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"Blessed are the hearts that  
bend, they shall never be  
broken."

St. Francis de Sales

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Byzantine Rite Mass at 1:30 pm  
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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Help Line: 604-434-1328

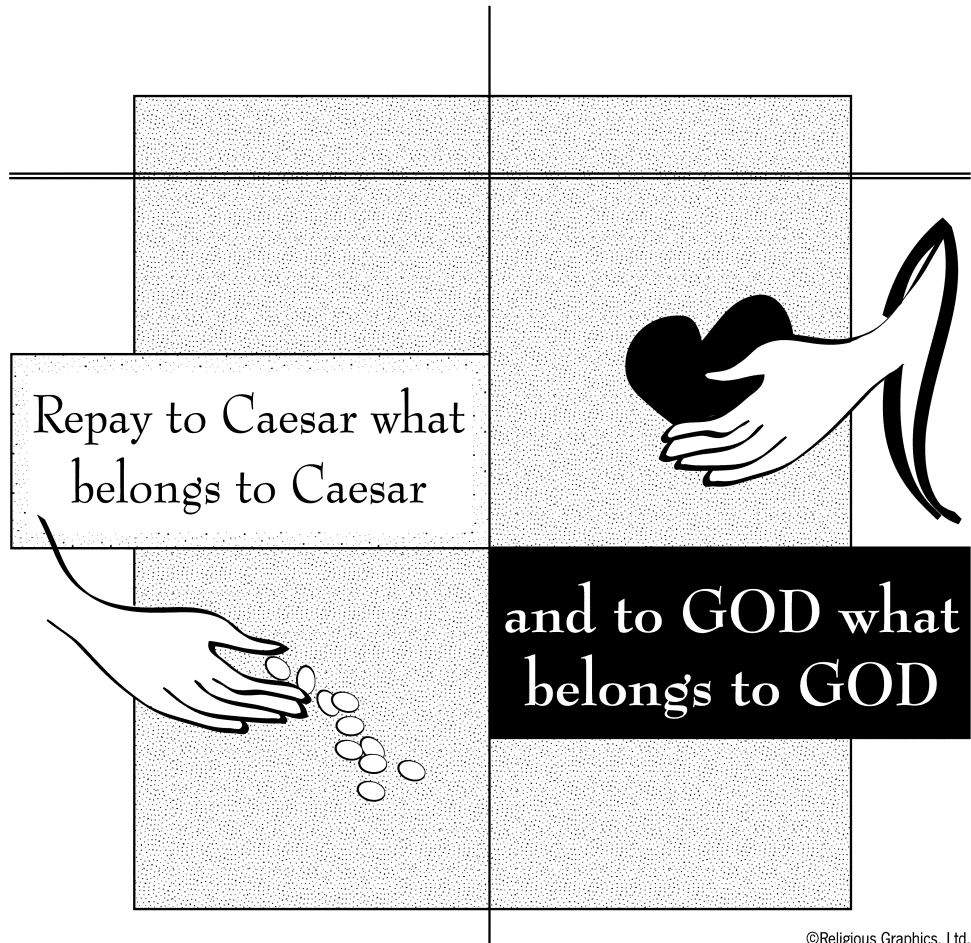
### Domestic Abuse

Help Line: 604-640-7549

Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

O God; turn your ear to me;  
hear my words!



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### Confessions:

Monday to Friday  
7:55 am to 8:10 am

### Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am  
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.  
604-434-1328

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:15 am Monday-Friday  
No School Mass Friday October 27  
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm Mass of Anticipation  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings after Mass.  
First Friday's at 6:00 pm

### Prayer Group:

Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm  
In the Church Hall

## Sunday, October 22 Matthew 22:15-21



*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*  
(Matthew 22:21)

In first-century Palestine, taxes were a painful reminder that God's people were living under the oppressive rule of a foreign power. So when the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech" (Matthew 22:15), the hot-button topic of taxation seemed like a clever strategy. If Jesus supported paying taxes, he would come across as disloyal to the Jews. If he opposed it, he could be accused of rebelling against Rome.

