



**Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees set a trap for Jesus in today's gospel, when they said: *"Teacher, we know 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."*

We should stop right there for a moment because this one verse itself has a lot of truth in it, and a lot of guidance for us as well. Jesus wasn't concerned with anyone's opinion of him. How much of our lives do we spend trying to win the approval of other people? If we honestly look at our lives, we will probably see many things that we do to look better in other people's eyes. We want to win the approval of our boss, or our parents, or the neighbors, etc. So we get fresh haircuts, work on a decent wardrobe, get good grades in school, work hard at sports in school, or work overtime on a project that is important to the boss. Many of us put our best foot forward in the neighborhood

with a manicured lawn or a fresh coat of paint on the house too. And everything has to be just perfect for the holidays when we have guests over for dinner.

Why do we spend so much of our lives trying to win the approval of others? Jesus didn't. He also didn't care about a person's status in life, their place in society or how much money they had. Jesus also chose uneducated simple fishermen to be his Apostles, along with a tax collector and a doctor. A thriving Catholic community is also like this. The second reading today alluded to this concept too, when Saint Paul wrote:

*"For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction."*

Together, our different gifts accomplish God's will on earth and builds up the Body of Christ, and this doesn't happen under our own steam. The Holy Spirit guides the church.

Of course the Pharisees didn't see things this way. They were out to get Jesus, by posing a trick question to him:

*"Is it lawful to the pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"*

Notice that Jesus didn't go into a lengthy explanation, or get into an argument with the Pharisees, but he obviously thought about what he was going to say before he said it. What a brilliant answer! On one side of the question was the Herodians who served King Herod, and of course they thought the temple tax should be paid. On the other side of the coin is the Jews who resented paying the temple tax. Jesus was caught in the middle. But his one line answer confounded both sides:

*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

~ acatholic.org



~ ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~

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**MASS SCHEDULES**

(Main Church)

Monday ~ Communion Service Only, 8:00 AM  
Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM  
Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM  
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**DEVOTION**

The Holy Rosary is said 35 minutes before Mass

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**THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

*The Proclamation Of The Kingdom And The Call  
To Conversion*

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." ~ Mark 1:14-15

**C**onversion. The Greek word for converting means: to rethink-to question one's own and common way of living; to allow God to enter into the criteria of one's life; to not merely judge according to the current opinions. Thereby, to convert means: not to live as all others live, not do what all do, not feel justified in dubious, ambiguous, evil actions just because others do the same; begin to see one's life through the eyes of God; thereby looking for the good, even if uncomfortable; not aiming at the judgment of the majority, of men, but on the justice of God-in other words: to look for a new style of life, a new life.

All of this does not imply moralism; reducing Christianity to morality loses sight of the essence of Christ's message: the gift of a new friendship, the gift of communion with Jesus and thereby with God. Whoever converts to Christ does not mean to create his own moral autarchy for himself, does not intend to build his own goodness through his own strengths.

"Conversion" (metanoia) means exactly the opposite: to come out of self-sufficiency to discover and accept our indigence-the indigence of others and of the Other, his forgiveness, his friendship. Unconverted life is self-justification (I am not worse than others); conversion is humility in entrusting oneself to the love of the Other, a lover that becomes the measure and the criteria of my own life.

~ *Pope Benedict XVI* (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger)

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THIS WEEK: \$2,256.00

LAST WEEK: \$2,464.00

**MAHALO!**

*We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.*

**2020 SCHEDULES**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**



**GROUP 4**

**Saturday, October 17**

\* Marisol Chang

Marcy Heafner ~ Gina Cushnie

Arlette Aki ~ Blossom Meria

**GROUP 5**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

\* Ginny Jordan

Celine Asato ~ Barbara & Edwin Guieb

Anne Yee ~ Perlita Baron

**LECTORS**



**Saturday, October 17, 2020** ~ Randy Tom, Sr. Marykuty

**Saturday, October 24, 2020** ~ Scott Bell, Randy Tom

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

**7:30 A.M.** ~ Kolby Yamamoto, Chester Hughes

**10:00 A.M.** ~ Arlette Aki, Mary Tom

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**7:30 A.M.** ~ Patti Silva, David Choo

