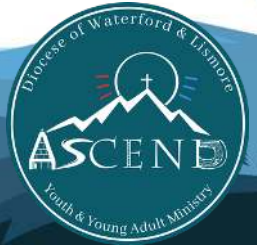




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SPOTLIGHT!

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HEAR! Sunday Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21



If you don't have a Bible handy, click here to access Sunday Mass Readings!



POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

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.

Mental health matters



WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

Follow Fr Mike's 3-Question checklist in his video this week, to see where God actually is on your priority list. Choose one area to really work on, remembering to ask for His Grace to help you first!



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TUNE!

Everything
Tim Hughes



GROW



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ST JOHN PAUL II?

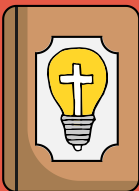


GAMECHANGERS!

ST JOHN PAUL II
22ND OCTOBER



The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



REFLECT

- Who wanted to trap Jesus in this incident?
- Why did ask him about paying tax to Caesar - what was their real intent?
- What was Jesus' initial response?
- What do you think Jesus meant by "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's"?
- To whom is higher allegiance owed to? Whose power is limited - an earthly government or God's?
- Why was this a clever answer from Jesus for those who were trying to trap Him?

FR MIKE SCHMITZ

WATCH:
IS GOD
IN THE CENTER
OF YOUR LIFE?



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HIS WORD & MY LIFE

MATTHEW 22:15-21



PUZZLE

FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

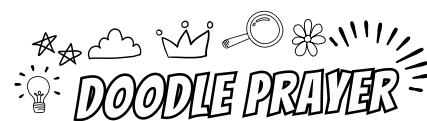
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Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



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RESPOND



What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.

GIVE GOD HIS DUE

FIX YOUR WHOLE HEART
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WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.
ST. LOUIS IX OF FRANCE.

ICEBREAKER



Would you rather?

1. Would you rather have telekinesis (the ability to move things with your mind) or telepathy (the ability to read minds)?
2. Would you rather find true love today or win the lottery next year?
3. Would you rather never be able to go out during the day or never be able to go out at night?
4. Would you rather have a personal maid or a personal chef?



EVERY CHOICE WE MAKE MEANS SAYING NO TO SOMETHING ELSE.

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (IS GOD IN THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE?) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



What question did Fr Mike ask a friend of his?

How do we know if God is first in our lives, if he's the centre of our lives? Fr Mike suggests looking at three areas and asking if God is first in these areas. What are they?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____



Going back to biblical times, what do people want to give God? F _____ f _____



First, ask yourself the question: "Do I give God the _____?"

How does that impact how I schedule my day?

Why was *priority* always a single word?

The second thing is the first fruits of my _____. How can I check this?



What question can I ask myself about my spending habits?

The third question to ask myself is what do I _____, what am I _____ my mind by?

Give some examples of what Fr Mike means by this:



GIVE GOD HIS DUE

St Paul's advice is: "Be _____ by the renewal of your mind. Do not _____ yourself to this present world."

If I just watch and listen to whatever everyone else watches and listens to, what will happen?



St Paul also reminds us: "Whatever is _____, whatever is _____, whatever is _____, whatever is _____, think about those things."

What if I can't answer yes to the three habits Fr Mike mentions?

START



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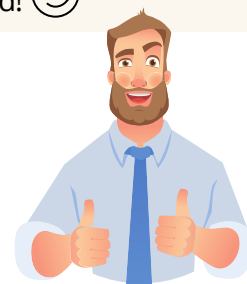
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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PRIORITISING GOD

- Tim Hughes: Everything
- Kathryn Scott: Jesus be the centre
- Chris Tomlin: I will follow
- Darlene Zschech: Jesus at the Centre



- Rend Collective: My Lighthouse
- Rend Collective: True North
- Matthew West: The Motions
- Hillsong: Christ is Enough