Jesus' reply makes an important point for both first-century Jews and for us today, we can and should, meet both our civic and religious obligations. What "belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21)? In other words, what are our civic duties? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "it is the duty of citizens to contribute....to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom" (2239). This includes a moral obligation "to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country" (2240).

What about our religious obligations? What exactly "belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21)? Our entire selves! Regardless of nationality or citizenship, we are all made in the image of the living God (Genesis 1:26-27). So while we pay out taxes and cast our vote to fulfill our political obligations, we give to God what belongs to him, and that involves the surrender of our entire lives.

Participating wholeheartedly at Mass is a wonderful way to offer to God what belongs to him. Today, as you set aside other activities to listen to the word of God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, reflect on what he has given you. Then invite him to show you how to surrender to him even more, of your time, treasure, dreams, and all the people you hold dear. *"Lord, I entrust my whole life to you."*

### OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† **Lloyd Zimmerman**

*Passed away on Thursday October 12, 2023*

*Loving Father of Pam, Anita, Paul, Helene & Jonathan*

*Prayers at SFDS Parish,*

*on Friday October 27, 2023 at 7 pm*

*Funeral at SFDS Parish,*

*on Saturday October 28, at 11 am*

*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord*

The church has two used appliances for sale:

- Kenmore Stove Model # 970. 512421 - \$40
- Kenmore Stackable washer/dryer Model # 110.1820299 - \$100



If you are interested please call the parish office  
604-434-1328

**There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 4-5, 2023 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)**

## Men's Bible Study



**Every Tuesday at 9 am in the Parish Hall  
All Men are Welcome!**

**Topic "The Case for Jesus" by Brant Pitre  
For more information contact:  
Ed Gaines 604-431-5092**

### The Art of Dying Well Seminar Series

*Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well* is a two-part video series examining our "very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying and everlasting life through *Eternal Rest*."

Join us on November 3 and 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver as we examine "the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life." The free video series will be followed by a guided discussion. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Learn more and register at: [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers 2023

Thank you for your generous donations in the past. Donations can be placed in the box at the entrance of the church or dropped off to the parish office. The gift cards can be put in the offertory collection baskets at weekend Masses.

### We are requesting for the following items:

Coffee, tea, canned meat (*ham and chicken only*), canned fish (*tuna and salmon only*), pasta sauce, breakfast cereal (e.g., *Cheerios*, instant oatmeal packets like *Quaker oats* or *healthy cereal for kids*), Kraft dinner, peanut butter, canned fruit, packet juices, jam, mayonnaise, canned corn, baked beans, canned spaghetti, ravioli, chili, stew, snack bars, instant noodles, canned & packaged soups, crackers, hot chocolate.

**Hampers will be distributed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Individuals/families in need residing in South Burnaby can contact the parish office at 604-434-1328 until November 26<sup>th</sup>.**



**90 YEARS YOUNG**

**St. Francis de Sales Parish**

# Gala Dinner

**November 25, 2023**

**PRICE: \$50**

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023  
6:30PM Doors Open  
7:00PM Dinner is Served

St. Francis de Sales School Gym  
6656 Balmoral St, Burnaby, BC V5E 1J1



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our Parish Vision



**"There is  
nothing small  
in the service  
of God."**

-St. Francis de Sales



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All Hallows Eve is right around the corner and with it comes lots of candy. The Good Shepherd Ministry gives out almost 15,000 bags of candy each year on their walks throughout the Down Town East Side.

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You may drop off your donations at PREP, school and at the Church on Sunday in a special marked box or at the parish office.

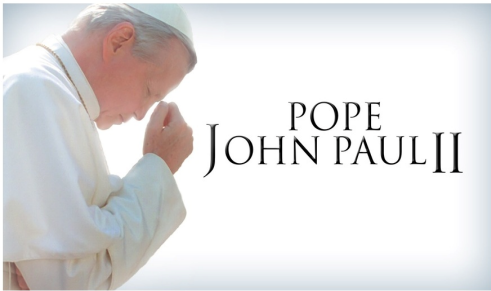
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*"Faith and Reason are like two wings of the human spirit by which is soars to the truth."*  
Pope John Paul II

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 22, 2023



## Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



## Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret (English Audio)

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Claret—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



## Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism

This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

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