

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22, 2017

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

— *Matthew 22:21*

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalms — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,594.00	\$3,567.00
Number of Families contributing	128	90
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (41 Weeks)	\$140,240.00	\$148,546.00
Received to Date	\$138,916.56	\$118,449.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,323.44	\$30,096.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$548.00	\$11,701.00

Sixty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$11,665.61
Amount Outstanding	\$14,039.39

Fourteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$85.00	\$9,786.00

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

59 **CHILDREN** contributed \$189.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$171.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 320, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 140.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A King with a defect in one eye and in one leg asked all the painters to draw a beautiful portrait of him. But no one was ready to draw, as how to show him beautiful with a defect in one eye and a defect in a leg.

One painter, however, agreed and drew a classic one. It was such a fantastic painting that everyone was surprised. He painted the King aiming for a deer in a hunt, targeting with one eye closed and a leg bent for it.

Why can't we all paint others like this, "hiding their weakness" and "highlighting their strengths?" May we learn to hide other's weaknesses and bring their virtues to light.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Eddie Joseph, Tess, and Sutton in Thanks to St. Joseph and Our Lady of Guadalupe for their baby boy Chi,
2. A & Bridget Ann wishing a Happy Birthday to A's Johnny with a never ending love;
3. Jack Tyler and Celia; Lace and Acea wishing a Happy Birthday to A's Johnny;
4. Jack's Tommy and Crystal wishing a Happy Birthday to A's Johnny;
5. the Family of Rosie Riley in loving memory of her on the 9th Anniversary of her death;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ST. EDWARD HALLOWEEN BALL The Halloween Ball organized by the Young Girls Organization will be held in the Church Parking Lot on Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 P.M.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for Propagation of the Faith. Please be generous.

FEAST OF ST. EDWARD: OUR PARISH PATRON will be celebrated on Monday, October 30th at 7:00 P.M. to prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a novena this Saturday, October 21st. The Youth Group will organize the celebration.

ST. EDWARD HALLOWEEN GET-TOGETHER The Halloween Get-Together organized by the Youth Group will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at 6:00 P.M. in the Church parking lot. It will be a fun-filled event for everyone.

MASTER'S TABLE Ann T.'s Legion Group (Our Lady of Presentation) is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their clients at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, November 2nd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ann T.

THANK YOU to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

LIFE?

LIFE is a *QUESTION*, *Nobody* can *ANSWER* it.
DEATH is an *ANSWER*, *Nobody* can *QUESTION* it.
So enjoy the *QUESTION* till you get the *ANSWER*.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An old man went to the Doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear. The Doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of the problem. "Stand far behind her and ask her a question, and then slowly move up and see how far away you are when she first responds." The old man excited to finally be working on a solution for the problem, runs home and sees his wife preparing the supper. "Honey," the man asks standing around 20 feet away, "what's for supper?" After receiving no response, he tried it again 15 feet away, and again no response. Then again at 10 feet away, and again no response. Finally he was 5 feet away, "Honey what's for supper?" She replies, "For the fourth time it's lasagna!"

ONE MINUTE

One minute of anger weakens the immune system for 5 hours. **One minute of laughter** strengthens the immune system for 24 hours.

NEVER EXPLAIN

Never explain yourself to anyone. Because the person who likes you doesn't need it, and the person who dislikes you won't believe it.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Mission Day
Monday: St. John of Capistrano
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the suffering souls.
Tuesday: For the repose of the souls of Elmer and Babe.
Wednesday: For Merci Sherlock on her 6th Birthday.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Friday: For the repose of the souls of Elmer and Babe.

MY PRAYER CHAIR

I have a favorite little spot
Where I sit to say a prayer;
In a quiet corner of my home,
I call it my prayer chair.

Within easy reach... my Bible,
My rosary and my shrine
Where I can pray to Mary
And her Son Divine.

If things go wrong or when I feel
My cross too hard to bear,
I find peace and encouragement,
As I sit in my prayer chair.

READERS

Sat. Oct. 21 st , 4:00 P.M. Karen Gorman & Grace	Sat. Oct. 21 st , 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Regina
Sun. Oct. 22 nd , 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria Cat	
Sat. Oct. 28 st , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie	Sat. Oct. 28 st , 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Regina
Sun. Oct. 29 nd , 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph	

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Ciara
Tuesday	Ann Rita
Wednesday	Christina Apple
Thursday	Christina
Friday	Annette

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup	October 21 st Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup	October 21 st Jay Johnny Jay's Ann
<u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u>	
October 22 nd Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	October 29 th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Ann Rita

NOTHING

We come with **nothing**.
We go with **nothing**.

But one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is:

*A little remembrance in someone's mind
and a small place in someone's heart.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

## OH GOD OPEN US

*God of Justice open our eyes to see You in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear You in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend You in public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You. Amen.*