29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2026

Intentions: October 18 - In loving memory of **Grace Lee,** requested by Suzanne and Ludo
Mass Intentions: $15.00

Offertory Collection:
11 October - $572.25
Thank You.

Social Sunday: Today is **Coffee Sunday**, so please join us after mass for light refreshments and fellowship.

Gospel Reflection: Jesus' answer puts things into perspective. There are different spheres of rule, and our loyalties are not either/or, but there are appropriate behavior belonging to both spheres. Christian living is being comfortable in all spheres, all having their just due, without compromising God's sovereignty. When God is truly the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. Conversely, giving others their due doesn't necessarily compromise God as the center of our lives. Jesus shows that single-mindedness about God is even better expressed when we know clearly God's place and everyone else's place. (Living Liturgy, p.256)

Vincentian Meditation: "Ah! My dear friend, what a troublous, but what an instructive time it is, through which we are passing! We may perish, but we must not regret having lived in it. Let us learn from it. Let us learn, first of all, to defend our belief without hating our adversaries, to appreciate those who do not think as we do, to recognize that there are Christians in every camp, and that God can be served now as always! Let us complain less of our times and more of ourselves. Let us not be discouraged, let us be better." –Bl. Frederic Ozanam-(Ramson, Praying with Frederic, p.51

PLEASE NOTE

Tourtière / Fruit Pie Fundraiser: Our St. Gabriel's bakers are updating their requirements of non-perishable ingredients needed to make tourtières and fruit pies. Donations of the following - Brown Sugar, Cinnamon and ground Cloves. Money donations to buy perishable ingredients would be greatly appreciated Thank you, Martine (See poster in vestibule).

First Communion and Confirmation: Registration of children for first confession/ communion and confirmation happened last Wednesday. We extend the registration to 23rd of October for parents who missed the earlier opportunity. Please call the office number and drop a message and Fr Anthony will get back to you. Thanks

Administrator's Corner

WHOSE IMAGE DO YOU BEAR?



Have you ever looked at a photograph of yourself and wondered if it truly shows who you have become? The photo may show you smiling, but your heart may be carrying bitterness. You may be dressed beautifully for Sunday Mass, but during the week you speak harshly at home or treat someone unfairly at work. A photo shows our outward appearance; our daily life reveals whose image we truly bear.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asked a trick question: "Is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar?" He asks for the coin and says, "Whose image is this?" They answer, "Caesar's." Jesus replies, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The coin bears Caesar's image. But what bears God's image? We do. "God created humankind in His own image" (Gen 1:27). As Tertullian, one of the earliest Fathers of the Church, said: "The image of Caesar is on the coin, the image of God is on man." Our dignity does not come from wealth, education, or position. It comes from God. As St. Leo the Great said, "O Christian, recognize your dignity!"

This has consequences. When you look at your spouse, your children, the elderly person, the newcomer, or the difficult neighbour; you are looking at someone who bears God's image. St. Augustine preached it so well: "Caesar seeks his image on the coin; God seeks His image in you." We bow before the Blessed Sacrament. Do we show respect to the person beside us? We sing about God's love. Do we make room for the lonely? If we honour God's image in church, we must honour it in our neighbour.

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" also reminds us to be responsible citizens. Our faith should be visible at work, at home, and in the community. As St. John Chrysostom taught: "As tribute is owed to Caesar, so holiness, virtue and almsgiving are owed to God."

A Christian employee does honest work. A Christian business owner deals fairly. A Christian parent forms children in faith.

But Jesus adds, "And to God what belongs to God." If the coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image, our lives belong to God because we bear His image. St. Jerome summed it up perfectly: "We must render to Caesar the coin that bears his image, and to God the soul that bears His image." Sometimes we give God only what is left over. Giving God what belongs to Him means putting Him at the centre — daily prayer, faithful Sunday Mass, Confession, choosing forgiveness, and raising our children to know God.

A mother once told me she was so busy caring for her family that prayer felt impossible. One evening her child asked, "Why do you tell me to pray when you are too busy to pray with me?" That question changed her. She started a simple 3-minute family prayer each night. Life did not become easier, but God now had a place at the centre of her home. As Origen reminds us, "We must not allow the light of God's face stamped upon us to be darkened by sin."

We give God glory when people encounter His goodness through us — in our patience at home, our integrity at work, and our kindness to neighbours. St. Athanasius tells us why this is possible: "Christ came to restore the image of God in us that was defaced by sin." He restores the photo that sin ruined.

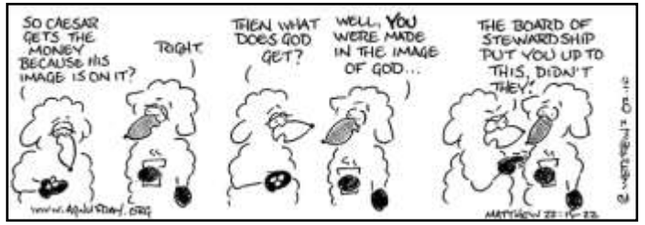
So as we leave church today:

Bear God's image by respecting every person.

Live God's values with honesty and love.

Give God your life — as Tertullian said — "Give money to Caesar, but give yourself to God."

Fr. Anthony





Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially for Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Pope's Intentions for the Month of October: For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

St. Michael's (Fitzroy Harbour)

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday 9:00 am Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9:00 am mass
Thursday 8:30 am confession, 9am mass
Friday 8:30 am confession, 9am mass

Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are available by request. Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St. Michael's Parish only: You are most welcome to join us Wednesday mornings, with exposition at 8:00 am and Mass at 9:00 am

St. Michael's Live streaming link on YouTube
Sunday Mass 9 am
StMStG-Live

Lost and Found
Periodically , please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Suggestion Box
The Suggestion Box at the rear of the church is there for you to give us your observations, comments, suggestions, new fundraising ideas etc. for enrichment of our parish. **Please use it!**

Intentions Book:
You are invited to write your prayer requests in our special intentions book in the back of the church - as many and as often as you like. It is important that we verbalize in some form, our desire before God. You are very welcome to be anonymous.

Pastoral Directory

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Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.



West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of $20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. **Thank you**

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