Scheduled Mass

Sunday, 10-18-20
9:00 am Vincent & Carmela Albano by Dennis Spina
Taylor Barash by Dennis Spia
11:00 am Antonina Colarossi by Italo
1:30 pm Portuguese Mass
5:00 pm Dominick Rubino by Karen & Michele Campione

Monday, 10-19-20-St John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
12:05 pm Sarah Margiotta by Mom

Tuesday, 10-20-20- St Paul of the Cross
12:05 pm Noe Pisani by Daughter & Family

Wednesday, 10-21-20
12:05 pm Joseph Moran by Wife
06:30 pm Miroslaw Wisniewski

Thursday, 10-22-2 St. John Paul II
12:0 pm Joseph Berte by Daughter, Tina

Friday, 10-23-20- St John of Capistrano
12:05 pm Vincent Mascola by Daughter, Angela
Gia Christine Gamba by Mother, Jean

Saturday, 10-24-20-St. Anthony Mary Claret; B.V.M.
5:00 pm David Zornetsky by Angela Mascola

Sunday, 10-18-20 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Florence & Anthony Amarosa by Amarosa Family
11:00am Nina Cipollini by Emily & Irene Oliva
1:30pm Portuguese mass
5:00pm Tina Campione by Daughters

Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended per His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, since everyone may not be comfortable coming to Mass at this time.

You MUST wear a face covering (mask) and keep it on throughout the entire Mass. This includes over 2 years old.

Just a Reminder – No Physical Contact during the Sign of Peace.

Let Us Continue To Pray For Each Other

Bread & Wine – Minnie Frevola & Lucia Grieco

2021 Mass Book will open on October 15, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

First Reading
Isaiah 45:1,4-6
The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 96:1,3-10
Sing praise to the Lord.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:15-21
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes

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Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

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