  
 Jeanette Forfang  
 Kim Short  
 Wayne Stewart  
 LeRoy Vonasek  
 Renee Stewart  
 Robb Brown  
 Bonita Hanson

## Deceased Loved Ones

Rosemary Cooney  
 Don DeLorme  
 Mark Rocznik  
 Betty Lockman  
 Susan Weaver  
 Andi Olsonawski  
 Walt Crummy  
 H Jeannie Howe  
 Louise Docken  
 Kristen (Hunter) Erickson  
 Verona Karboviak  
 Angie Plaine  
 Alice Carlson  
 Lois Pantzer

*Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

**Saturday** October 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Erick Gubbels  
 Ministers: Volunteers

**Sunday** October 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Earl Karboviak  
 Servers: Wesley Sugden & Avery Wiese  
 Commentator: Pam Hunt  
 Lector: Terry Kent  
 Ushers: Phil Muir & Shane Stewart  
 Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Ron Anderson

**Sunday** October 25<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM Holy Rosary  
 Ministers: Volunteers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN

Sunday School for the elementary students will be online for now. Check your email every Sunday for the assigned lesson!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADES 7-12

Grades 7 through 12 will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for RE Classes in the basement of St Patricks. Rock Bakken and Earl Karboviak will be with both groups.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION COUNTERS

Are you looking for a way to use your talents in service of the church? Are you good with numbers? We have just the thing for you! St. Patrick's is in need of 3 people willing to count the weekend collection after the Sunday Mass. If this is you, contact Pam Hunt and training will be arranged promptly.

## BULLETIN BITS - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

## ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2020 Charitable Contributions:

	September	August
In-Church Contributions:	\$4494.00	\$6039.00
On-Line Contributions:	\$1847.89	\$2441.67