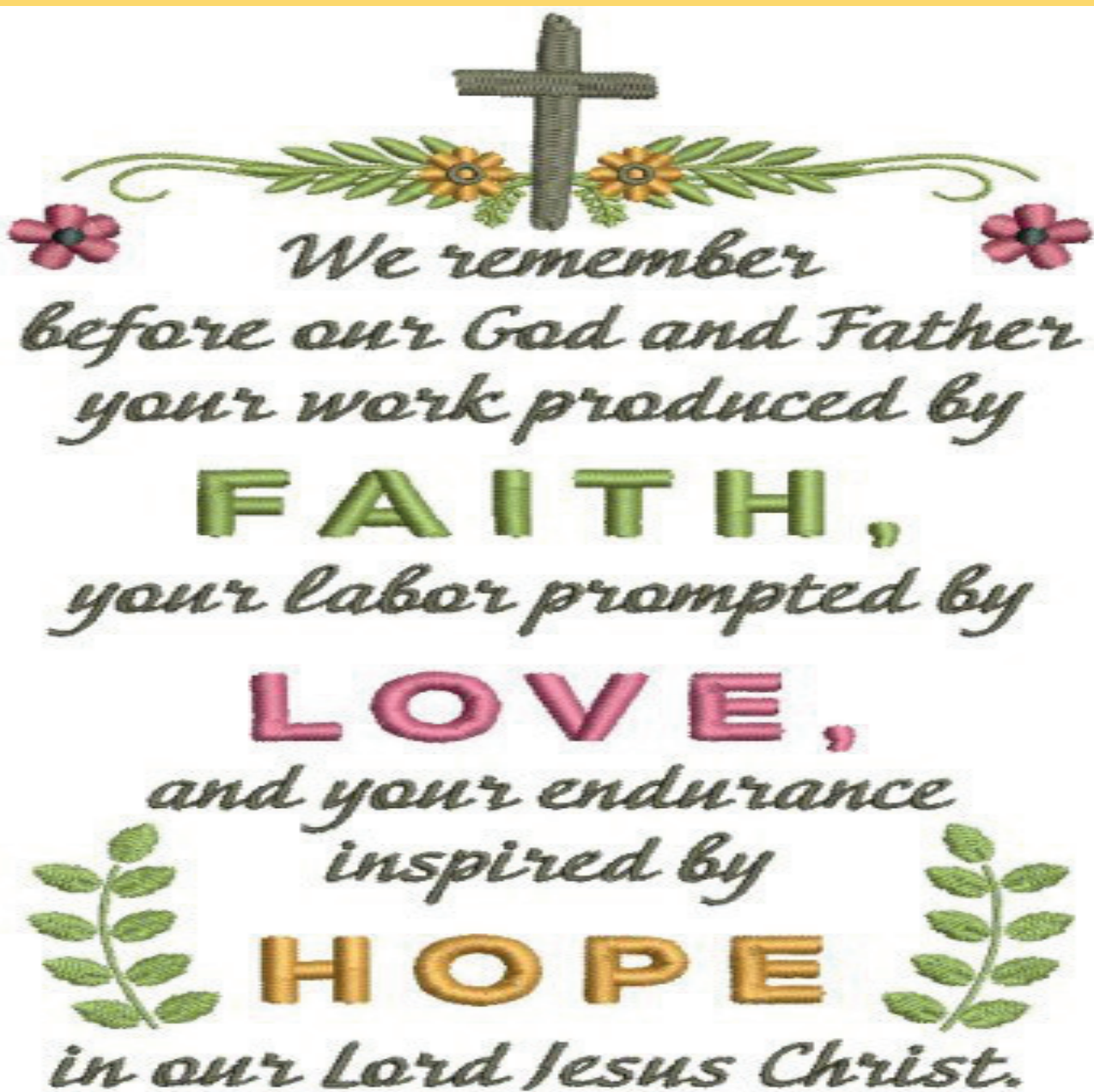


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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Camp-O-Ween—Saturday 12:00 p.m. on church grounds

PSR—No Class

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	20,989.00
Extraordinary Income	1,758.71
Expenses	18,450.43
Total	\$4,297.28

thank you

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER NEEDS

This month, the Center needs the following donations to help their clients:

New electric breast pumps

Similac Neosure and Sensitive baby formula

New or gently used clothing needed:

Boy & Girl summer outfits: Newborn, 6-9 and 12 month sizes; girl & boy 6-9 and 12 month size onesies; boy 6-12 month size shorts; girl summer and 12 month size sleepers