**10:00 A.M.** ~ Wesley Fong, Frank Jordan

**MUSIC FOR OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2020**

**ENTRANCE:**

All The Ends Of The Earth ~ #550

Sing A New Song ~ #545

He Is The Lord ~ #553



**PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

Endless Is Your Love ~ #487

Shelter Me, O God ~ #464

This Alone ~ #403

**COMMUNION:**

Bread Of Life ~ #368

Like A Shepherd ~ #606

Prayer Of St. Francis ~ #525

**SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH:**

Stand By Me ~ #727

We Are Called ~ #616

With One Voice ~ #384



## Spiritual Eye Doctor

**May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call...**

Ephesians 1:18

For as long as I can remember, I have struggled to see. Due to poor eyesight, my childhood memories are cloudy with blurry lines. As an adult, I frequently give thanks to God for corrective lenses that allow me to see the world with crispness and clarity.

Yet I wonder: *What are the "eyes of my heart" seeing? Where is my gaze fixed? How might my spiritual vision become clearer if I allowed God to be my spiritual eye doctor?*

Perhaps, by God's grace, I could see the right order of things. Hopefully, as my trust in God's authority increases, I will more fully appreciate the beauty of God's designs.

~ Sr. Julia Walsb, F.S.P.A.



## "LIVING FAITH" Daily Catholic Devotions

Sunday, October 18, 2020

[www.livingfaith.com](http://www.livingfaith.com)

St. Luke, Evangelist

## We're All in This Together

**Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace...** 1 Thessalonians 1:1

On a Friday night, I was driving to pick up my son, who had been serving Mass at a retreat house, when a "thunka-thunka" made itself felt. Yes, a flat tire. There I was, three miles from my son, who had no phone. To make it worse, he was waiting for me at a convent where they often didn't answer the landline phone.

What to do? I called a neighbor and asked him to come help me change the tire. I called a friend and asked her to bring my son to where I was. I wasn't crazy about bothering folks at that time of night, but if I'd been called on the same kind of mission, I wouldn't have mind helping. We're all in this together. We need help, we give help. Paul didn't travel the known world inviting people to solitary relationships with God. He called them into community: into the body of Christ, called by him, there for each other.

*Jesus, thank you for the communion of your Body, the Church.*

~ Amy Welborn

*"I wish I had a voice loud enough to tell all the sinners of the world to love Mary. She is the ocean across which one must travel in order to reach Jesus."*

~ Saint Padre Pio



**Sunday, October 18**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

✠ Tony & Sarah Louis

✠ Francis Nagasawa

**Healing Prayers For:**

Bernard Ho

**10:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Steve Aki ~ ✠ Al Tagab

✠ Vera Asbitomi

✠ Karen Lee

✠ Salvador Solidum

✠ Sam Chun

✠ Helena Kim

✠ David Breslin

✠ Angela Pascual

**Healing Prayers For:**

Nancy Contrades

Mary Souza

Stephanie Baron



**Monday, October 19**

**8:00 A.M. Communion Service**

✠ For the Deceased Of The Parish



**Tuesday, October 20**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Henry Ryan (Birthday)



**Wednesday, October 21**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

For the Homebound of the Parish



**Thursday, October 22**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

For the Sick of the Parish



**Friday, October 23**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

**Birthday Blessings For:**

Tina Welch

**Healing Prayers For:**

Wayne Silva

**Saturday, October 24**



**8:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Don Yee

**Special Prayers For:**

The 78<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Of  
MSMHC

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

✠ Doreen & Francis Chia

✠ Nancy & Raymond Tom

✠ Betty Lowe

✠ Beatrice Tom

✠ All the Souls in Purgatory

**Healing Prayers For:**

David & Olivia Houle

John Paul, George

And Marian Houle

**Healing Prayers For:**

Paula Carrington



## Prayer Requests

### For The Sick & The Homebound

Nancy Asato, Paula Carrington, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

### ✠ For The Deceased Of The Parish ✠

Steve Aki, Kenneth Asato, Ron & Tomiko Asato, Vera Asbitomi, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Sam Chun, Steve Fujii, Eileen Green, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Karen Lee, Frederick Lum, Salvador Solidum, Al Tagab, Beatrice Tom, Gladys Wong, Jack Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee

"A Catholic may sin and sin as badly as anyone else, but no genuine Catholic ever denies he is a sinner. A Catholic wants his sins forgiven — not excused or sublimated."

~ Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings from Breaking Bread™ 2020  
October 18, 2020

**FIRST READING** ~ Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 (145A)

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** ~ Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8,

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**SECOND READING** ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

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**GOSPEL** ~ Matthew 22:15-21

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### RESPECT LIFE

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

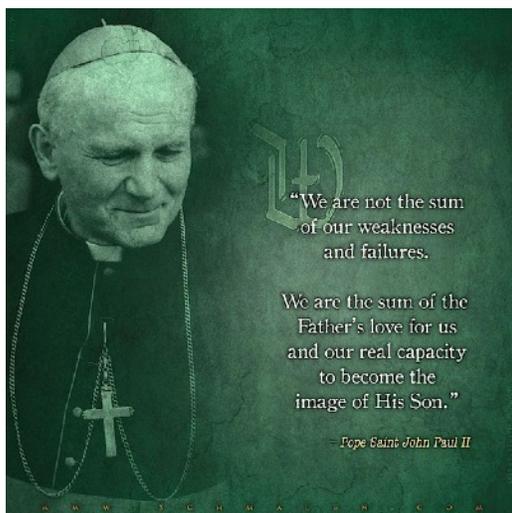
#### The Majesty of God's Creation

"All of us here today understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together, we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and sanctity of every human life.

"When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world."

**Donald Trump, 2020 March for Life, January 24, 2020.**

**NOTE:** President Trump was the first American president to attend and speak at a *National March for Life* in Washington, DC



### DAILY READINGS



**Monday, October 19**

Ephesians 2:1-10

*Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues,  
Priests & Companions, Martyrs*



**Tuesday, October 20**

Ephesians 2:12-22

*St. Paul of the Cross*



**Wednesday, October 21**

Ephesians 3:2-12



**Thursday, October 22**

Ephesians 3:14-21

*St. Pope John Paul II*



**Friday, October 23**

Ephesians 4:1-6

*St. John of Capistrano*



**Saturday, October 24**

Ephesians 4:7-16

*St. Anthony Mary Claret*

[catholicreadings.org](http://catholicreadings.org)



## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020



BREAKING BREAD™

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 22:20-26 (148A)

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-3, 47, 51

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**SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

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**GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:34-40

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### MEDITATION OF THE DAY

#### Recognizing Whose Image And Inscription We Bear

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**I** Caterina, servant and slave of the servants of Jesus Christ, am writing to you in his Precious Blood. I long to see you true sons and trumpeters of the incarnate Word, God's Son, not only with your voices but in your actions. Learn from the Master of truth, who preached virtue only after he had practiced it. In this way you will produce fruit and will be channels through whom God will offer his grace within hearts of those who hear you.

Realize that it is impossible for us either to learn about or to have the good life, or to be hungry for God's honor and the salvation of souls, unless we go to the school of the Word, the Lamb slain and abandoned on the cross, because it is there that the true teaching is found. This is what he said: *I am way and truth and life.* And no one can go to the Father except through him. Let your mind's eye be opened to see, and unplug your ears and listen to the teaching he gives you. Look at yourselves, for in him you find yourselves and in yourselves, him. What I mean is that you will find yourselves in him in what he is creating you in his own image and likeness—gratuitously, and not because he owes it to you—and within yourselves you will discover God's boundless goodness in having taken on our likeness by the union the divine nature has effected with our human nature. Let our hearts explode wide open, then, as we contemplate a flame and fire of love so great that God has engrafted himself into us and us into himself! Oh unimaginable love! It would be enough if we had even appreciated it! To this wonderful school, then, my sons! For this energy and love will lead you on and will be your life!

~ *Saint Catherine of Siena*

*Saint Catherine of Siena (†1380), Doctor of the Church, was a Dominican, stigmatist, and papal counselor.*

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*"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time. And always start with the person nearest you."*

~ *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*