



In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?



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October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office Hours

Mass Times

Reconciliation

Pastor

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Tuesday – Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Weekdays: 11:00 AM (Tuesdays – Fridays)

Saturday: 7:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Saturday: 6:30 – 7:00 pm or by appointment

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Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

OCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic Faith, please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you wish to receive anointing and/or receive holy communion, please contact the Parish Office at 250-782-3456 or by email: nddc@shaw.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday Oct 20 - Sunday, Oct 25

Tuesday	11:00am Mass <i>Croia Hogan</i>
Wednesday	11:00am Mass <i>Juan Laroya</i>
Thursday	11:00am Mass <i>Shanley Lindberg</i>
Friday	11:00am Mass <i>Zacchaeus McGarry</i>
Saturday	7:30pm Mass <i>Darren Dufour + Murray A. Thomas +</i>
Sunday	10:00am Mass <i>For all Notre Dame Parishioners</i>



2026/2027 Budget

***"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.
(2 Corinthians 9:11-12)***



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially:
Fran Papp, Cheryl Shuman, Carol Dufour,
Clarrisa Aragon, Kevin Moeller, Mark Stanistreet,
Renard Salamanca, Bunny Figura, Rowell
Manalang, Hannah Wawreniuk, Bernie O'Reilly.

Contact the parish office if you would like to add
your name or the name of your loved one to the
list. Make sure that you have the person's
permission to put their name on the Parish Sick
List.

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**2026-2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal
Parish Goal is \$28,331.**

Thank you to those who
have already contributed.
If you are donating by
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Dame), as well as an email address should the
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October- Month of the Rosary



**October the
Month of the
Holy Rosary**

***Please pray for our 1st Reconciliation/
1st Holy Communion, Confirmation and OCIA
candidates as they prepare to receive these***

sacraments.

***Ashton Abatayo,
Jaz Banagaso,
Sotera Blanquisco, Charlie
Celebria,
Samara De Leon, Sabella
Guinto,***

***Croia Hogan, Juan Laroya, Shanley Lindberg,
Zacchaeus McGarry, Jacky Mattson, Nathalie
Parfait, Richelle Quizon, Aneliese Sa-ao, Kyle
Yuha, Evaniya Jibin***

***Zyne Balingit, Janah Banagaso,
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Gonzales, Blake Juell,
Nicholas Maniego, Finley Martin, Layla Nguyen,
Lanna Parfait, Skila Parfait, Ceejay Mico Pascual,
Reiden Quizon, Chloe White, Callen Yuha.***

***Eryn Jewel Clark, Isabelle Serenity
Clark, Desiree Clark, Travis Clark,
Zoey Heselwood, Luke Jorgensen,
Mitchell Wilson, Enet Tachiwona***



Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father, You have given us Pope
Leo to be the Vicar of your Son on earth.
We ask that you continue to allow us to
benefit from his guidance, that he might
continue to teach, sanctify, and govern
your Church. Just as the Church gathered
around St. Peter and "prayer by the
Church was fervently being made to God
on his behalf," we gather as the whole
Church to pray for Pope Leo today.

Lord Jesus, the one whom you love is ill.
Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, be strength for
Pope Leo and fill him with your comfort.

Holy Mary, we turn to you with trust, for
you are the Mother whom Jesus has given,
and you are attentive to all our needs.
Mother full of love, we entrust to you
Pope Leo who is today among our most
urgent intentions, as well as all of the sick
and suffering and those who accompany
them and their doctors and nurses.

Mother of the Church, under your cloak
we find refuge; may Pope Leo be
supported by your maternal help in this
trial. Sweet Mother, Health of the Sick,
obtain for our Holy Father the gift of
complete healing and a long life in service
of your Son and His Church.

Glorious saints and angels, join us in
praying for Pope Leo, for his spiritual and
physical health and complete recovery.
Amen.