

# Here I am Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18, 2020

## Send me 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



**Today is World Mission Sunday.** Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday.

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21



We often say, "Religion and politics don't mix." We seem to have a tradition of separation between Church and state. But today's readings bring these two realities together.

The First Reading comes from the book of the prophet Isaiah—a text written in the sixth century before Christ, some two hundred years after the original Isaiah prophesied. The situation: the people are in exile under the domination of the king of Persia, Cyrus. He's a pagan king, but the prophet calls him God's "anointed." God will use this pagan king to restore his people to their homeland.

In the Gospel, the civil ruler in the spotlight is the Roman Emperor. Here the religious-civil issue is raised by the Pharisees. Seeking to trap Jesus, they want his opinion on paying taxes. It seems like the subject of taxes is a timeless human issue! At any rate, you know the Lord's response: Give to Caesar what belongs to him; but give God what belongs to God.

It's all a matter of priorities. The state is an institution that commands our response to legitimate responsibilities. Christians have an obligation to be good citizens. But God can and will call on us for a response which comes first.

Today let's allow our Lord's timeless priorities to guide us.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM  
Sunday Soundbites

#### Beatification of Father McGivney

For the latest documentary on the life of Father McGivney go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRbjAWHvyy8>. It explores the life, legacy and impact of Father Michael McGivney, an apostle of spiritual brotherhood and unity, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October a Mass will be celebrated in honour of the beatification of Father McGivney on a live broadcast on [Salt & Light](#), [EWTN TV](#) and CatholicTV. For those not subscribed to any of these stations; visit [www.kofc.org/beatification](http://www.kofc.org/beatification).

#### MASS TIMES and COVID-19 Protocols

**SATURDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM.**

We are taking additional and stricter measures that are in line with the protocols set out by [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and [WorkSafe BC](#).

- We now have two spaces within our facility (church and hall) with a cap of 50 people per space.
- Each space will have its own entrance and exit. Those within each space cannot mix within the building.
- Upon arrival individuals must check in with the ushers.
- Sanitization and distancing are a must. Masks are optional.
- If you need to use the washrooms please use them efficiently.
- If you have not registered by phone or online, you must register with the usher providing your name and email or phone number. **Entrance is NOT guaranteed for unregistered people.**
- If you registered by phone or online to secure your spot please **arrive at least 10 minutes prior to Mass starting**. Your registration does **not** guarantee a place in the church itself, but a place in our facility.
- You must register every week for the Sunday Mass that you would like to attend, either online at [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) on our website at the [Eventbrite link](#) OR by calling the parish office at 250-964-4898.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED

**IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED EITHER BY PHONE OR ONLINE AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING – PLEASE CALL TO CANCEL – TO FREE UP YOUR SPOT FOR ANOTHER.**

**Regular Daily Mass** is celebrated at 9:00AM Monday thru Saturday. No registration is needed.

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

In the second week of January 2021 we will be providing a Faith Formation program for all children from grades K-7 attending public school. We are collaborating St. Mary's Parish. The program will include Sacramental preparation as well as a parent faith formation component. Please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or go online to <https://www.icparish.ca/religious-ed>

Please submit your form to our parish office or email to [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) on or before **NOVEMBER 18, 2020**.

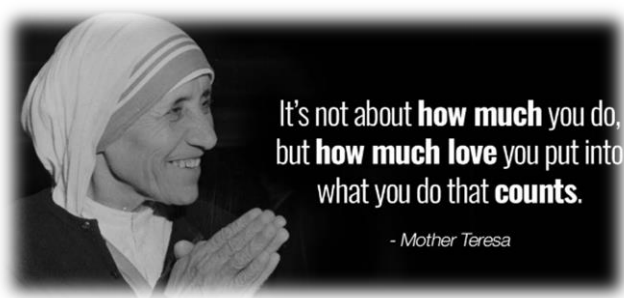
### RCIA

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA is a journey of faith for: Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Please contact at 250-964-4898 or email Fr. Chris at [clynch@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:clynch@pgdiocese.ca) - tentative start date for the formation program is end of October.

### CANADIAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS RESIST PUSH TO PROMOTE EUTHANASIA

On Monday 5 October the Federal Government re-introduced Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying). Among other things, this Bill seeks to expand euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada to those whose deaths are not "reasonably foreseeable." Please communicate to your Member of Parliament your concern about this further erosion of respect for life in our country. **EPC: [Stop Bill C-7 from expanding euthanasia in Canada \(Link\)](#)**.



### PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection	OCT 11-12, 2020
Envelopes	2920.00
Loose Change	188.80
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$3108.80</b>
Children's Collection	\$ 13.50
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 265.00

### ANNUAL APPEAL-CALLED TOGETHER UPDATE

**Congratulations IC, we have met and surpassed our goal.** Reminder that the goal this year is to support the small parishes, missions and ministries of the Diocese – especially those most affected by the reduction in funds from Catholic Missions in Canada. Also, **reminder that anonymous donations cannot be provided with a tax receipt.** If someone has mistakenly indicated that they want the donation to be anonymous, but did not realize that they would not receive a tax receipt, please contact the Finance Office at [appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or call 250-964-4424 Ext: 2202, or call the parish office.

<b>Diocesan Goal</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$ 196,198</b>
<b>Received to date</b>	<b>\$ 169,160</b>
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$ 19,804</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$ 23,420</b>
<b>Received to date</b>	<b>\$ 22,465</b>

### The National Evangelization Team (NET)

A team of seven young Catholics from across Canada and Australia will be arriving in the Diocese this week. They will be spending the year ministering to the eight schools and their parishes for four weeks in each of our school communities. **The team will be at Immaculate Conception School and Parish from November 22 – December 5, 2020 and then again in April 18-24, 2021.** They will be staying at the Domano Renewal Centre instead of host homes due to the pandemic. In light of this, they are in need of food donations. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative within our Diocese by helping to provide meals for the NET Team while they are in our parish and school please call the parish office to let Martha know.

#### **You can choose to:**

1. prepare a meal ahead of time, a meal that can be frozen, stored, and then reheated by the NET team at the time they need it. Meals that work well prepared ahead of time, frozen, and then reheated include: lasagnas, soups, chilis, pasta sauces, meat for tacos, bread etc.
2. pick up a few extra groceries on your next grocery trip. There is a suggested list – please call parish office or check out the list on our website.
3. purchase a monetary gift-card for a grocery store or a food place for any amount - even if it's just \$10.

#### **Once you have your donation, what's next?**

Please drop off your food donation at the Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave) anytime during office hours: 9:00am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Centre (250-964-4424 EXT. 2109 or [lfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:lfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca)) who will make arrangements for pick up. **Thank you for your consideration** in helping with **this great mission**.