



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

Saturday

4:00 pm (English) 6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

10:00 am (English) 12 noon (English & Vietnamese)

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (English)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm 1st & 3rd in English 2nd & 4th in English & Vietnamese

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

The gospel of this Sunday, Matthew 22: 15-21, recalls an exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of his time.

The authorities tried to find way to trap Jesus in a religion-state issue. They resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They came to Jesus with a test to see if he was loyal to his own people or to the foreign rulers.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" (Matthew 22: 16-17)

If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of foreign power. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have their case to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker.

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." (Matthew 22: 18-20)

A common practice in the antiquity and persisted to present time - rulers made coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Jesus, with his own way, avoided the trap by using the image of a coin. At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22: 21)

We can see a good message in the answer of Jesus. That is we are belonged to God. Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are called God's children, so let us all live our life truly as children of God.

God is love. As God's children, let us love each other as God loves us.

God is the truth. Let us live our life with the truth from God.

God is the way. Let us stay in the path that God marks out for us because it will lead us to eternal life.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

DEADLINE FOR PHONE IN MASS RESERVATIONS

Please note that the deadline for phoning in your reservation for weekend Masses is Thursday at 4:30pm. We are unable to honor any requests made after the deadline.

If you have access to the Internet, please go to our website at https://smmchicago.org/parish/ and follow the prompts for signing up for Mass.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

October 11, 2020

| Sunday Envelope Budget | \$8,942.00 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Envelope Actual | \$2,003.00 |
| Loose Money | \$2,493.00 |
| Total Collection | \$4,496.00 |
| Variance | (\$4,446.00) |
| Weekly Budget Amount | |
| Envelopes Used | 49 |

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030 312-534-8230 archchicago.org

October 18, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, the Holy Father reminds us that amid the suffering of the global pandemic, "God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love." Now more than ever, the world looks to us as people of faith to meet the spiritual, physical and economic challenges of our time as witnesses to the saving love of Jesus. In celebrating World Mission Sunday this year, we join with the Universal Church in bringing much needed hope and healing to the areas of our world most afflicted by poverty, instability and the current global health and economic crisis.

Celebrated worldwide on October 18, the World Mission Sunday collection provides charitable support to over 1,000 mission dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These local churches struggle with limited material resources to serve the faithful and spread the Good News of Jesus across Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. The collection also assists local churches and congregations witness the love of Jesus in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Together, we can make World Mission Sunday a moment of hopeful solidarity with the Church throughout the world. While the global pandemic presents our own archdiocese with many challenges, we remain steadfast in our mission to make disciples, build community and inspire witness. The local churches that benefit from the World Mission Sunday collection share in this mission and inspire us in their diligent and joyful service to the Lord. With every wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Afchbishop of Chicago

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

COPING WITH TRANSITIONS: AN ONLINE WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION Monday, October 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Change is one of the only constant things in our lives. But sometimes the stressors associated with change can interfere with our ability to cope, or to transition to a new level of healthy functioning.

Join us, via Zoom, for an online workshop and discussion on this topic. The facilitators are Parish Counselor Mike McCauley and Art Blumberg, who co-chairs the Holy Child Jesus Parish Unification Committee.

Specific topics may include:

coping with isolation and loneliness during the COVID-19 outbreak the grief that follows personal loss and other life transitions the stressors associated with parish reorganization through *Renew My Church* pathways toward building resilience in the face of change

This workshop and discussion will be available via Zoom teleconferencing for anyone who has a computer with a good working camera. To join the meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 19, please click on the following link: https://zoom.us/j/91751037460. Those who wish to participate by phone can join us by dialing 312-626-6799. When asked for a Meeting ID, please enter:

917 5103 7460. For more information, please contact Mike McCauley at 773-234-4640.

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish at St. Timothy, St. Henry, or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so and make your contribution payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to. We are in the process of obtaining a Federal Tax ID number and will then set up our banking accounts. We will keep you informed of our progress.

And if you'd like to make a contribution today, please see the ushers at the break. They have baskets ready for you. We support our faith through our works, our prayers, and our contributions to the parish. Please make a prayerful contribution.

Thank you for your generosity and all that you do for Holy Child Jesus Parish.

FREE FLU SHOT

This Sunday, October 18, flu vaccines are available at St. Margaret Mary from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Weather permitting, flu shots will be given outdoors, in the

courtyard in front of the Rectory. If not, the event will be held in the Activity Center.



FOCUS ON THE WORD

CYCLES OF FAITH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hording, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

BAPTISMS

+Olivia Chinedum Ojinnaka,

daughter of Kiswendsida Wininga & Emmanuella Ojinnaka, received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May her parents and godparents be a light to her life.



Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

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: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5

[3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14

[cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/

Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

[5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/

Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/

Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/

1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 2nd (in English) and 3rd (in Vietnamese) Sundays of the month following the 12 noon Mass.

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have a core group of volunteers at Holy Child Jesus Parish at St. Margaret Mary Church that has done a fantastic job assisting at Mass. We hope to have more of our parishioners so we can expand our group. Volunteering is a way to give back to the parish, to help build our community. You don't have to be here every week—once a month would help us tremendously.

Please call the parish office at (773) 764 -0615 or email Art Blumberg at art.blumberg@hcjp.org for more information.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Julita Trovela

Marie Schmid

Gabriel & Salvador Monteiro

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

1st Communion

Monday, October 19 Ss. John de Brebeuf and

Isaac Jogues

8:00 am James J. Roche

Tuesday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 am Ed Daugherty

Milagros Semilla (living)

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Thursday, October 22 St. John Paul II

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Friday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano

8:00 am Teodora Santos

Saturday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Julita Trovela

Peter Justiano Walllis

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

WOMEN'S CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish continues to participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefitting The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies, and their mothers, from abortion since opening in 1984.

All Baby Bottles are due back next weekend, October 24th & 25th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort, for The Women's Centers. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center.

You can also go directly to the website:GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534.

