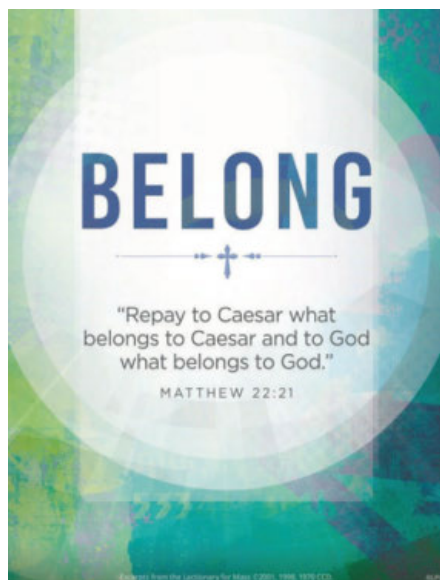




## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 week's 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

October 22, 2023

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena  
**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Tue** 7pm  
**Wed-Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 3:30-4:30pm  
**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
**Tuesday** 6:30-6:50pm  
**Wed-Fri** Before 8:00 am daily Mass  
Or by appointment, call parish office

### Adoration

**Wed** 5pm-8pm



## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

## FROM OUR PASTOR :

### Purgatorial Society at St Helena and St Patrick's

*And making a gathering, he [Judas Maccabeus] sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection, (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead,) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. (2 Maccabees 12:43-46)*

Purgatorial societies are not very common today, but they are beginning to make a comeback. What is a purgatorial society in the Catholic Church? Broadly speaking, a purgatorial society is an association of Catholic laypeople, religious, and/or priests who work together to assist the poor souls in Purgatory. Through prayers for the dead, Masses for the dead, and other acts of charity, the members of purgatorial societies attempt to receive indulgences applicable to the souls in Purgatory, thus reducing their time in Purgatory and hastening their entrance into Heaven.

#### The Origin of the Purgatorial Society

In the Middle Ages, purgatorial societies were very popular, and entire religious orders were devoted to relieving the suffering of the poor souls in Purgatory. But with the Protestant Reformation and the attack of the reformers on the doctrine of Purgatory, interest in the purgatorial society began to wane.

In recent years, however, some parishes have begun to revive the purgatorial society for the members of the parish. This usually takes the form of a series of Masses (often ten) offered in November, the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, or through out the year. Parish members enroll their faithful departed, friends and family, in the purgatorial society, and those names are placed on the altar when the Masses are offered.



So, at St Helena and St Patrick's, the Purgatorial Society is an opportunity for you to have your loved one(s) remembered at the monthly First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m., and 5:15 pm at St Patrick's throughout the year. Names enrolled for the year are also remembered at Mass offered on All Souls Day. A free will offering will be accepted for names enrolled into the Society. The list of those enrolled will be placed on the altar of the Church when the Mass is offered.

The Church considers the Mass to be the greatest possible prayer of intercession, as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father. Saint Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed that all of the monasteries associated with Cluny offer special prayers for the souls in Purgatory on November 2 (or at a Votive Mass of the Dead scheduled during the month of November). We stand in this tradition. At the Purgatorial Society Masses we will ask Jesus Christ to intercede on behalf of our loved ones that "Perpetual light may shine on them, and that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace."



- 10 - 22 - 3:00pm Litany, Rosary and Chaplet
- 10 - 22 - RCIA class at the church center 6:00—7:30pm
- 10 - 24 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 10 - 25 - Adoration 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Simple Supper 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
K - 6 CCD - 6:30 - 7:30, 7th - 12 grade CCD 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 11-28/29 - All K of C members of are asked to pray a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

## Dropped Host

**Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is:

How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). @LPi



## 6 WAYS TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH DEVOTION

Inspired by St. Josemaria's personal example, following are six ways to pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to her:

1. Pray the rosary daily privately or with friends and family.
2. Pray the rosary during the day—try not to postpone it until the end of the day or bedtime.
3. If possible, use a book like "Holy Rosary" or an audio recording of the Rosary to help you enter more deeply into each mystery.
4. When praying the family rosary, especially with young children, use a booklet or app that shows an image for each mystery of the rosary.
5. When you see an image of Our Lady at home, on the street or in Church, direct a glance at it and send her an affectionate interior prayer or greeting.
6. Make a pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine dedicated to Mary.

By St. Josemaria Institute

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question:** Who is the person that Mary appeared to in Guadalupe, Mexico?

**Answer:** Juan Diego

## KNIGHTS NEWS

## Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life

All members of St Helena Council 13533 are to individually offer a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life on NOV 28 & 29 2023. Thank you for your cooperation!!

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

## Center and Kitchen Cleaning:

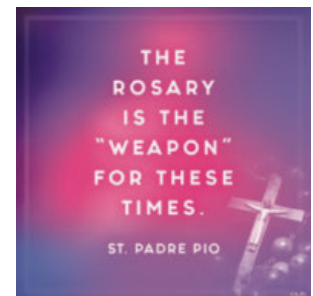
Altar Society Ladies and St. Helena's men: Please consider helping with cleaning duties of our center and kitchen. A list is posted in the kitchen on the bulletin board of duties that need to be completed. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time. Would like to have cleaning done by October 31.

## St. Helena Raffle - 2024

We are seeking donations for the 2024 raffle that will be held on September 15, 2024. Any individual interested in donating, please let Kathy, Michele or Bernie know.

## Circle Officers

There is a sign-up sheet in the church entry. Please consider helping your circle out by volunteering to be a circle chair or caller for 1 month.



## 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.

## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Usher	Volunteer	Austin Flynn
Collection		Richard Reis
Lector	Volunteer	Mary Johnson
<b>EMHC</b>		Richard Reis
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Steinwand Family
Altar Servers		Devin

**Breakfast servers for October**

First one on the list contact the others

Oct 29	Knights of Columbus
Nov 5	Isaiah & Ivan C, Jack B, Devin W

## WEEKLY GIVING

**Sunday Oct 15**

Adult	750.
Children	7.00
Plate	42.
<b>Total</b>	<b>799.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday Oct 29 (10:30am)**

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Kacey & Amy A
Altar Servers	Allen
Rosary Leader	Ruby

**For the Month of October**

Collection Counters	Christy and Alana
Church Cleaners	Amy A and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	Date TBA

**God's Gift Appeal 2023**

*This is MY BODY that is for you*

Report as of 10-6-23

St. Helena's: \$7950. 42.11% participation, 41.98% of goal

St. Patrick's: \$13,115.45 39.29% participation, 198.12% of goal

**Thank you for your support!**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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### Tues. Oct 24

7:00 pm (St. H)    Sr Maria

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### Wed. Oct 25

8:00 am (St. H)    +Sylvester&Marie Radermacher

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### Thur. Oct 26

8:00 am (St. H)    +Marv Grueneich

9:00 am (St. P)    +Marvin Grueneich

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### Fri. Oct 27

8:00am (St H)    +Ann Brokaw

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### Sat. Oct 28

5:00pm (St H)    +Sylvester&Marie Radermacher

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### Sun. Oct 29

8:30am (St. H)    Sr Veronica

10:30am (St P)    All Parishioners

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