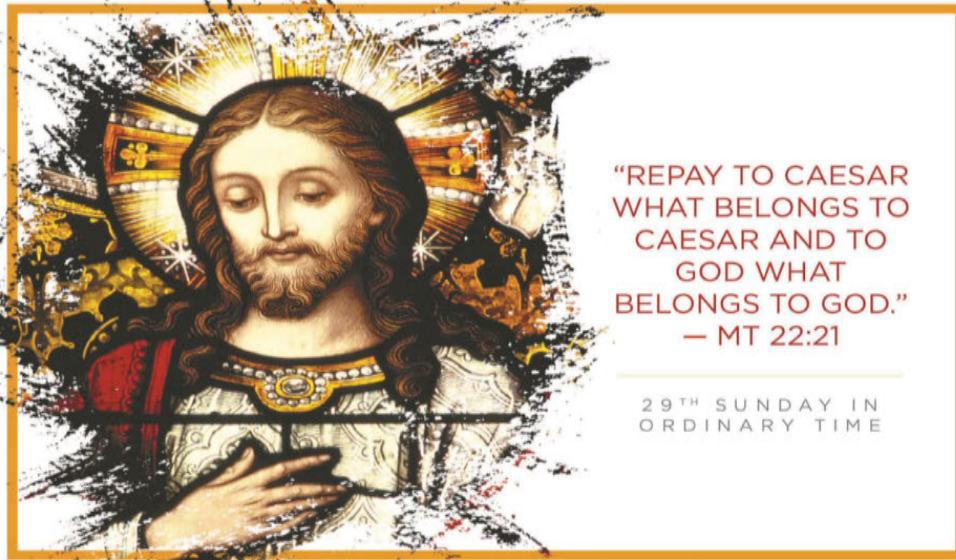


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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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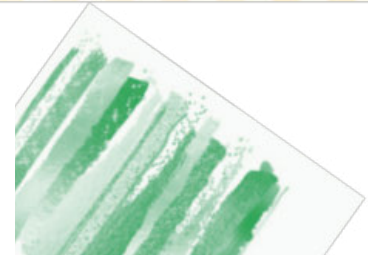
As we pray urgently for peace,  
we recall especially all the  
families and individuals  
suffering from these events.

- Pope Francis

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (7/1/23-9/2/23)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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## Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community  
of St. Francis of Assisi and  
St. Joseph's are called to live  
the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospi-  
tality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service  
to others.

**St. Joseph's Mass Intentions**

**Sat (21) 4 pm**

Bill Bogle + Harry Lattin  
Theresa Donadio + Linda Gibson & Christine Famiano

**Sun (22) 10:30 am**

Stella Ernst + Rosenzweig family  
Garret Hadcock + Angela Fusco  
Patrick James Collins + his family

**Mon (23) 8:30 am**

Rev. Peter A. Scully, Rev. Peter J Kania, Rev. William Byron, Rev. John T Moore, Rev. John G Tracy

**Fri (27) 8:30 am**

Charles Malacynski + Rick, Pat & Dan Fallis  
1 yr wedding anniversary of Lisa & Michael Reali + Mary Pisanti

**Saturday (28) 4 pm**

Neil & Olympia Pisanti & deceased Pisanti family members  
+ Mary Pisanti

**Sun (29) 10:30 am**

Claude DeRossi + Angela Fusco  
Rev. G Warren Elliot + Penny Szumowski  
Russell Doty + Frank & Linda Attreed

**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

**Sun (22) 8:30 am**

Maureen Koval + Rick Koval  
Alma St. Peter + David & Yolanda Gifford  
Gerard Killoran + A friend

**Tuesday (24) 8:30 am**

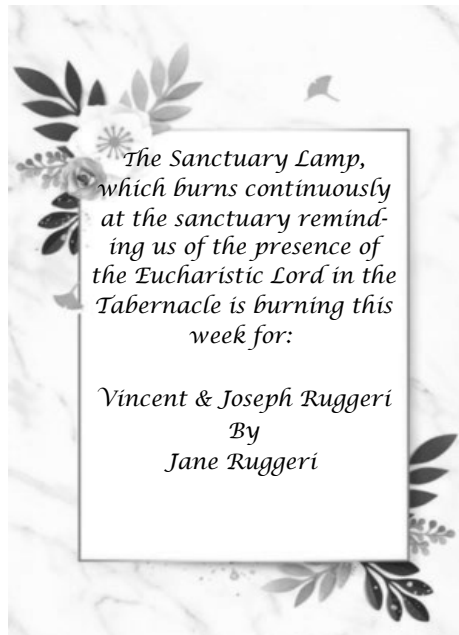
Death anniversary of Robert Sr. & Fanny Lyons + Myrna Lyons  
Araceli Rebanal + Ofie Rebanal  
Consolacion Lopez + Ofie Rebanal  
Birthday of Raphy Rebanal + Ofie Rebanal

**Thursday (26) 8:30 am**

Healing of Beverly Vertucci + A friend

**Sun (29) 8:30 am**

Ann Nealon + Jim & Katy Ryan  
Eileen Blackburn + her family  
Gerard Killoran + David & Yolanda Gifford



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the day** ~ The words from today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," are a reminder of our struggle to integrate our lives as faithful citizens with our lives as faithful Catholics. We are obligated to do both: to bring our faith and our values to all our responsibilities, including our civic ones. May the Eucharist we receive and share today strengthen us in fulfilling our mission in every respect .

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** ~ With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics - *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God - but he is indeed God's. - Father John Muir ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:** God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023:** Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21; Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21; Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38; Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48; Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53; Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59; Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16; Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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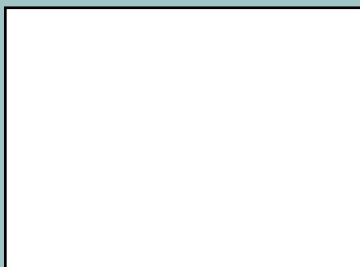



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