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**29th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:20-21



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – October 19, (St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, & Companions)

7:45 AM + Souls of Purgatory

TUESDAY – October 20, (Weekday)

5:30 PM + Tom Derrico req. by Elise Markham & Sylvia DeLaurie

WEDNESDAY – October 21, (Weekday)

7:45 AM + Thanksgiving to St. Mary's Parishioners

THURSDAY – October 22, (Weekday)

7:45 AM No Daily Mass

FRIDAY – October 23, (Weekday)

No Daily Mass

SATURDAY – October 24, (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 PM + James W. Reagan

+ Paul DeCeglie req. by Joe & Lori Tesoriere & Family

+ Mary Ann Jacobson

req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Garrison & Family

SUNDAY – October 25, (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM + Pro Populo

+ Rebecca Dobie req. by Husband, Phil

+ Patricia Butler req. by Sylvia & Larry DeLaurie

10:00 AM + John M. Scensny req. by Dad & Lu Ann

+ Daniel Lehane req. by K of C #246

12 Noon + Spec. Int. of St Mary's Students, Faculty, & Staff



Readings for the week of
October 18

Sunday: We are God's; we belong to him. Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Grace from God is free, undeserved, and available to all of us. Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Be vigilant and prepared for Christ to come again. Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85/Lk 12:35-38

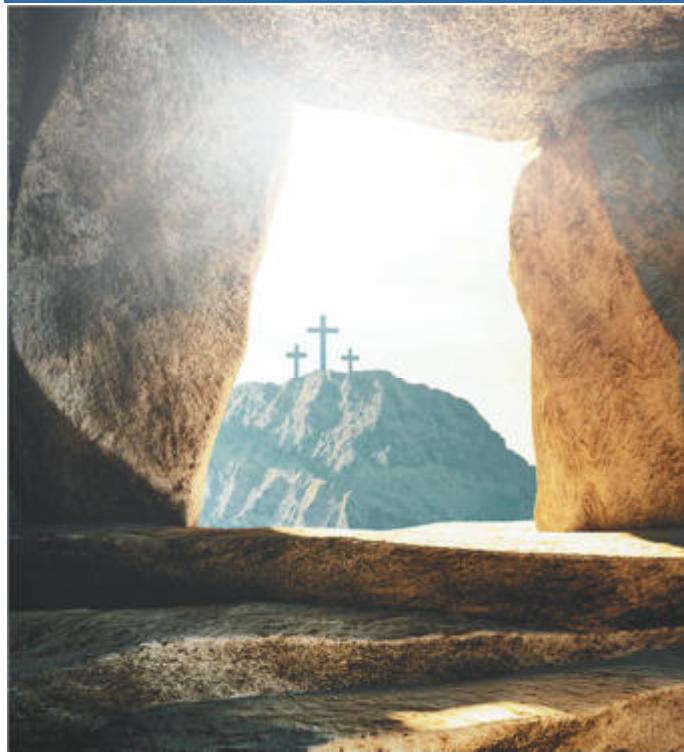
Wednesday: Be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man. Eph 3:2-12/Is 12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: We can do far more than we can imagine when we are rooted and grounded in Jesus' love. Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: What is our call and how do we live it? Love. Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: God expects us to bear fruit from the gifts he gives us by growing more like him and building up his Church. Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Fidelity to God's two great commandments sets a good example for others to follow. Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



Resurrection of the Dead

Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our

resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul! LPI

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I am the LORD, there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not. (Is 45:1, 5)

PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much
conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

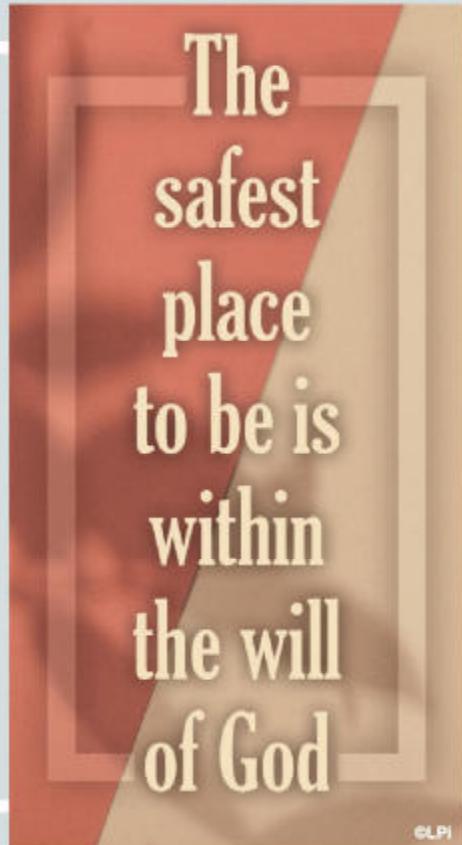
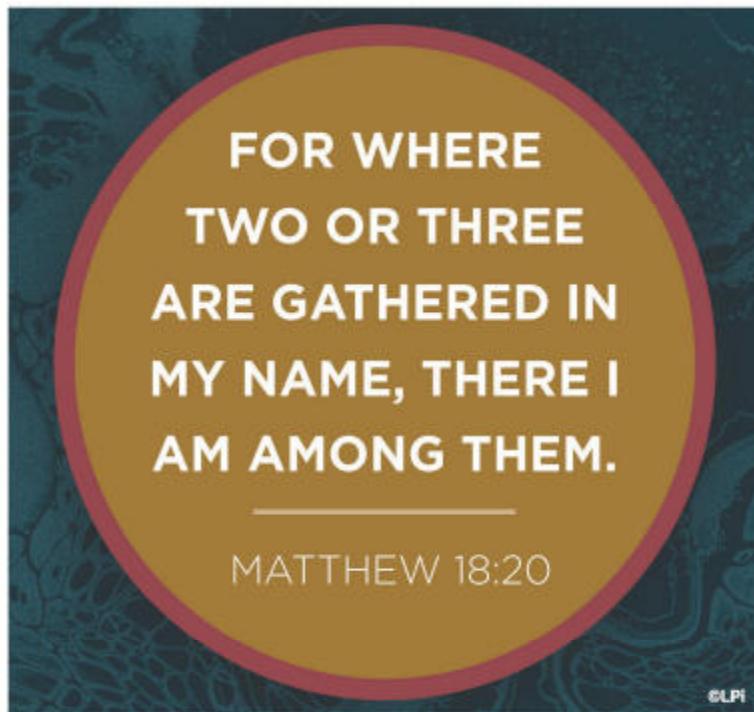
GOSPEL:

