



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Give to Caesar
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God the things
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MATTHEW 22:15-21



Entrance Antiphon (*Cf. Psalm 16.6, 8*)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading (*Isaiah 45.1, 4-6*)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed:

"For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that all may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 96*)

R. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. **R.**

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. **R.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! He will judge the peoples with equity." **R.**

Second Reading (*1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab*)

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the Gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*See Philippians 2.15-16*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 22.15-21*)

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's,"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sunday Reflection: *(source from Saskatoon Diocese)*

The Roman Empire in Christ's time was deemed to include the entire civilized world. Some welcomed Rome's rule, others seethed with resentment. The Roman leader Pompey captured Jerusalem in 63 BC and levied an excessive tax. The taxes were a constant and painful reminder of the people's subjugation. Local individuals were hired by the Roman officials and made their living by collecting taxes from other Jews. Therefore, these tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the enemy. The coin bores the profile of the Emperor Tiberius. Around the edge it read: "Tiberius Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus." Jesus' reply was like saying: "Well if this is Caesar's face and name on the coin, it must belong to him. You better give it back to him."

1. What belongs to God? How is it given back to Him?
2. What challenge does Christ's final reply offer us?
3. How should Christians behave when it comes to their duties as citizens of a country?

Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2026: *For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.*

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

WEEKENDS: Saturday: 5:30 PM. Sunday: 9 AM. • 11 AM. • 4:30 PM.

Baptism: 2nd Saturday of the month-Parent Preparation session require

Marriage: a minimum of six months before the desired dates.

Contact: E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.

Confessions: 20 minutes before all masses or after.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after Wednesday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday.

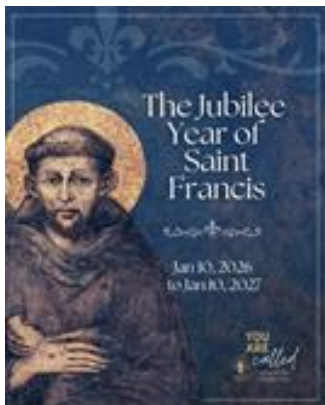
Please note that there will be a **second donation for Catholic Education Sunday** at Sunday Masses on Oct 17 & 18.

Watch this video of Bishop McGrattan talking about 2026 Catholic Education Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNEtiTNH2H0>

Donate to Catholic Education Sunday online:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/catholiceducationsunday.html>

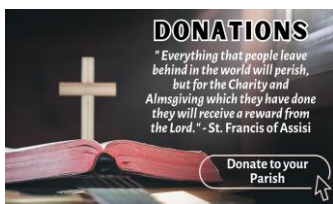
Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop William McGrattan



Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM Mass
In celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** (October 4) and the **800th Jubilee of St. Francis**, we warmly invite everyone to a special Eucharistic Celebration presided over by **Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary**, at our parish.

Let us come together as one parish family in faith, thanksgiving, and fellowship as we honour our patron saint.

Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is welcome!



SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE DONATION

You can donate directly to St. Francis of Assisi's Parish by clicking on the website below and choosing our parish from the list.

<https://www.catholicyy.ca/donatetoparish.html>



ROSARY IN OCTOBER

October — Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a special time to deepen our faith and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We warmly invite everyone to spend time praying the Rosary throughout this month. Let us unite our prayers for the Church, peace in the world, our families, and all those who are sick, suffering, or in need of God's comfort and mercy.

May our Blessed Mother Mary embrace us with her loving care, intercede for us, and lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!