Maternity clothes: XL and Plus sizes only

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Ed & Carol Wallace, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 23

(Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 24

(Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38)

8:00 a.m. Phillip Gremillion†

Wednesday, October 25

(Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 26

(Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)

8:00 a.m. Barbara Roszczynialski†

Friday, October 27

(Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59)

8:00 a.m. Vaughn & Patti Gay

Saturday, October 28

(Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Sylvester & Lois Franzella†, George† & Karen Dickerson, Ana Maria Guerrero†, D.J. Bourgeois†, Lawrence Otillio†, Dan† & Carolyn Jocks, Ramon Garay, Jr., Glenn Bunting, Gail & Ramon Garay, Sr.†, Bennie Garay†, Lisa Garay

Sunday, October 29

(Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40)

7:00 a.m. Teresa Nguyen Thi Chien

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Rosary Marchese†, H.T. Stottman†, JC Spiers†, Altar Society Members, CJ Lightell†, Bonnie Aguilar, Danny Fontenot†, Kelley Milam†, Lawrence Otillio†, Fr. Kevin DeLerno, Glen Parker†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 241

Year to Date: 15,820



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY

Father will bless Crawford Cemetery and the cemetery at William's Funeral Home on All Soul's Day, Thursday, November 2, 2023. He will bless Crawford at 9:30 a.m. and William's at 10:15 a.m. If you would like a family member's grave to be blessed at either of these, please be at the gravesite so that Father can walk to you to bless individual sites.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Christian stewards acknowledge the Lord as the one, true God. Through prayer and discernment, we should strive to discover what the Lord is calling us to do.

Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

As good stewards, what gifts do we have to offer back to God?

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Christian stewards pray in thanksgiving to God and also for the intentions of others. We are chosen by God to grow in faith and to love one another through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-21

Everything comes from God, including civil authority. Jesus guides us on the way to be good stewards of God's gifts and good citizens.

Stewardship Thought

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give *"to Caesar what belongs to Caesar."* Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving *"to God what belongs to God"*? See Matthew 22:21 (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 14).

"HE ALONE IS LORD"

In the scriptures, being anointed usually meant you were a prophet or king of Israel. Anointing was a sign that God had chosen you for that job. But it was almost unheard of to call a king from another country anointed. So why is Cyrus given that title? Cyrus was king of Persia when the Babylonians held the people of Israel captive. God used him to defeat the Babylonians and eventually bring the Israelites back to their homes.

In our first reading, we hear the Lord's words to Cyrus about God's plan for Israel. Notice that God is in charge: telling Cyrus what God will do, making other kings run from him, opening doors or gates that might have blocked Cyrus' armies—all for a king who doesn't even know God. Cyrus only knew the Persian gods. That is why the reading says several times that there is no God but the LORD.

One thing this tells us is that God can work through anyone, not just saints and religious. Any time someone does a good deed, God is behind it. Just as God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, God can use governments to protect the poor, to help rebuild after disasters, to defend freedom.

In that sense, we can understand what Jesus says about payment to Caesar and to God. Since everything belongs to God, that should be our first allegiance. When a government does not protect the weakest or the rights of the poor, it should be accountable. But when God works through governments, we can give some support to them by such activities as voting, or paying taxes. Let us ask God to work through us also, helping us to proclaim that God alone is LORD.

Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sadly, one of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been one of the most thorough and beautiful: the sacrament of penance. Because it is individual and private, it has been difficult for the changes to take root. Sometimes a priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and at other times the penitent may resist the priest's attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals.

Perhaps because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old, it has been difficult to institute. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far more clear that the Eucharist, too, is a "sacrament of reconciliation."

It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. Sometimes a difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding. Yet we know that one bad meal seldom puts people off restaurants forever: the dinner gong tends to dispel bad memories, and so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven't been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

PASTOR'S CORNER ON THE ITALY PILGRIMAGE: DAY ONE

So plenty of people have asked me about the pilgrimage to Italy. In the next few pastors corners, I will tell you all about the beautiful and wonderful trip to the Holy Places and museums in Italy. I will give a day by day trip analysis of the top sights that we visited.

