

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday October 22, 2023 ~ The Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

The Pharisees thought that they had set a trap for Jesus. They were against paying a tax to the Roman Emperor, Caesar. The Herodians were in favour of paying Caesar's tax, because they accepted the financial advantages of the Roman administration in Palestine. The Pharisees thought that they had Jesus "boxed in," with agreement of the tax being against the people, or in opposition to the tax being against the Romans authorities.

Jesus answered their question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" without committing to either side, when He took a coin and asked: "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."

Jesus was telling the Pharisees and Herodians that those who willingly used Caesar's coin should repay him in kind. However, when Jesus told them to repay to God what belongs to God, He raised the debate to a new level. Those who had hypocritically asked about tax, in respect to its relation to the law of God, should have been concerned instead with repaying God with the good deeds that are His due.

For us, the Gospel message is the same. Each of us has dual citizenship. We are citizens of our own countries as well as citizens of God's kingdom. We owe our country for the things we receive, and we pay with the currency of our country. At times we may think that the accumulation of that currency determines our worth. Our true worth, however, comes from the fact that the likeness of God is inscribed on our bodies and souls.

Perhaps this story has less to do with reminding us of what belongs to Caesar, or to the government, and more with reminding us of what belongs to God. Can we see that everything belongs to God? Then there is no need to have divided loyalties in our lives? Can we see that everything in our lives should be affected by our relationship to God?

Jesus did not answer the question about what is Caesar's and what is God's. He left that answer for His questioners to decide. Now, He wants each one of us to also decide.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends
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Holidays and Holy Days
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Weekly on Friday
Exposition / Adoration after 8:30 am Mass
Benediction 9:30 am

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To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website, Facebook and FlockNote. God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family.

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. **Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am** to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12:00 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.
Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office (301-773-4838) to schedule a visit. Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ October 15, 2023

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
September 2023 - \$16,422.64*

*Our Offertory last week was %
of Expenses*

Faith Direct: September 2023 - \$23,089.92

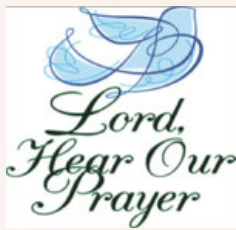
Last Week's Attendance Total:
Sunday Masses - 655

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, , Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Fr. Michael Bryant, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Gina Geron, James Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Mable Helm, Eva Henson, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Joseph Jennifer, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Maria Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Jean Neal, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, , Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Virginette Scott, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Lamont Wade, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Nicholas Walter, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn Michael Younger,

And the Recently Deceased:

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Sunday 8:00 am
The St Joseph Family (SI)

Sunday 10:00
Tristan Ruiz (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday 12:00 pm
Theodore Esong †

Wednesday 8:30 am
Amiya Glover
(Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8:30 am
Ndum Family (SI)

Friday 8:30 am
Travel mercy and safe stay in Nigeria
for Tony & Vera Ndum

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

First Reading

God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist.

What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

Second Reading

In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus.

For what or for who are you thankful to God?

Gospel Reading

The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to "entrap" Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

How often do you feel you have to defend your faith?

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Dropped Host

Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

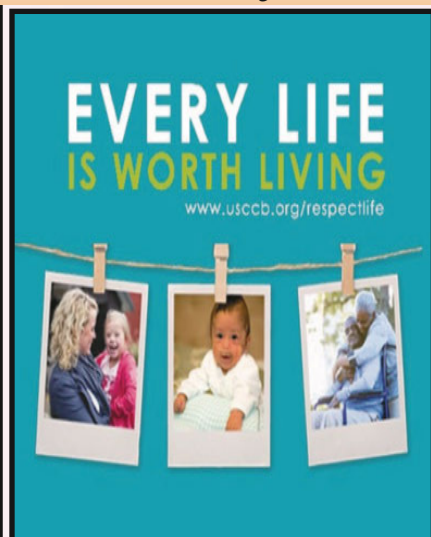
Who is the person that Mary appeared to in Guadalupe, Mexico?

Answer:

(a) Archbishop of Mexico City, Juan de Zumárraga (b) Juan Diego

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The Month of October is...

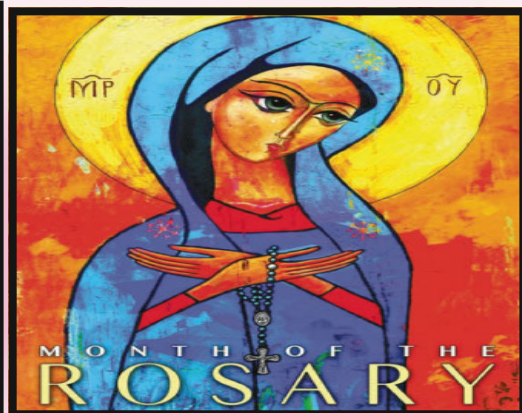


NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Everyday millions of women suffer "psychological violence, verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence." For Pope Francis, this reality is "cowardice and degradation for all humanity." He asks us to pray for the victims, "so that they are protected by society and so that their suffering is considered and heard by all."

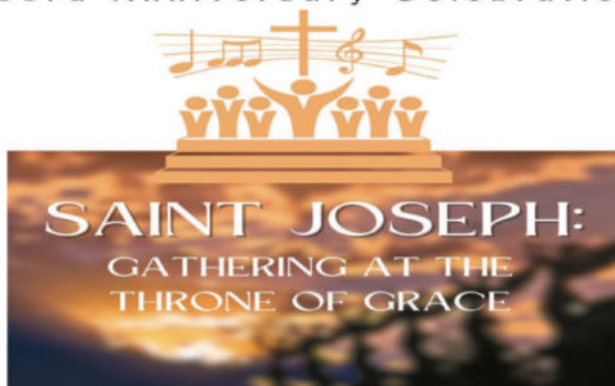
Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline
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To learn more about domestic violence visit
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*The Rosary will be prayed before all
Sunday and weekday Masses
during the month of October*

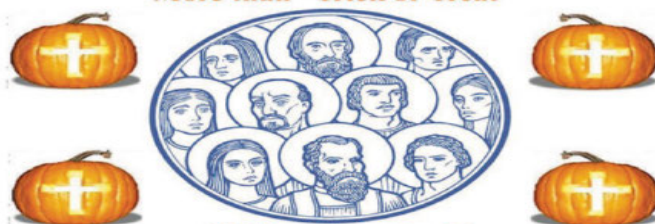
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The Office for Catechesis, located in the Pastoral Center
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YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
THEME: "How can I repay the Lord
for His goodness to me?"
PSALM 116: 12

Sun. November 26th 12.00pm Mass

KEYNOTE SPEECH

COME JOIN US, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!
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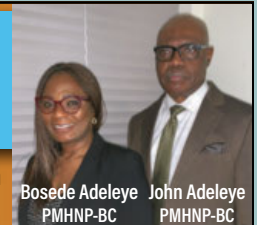
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