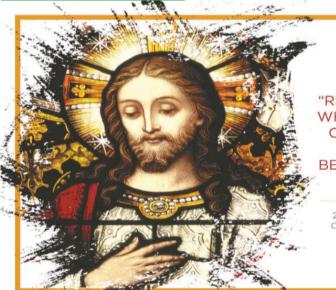
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"REPAY TO CAESAR
WHAT BELONGS TO
CAESAR AND TO
GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD."
— MT 22:21

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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 Hospitality, 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

The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns continuously
at the sanctuary reminding us of the presence of
the Eucharistic Lord in the
Tabernacle is burning this
week for:

Vincent & Joseph Ruggeri
By
Jane Ruggeri

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (22) 8:30 am

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 Eileen Blackburn Gerard Killoran + Jim & Katy Ryan + her family

+ 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

SJ Lector SF Lector

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During October, SJ's Altar Rosary society will pray the Rosary before each weekend Mass, 3:30 pm on Saturdays & 10 am on Sundays.

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Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary 1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary 1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting 1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall 2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

10/20-22 - Auriesville Shrine - NYS Eucharistic Congress 11/23 - Thanksgiving - SF 8:30 Mass SJ 10:30 Mass

12/3 - Advent begins

12/8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ St. Francis' Library ~



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Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the

Thank you to our volunteers which take care of our beautiful grounds.

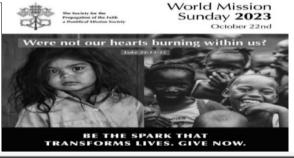
Thank you to: Jim Jankowski, Ron McGivern, Harry Izzo, Rick Milnyczuk, Lou Mannion, Pat Fenton, David Walendziak & everyone else that helped for dedicating part of your summer to keeping our grounds.



nations of pancake syrup, flavored gelatin, & pudding mix.

St. Joseph's has been asked this year with providing turkey gravy for the food baskets whih the food pantry provides to eligible families.

Please drop off all donations in the vestibule or the church office. As always, only food that has not expired will be accepted.



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