The first day of our pilgrimage. after an overnight flight, we landed in Milan Italy where we went on a tour of the Sforzesco Castle, built in the 15th century by Francesco Sforza, Duke of Milan. This castle is a very imposing building with high walls and parapets. As we approached the castle, the first thing we saw was one of the square towers and the castle wall. As we arrived close we saw a railing around what was the remains of a moat for the castle. Currently it is dry and drops down about 15-20 feet to the grass at the bottom. Inside of the castle is a courtyard that would have been used during medieval times for selling various items like livestock or leather goods. Some years ago during renovations there were found on the inner walls and on the ceiling plenty of beautiful painted artwork. Apparently sometime in the past plaster had been applied that covered the paintings. The artwork was of various styles of the coat of arms of Duke Francesco which shows the style and history of the place combined with Milanese flair. In one of the rooms was a small museum that housed the last marble statue carved by Michelangelo before he died at the age of 91. The statue was not completed, but it was another version of the Pieta from the one we usually see that he carved. My first thought was that at 90 years old Michelangelo was still carving stone statues. My second thought was that I have never seen the unfinished rough work of carving a statue in stone. You could see the tool work from a three pronged fork like tool used to carve away the outer layer of the stone before a smaller chisel was used for more delicate work you could see all of the way down to the sanding of the last layer that made it look like skin. There was even one part of the statue where Michelangelo must have changed his mind and left an arm that was out of place, obviously meant to be cut off of the finished piece.

The next place that we visited this day was the Church of Santa Maria Delle Grazie where we would celebrate Mass. Now I must note that every church in Italy that we saw was very beautiful with paintings hung on the walls as well as artwork just painted onto the walls. There were plenty of statues, some carved from stone, some made with plaster, and columns with vaulted ceilings as well as a few domed ceilings. We celebrated mass in the side chapel, which had beautiful paintings of Mary with an angel on both sides of her. There was also a depiction of God, the Father, surrounded by angels painted over the altar on the vaulted ceiling. The side columns in the chapel were adorned with marble carvings of the bust of angels. In the main part of the church, there was a domed ceiling with stylized cartwheels around paintings of the saints. There was a side altar with relics of the nativity, as well as, several paintings depicting the nativity. One side of the altar had an almost life size statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as, a statue of the Blessed Virgin holding baby Jesus. There was also a painting of St Martin de Porres in intense prayer before a crucifix. In this painting, he was several feet off of the ground levitating and caressing the body of Jesus on the cross. The altar of this church was beautifully carved with angels and a leafy pattern with fleur de lis.

Since my brother and I attended the pilgrimage, we took turns celebrating mass each day. The first day I celebrated mass as he concelebrated.

That night after checking into the hotel, our guide Maria took us to a traditional Italian restaurant and treated us to traditional Italian food, which consisted to four courses, with flat bread and loaves of bread. There was a course of cheese balls and other cheese, cheese pizza and fish. All of this was cooked in a traditional Italian way.

This first day was shorter than the rest of the 8 days because the time difference of seven hours back in Louisiana. That being said, there is more to come about the eight days that we spent in Italy on Pilgrimage.



Church of Santa
Maria Delle Grazie



Church of Santa
Maria Delle Grazie Baptismal Font



Sforzesco Castle and moat



BEAUTIFICATION DAY NOVEMBER 4TH

Many hands make light work! Come join us for our Church Beautification day on Saturday, November 4th at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church beginning with prayer and breakfast at 7:00 am.

Bring your work gloves, rakes, hand trimmers, hedge trimmers, weed eaters, and wheel barrows.

Stick around after the work day for lunch and fellowship at 12:00 p.m.



WHAT IS GOD'S

There is a Bible verse on my calendar for the current month that states, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be" (Matthew 6:21). The "treasures" of Earth eventually fade and pass away.

In today's Gospel, we encounter the Herodians and Pharisees joining together against Christ. The treasure in this case, a coin, had the image of Caesar on it. While notoriously at odds with one another, in this case, the Herodians and Pharisees do have something very much in common: a love of the things of this world. Their priorities are their law and traditions, and love for those outside their ways is set aside.

Many times I must admit I also mistakenly get distracted. I must ask myself over and over, am I of this world or of the Kingdom? Do we belong to our selfish pride, or dedicate every last breath to God alone? The penny that may have at one point seemed to have so much value quickly became worthless. So too with all the status and fame one derives from fortune and reputation.

Remarkably, Christ teaches us to give to Caesar what is Caesar's - the money, the worldly possessions - and to God, what is God's. Give to God what is God's. We ourselves are created in the image and likeness of God. Not much has changed in today's world where our priorities are often misled. As parents we concentrate on our reputation in the workplace, or financial status, rather than spending our time with those God has entrusted to us. Christ reminds us that true disciples do not find themselves belonging to the chains of money and possessions but to God alone.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



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