



October 18, 2020

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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UPCOMING DATES

Oct 21, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
Oct 25, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Mary Barry, Diane Alvarez, Larry, Gary Carver, Rose Rodenberger, Francine Korn, Paul Aguilar, Jim Jennaro, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, Bill Hatch, Cathy Olsen, Kim Warburton, Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Gabe Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, Virginia Loosli, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Mary Crowther, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Steve Arcia, Renee Snodgrass, Ruben Montano, Robert D. Goudy, Bart Strady, Frank Danzart, Nettie Herbert, Don La Plante, Lee Torr IV, Helen Mik, Len Heinz, Emilio Porta, Allan Barich, Despo Pullaro, Claudette West, Susan Manick Dodge, Dana Couey-Harmon, Allo Castano, Cecilia Heinz, Lawrence Peterson, Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Janine Bekker Carrig, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Dale Roberts & Jessie Vano Penaloza [successful surgery]
Sun 9 am: Joseph Rama-Pritchard⁺ requested by Linda Payne
Sun 11 am: Wade C. Hugham & Jane F. Hugham [health] requested by Linda Payne

READINGS

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

PASTOR'S DESK

What is Caesar's? What is God's? That is the question! It was not only the Pharisees' problem but the Apostles' problem too. And it continues to be the problem of religious men and women through the Ages.

Perhaps most of us are comfortable with the notion that Church and State should be kept separate. But this is not the same as saying religion and politics must be kept apart. A human being does not have two consciences -- one for judging religious questions, one for evaluating political problems. The questions, "What is God's?" and "What is Caesar's?" converge in the one and only conscience of a person who would seek to answer them. ***The conscience that tells him that all men are made in God's image, and all men possess the inherent, God-given right to love and respect, is the same conscience that tells him when to oppose a political system which denies man's intrinsic dignity.***

The story is told of four angels watching God create the world. "Why did He make it?" asked the first. "How did He make it?" asked the second. "Give it to me!" demanded the third. "It's so marvelous! Let me go and take care of it!" said the fourth. The question, "Why did He make it?" is the philosophical approach.

"How did He make it?" is the scientific approach. "Give it to me!" is the selfish approach. "Let me take care of it!" is the religious approach that acknowledges that all is God's. All the lands are God's. All the skies, all the waters, are God's. All the animals are God's. And all the people are God's -- the proud and the humble; the rich and the poor; the Caesars and the subjects, without distinction -- without exception.

Let us acknowledge this everlasting Truth in all that we do. And may our actions speak so loudly what our words can never say.

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the dates: See's Holiday Candy Sales Nov 1st thru Dec 1st. Easy and convenient online sales of See's holiday candies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Benefits St. Elizabeth Parish. Online store opens Nov. 1st and closes Dec. 1st. Further info coming later.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1. Cyrus was a Gentile, yet he permitted the Israelites to return from captivity in Babylon to their homeland. Which people in the last hundred and fifty years have broken down the walls of prejudice and freed oppressed peoples? Were they all Christian? Do you think God chose them? Has God ever chosen you? If so, were you aware of it?

2. Could God be "grasping the right hand" of scientists "though they know him not," who are trying to find cures for the pandemic and solutions for the global warming crisis, and of activists trying to stop racial injustice?

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

1. Do the following help in your reception of the word:

- presence of the Holy Spirit;
- people living the gospel with conviction?

Compare and contrast these:

- receiving the word as way of life
- receiving the word as a code of conduct.

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2. St. Paul says, "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." What is more important: thinking about the word or acting upon it? Where does the power to act come from?

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

1. In this Gospel reading, are the Pharisees more interested in taxes or in undermining Jesus' influence? Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? "Can we divorce spiritual obligation from political policies ... or social issues?"*

* Joan Chittister *The Time Is Now*, p. 57

2. Pope Francis says Caesar's image is on the coin, but we are all created in the image and likeness of God. To whom do we all ultimately belong? How would a Christian illuminate the world's human and social problems with the Light of the Holy Spirit?

Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar"; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him. ... to live earthly life to the fullest, and to meet its challenges with courage.

Pope Francis, *The Angeles*, Oct. 22, 2017

PARISH DONATIONS

	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
Oct 11		
St. Elizabeth	\$1,673.00	\$513.00
St. Catherine	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Colman	\$374.00	\$147.00
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1st Collection: general expenses, maintenance & diocese.
2nd Collection: parish restoration & repair. Approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday of the month, this benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall	Canceled until further notice
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	October 21 st
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	October 25 th