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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 22, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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## Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2023



*Katherine Augustine Chapman*

*Caylee Lucy Drexel*

*Yamil Christopher López*

*Cheleniel Our Lady of Guadalupe Lugo-Arvelo*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 23 • St. John Capistrano

8:30 am Tony Dottolo

### Tuesday, October 24 • St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:30 am George & Gayle Hoffman

### Wednesday, October 25

8:30 am Greg Barbeln

### Thursday, October 26

8:30 am Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch

### Friday, October 27

8:30 am Jaclyn Coffman

### Saturday, October 28 • Sts. Simon and Jude

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Bridgette Jeansonne, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Special Intention, "Big T" Valure, All Souls, Marilyn Torres, David Snyder, John Snyder, Sr., Nelson Madere, Babies' Souls, Brent Waguespack

### Sunday, October 29 • 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Zulma Williams, Special Intention, Karen Angelo, Eula McMurry, Doris Beadle, Arlen & Jeanne Perilloux, Babies' Souls, Special Intention, All Souls in Purgatory, Sr. Mary Joseph Gillette, S.S.F., Gloria Marino, Francis Kim Loan Nguyen, Mitchell Hasse  
10:30 am Bridgette Jeansonne  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Maria Teresa Sosa, John Ebanks, Jr., John Ebanks, Sr.  
7:00 pm Nelson Madere



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In memory of Jeffrey Feucht & Barbara Tucker

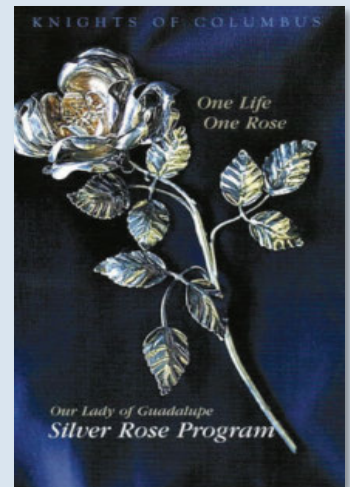
### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In memory of David Snyder

## Running of the Silver Rose

### Monday, October 30th, 8:30 am Mass

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## Bereavement Ministry Meeting

Wed., October 25th at 6:30 pm in Piovan Parish Hall

We will begin planning this year's Mass of Remembrance.

We welcome back all previous members as well as any new members interested in being a part of this ministry.



## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### Ascension of Our Lord School News

Congratulations to September Student of the Month, **Marquez Johnson!**

We are extremely excited to have EXCEEDED our Read-A-Thon goal this year!!! Crusader students raised \$738 to purchase new books and plan for awarding through our accelerated reading program!

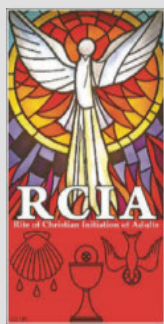
Congratulations to those students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge and moved on to District Competition.

Ascension of Our Lord students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate October 23 - November 3. Treat yourself and help our school out too!

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ PTO Meeting - November 2, 6:00 pm
- ♦ Grandparents Day - November 10, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
- ♦ Fall Fun Fest - November 17

*For more school info, visit [aolcrusaders.org](http://aolcrusaders.org)*



### RCIA Class

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in Piovan Parish Hall

TOPIC: Encountering Jesus  
in the Scriptures

Anyone interested in learning more about their faith or curious about a particular topic is invited to participate.



### Blood Drive

**Sunday, October 29th**  
**8:30am - 12:30pm**  
**Don Bosco Hall**

**Give blood and save a life today!**

Please visit [www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/48513](http://www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/48513) to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

The Blood Center strongly suggests all donors visit [www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane](http://www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane) on the day of your scheduled appointment to answer your Medical/Travel questions.



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Ascension of Our Lord will be assembling Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy.

All food collected in the food donation baskets in Church during the months of October and November will be used for the Thanksgiving baskets.

Items needed include paper products, canned goods, and dry goods.

Our parishioners have always been very generous whenever asked to help those in need. Please consider helping to feed a hungry family this Thanksgiving.



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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, October 23

6:00pm Parish School of Religion (Family Night) - school building #2

#### Tuesday, October 24

7:00pm RCIA - PPH

#### Wednesday, October 25

6:30pm Bereavement Ministry Mass of Remembrance Planning Mtg. - PPH

#### Thursday, October 26

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center

#### Friday, October 27

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Savio Center

#### Saturday, October 28 • Team 3

9:00am Women's Gospel Reflection - Savio Center

#### Sunday, October 29 • Team 3

8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive - Don Bosco Hall



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**Adoration has resumed in the Chapel every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”**

### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

#### Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.

#### Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

**Now color the picture!**



Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

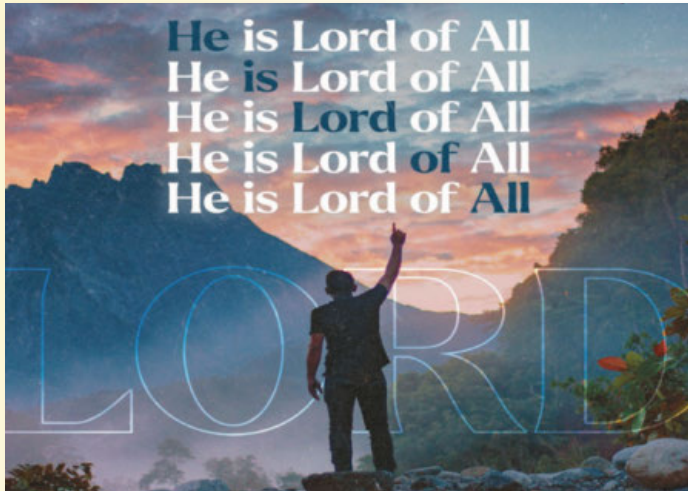
**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

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. ©LPi

(PRACTICING)

## CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time*, I tell myself. *For when I am ready*.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

*"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/ Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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