At that Jesus said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Paul II, Pope
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Cyrus was king of the mighty Persian Empire (559-529 BC) while Israel was exiled in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah revealed God would use Cyrus to free Israel from captivity. What lesson do you think Israel was supposed to learn from this revelation?

SECOND READING:

In his opening remarks in First Thessalonians, Paul speaks of the power and conviction with which he preached the gospel to them. How do you show the conviction of your faith?

GOSPEL:

The religious leaders in Jerusalem were unable to trap Jesus with a seemingly trick question. How do you respond to non-believers who try to challenge or trick you in matters of your beliefs?

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



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In celebration of Respect Life Month in October, Birthright conducts the Baby Bottle Boomerang at area churches. Empty baby bottles are distributed and just like well-tossed boomerangs, they come back to Birthright with checks, bills, and coins. Unfortunately, we are unable to host the Baby Bottle Boomerang this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. In support of the pregnant women who we serve, would you kindly consider participating in this major fundraiser through the mail? Mailing address is Birthright, 1490 Saratoga Road, PO Box 661, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

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Live the Gospel of Life: Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of *every* human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible Gospel*" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.



Instructions for Requesting Mass Cards

Due to Covid-19, our office is still closed to visitors. If you would like to have a Mass said, you may call the office at 518-885-7411 Mon-Fri between 9am & 2pm and give us the information over the phone. You may then either mail a check in or drop it in the white box next to the rectory door. Thank you for understanding.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Most Holy Rosary daily.

The rosary is our refuge and Mary, Mother of God, is our help at this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic and at all times of our life, especially at the hour of our death. Sr. Lucia, a seer from the Apparitions of Fatima, stated, "there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, had a great devotion to Mary, and wrote the 33 Day Consecration to Mary. He states, "The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary," and "I do not believe that anyone can acquire intimate union with our Lord and perfect fidelity to the Holy Spirit without a very close union with the most Blessed Virgin and an absolute dependence on her support." We hope you can find peace and comfort praying the mysteries of the Rosary with Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group every other Tuesday night after Mass
(Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1, ...)

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CHANGES TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Diocesan Appeal for the Diocese of Albany has begun. This appeal was formerly called the Bishop's Appeal and information on the appeal will be sent out to parishioners in waves, with some parishioners having already received their mailing. The Diocese has changed their ways of distributing and collecting this year. All donations will be sent directly to the Diocese instead of to St. Mary's Church. If you have questions, please call the RCDA Office of Stewardship & Development at 518-453-6680 or email stewardship@rcda.org.



Join Fr. Francis Vivacqua as he leads a St. Mary's Parish Poland Pilgrimage Celebrating the 100th Birthday of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina April 19-27, 2021

Don't miss this spiritual opportunity! To register or for more information go to: www.pilgrimimages.com/frvivacqua/

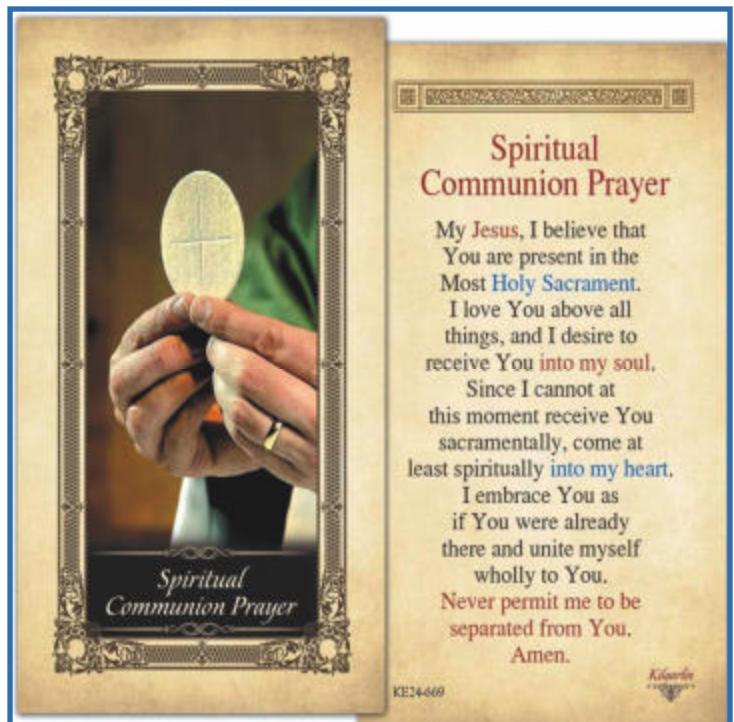
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Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You **into my soul**.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually **into my heart**.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~ Matthew 19:14

The month of September has been a learning and adapting time in Physical Education. We are learning how to have fun, workout, and learn healthy habits while staying physically distant.



Some new activities in P.E. class include Rocks, Paper, Scissors using our bodies to form the items and having to do jumping jacks and moving to do battle with another opponent.



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