



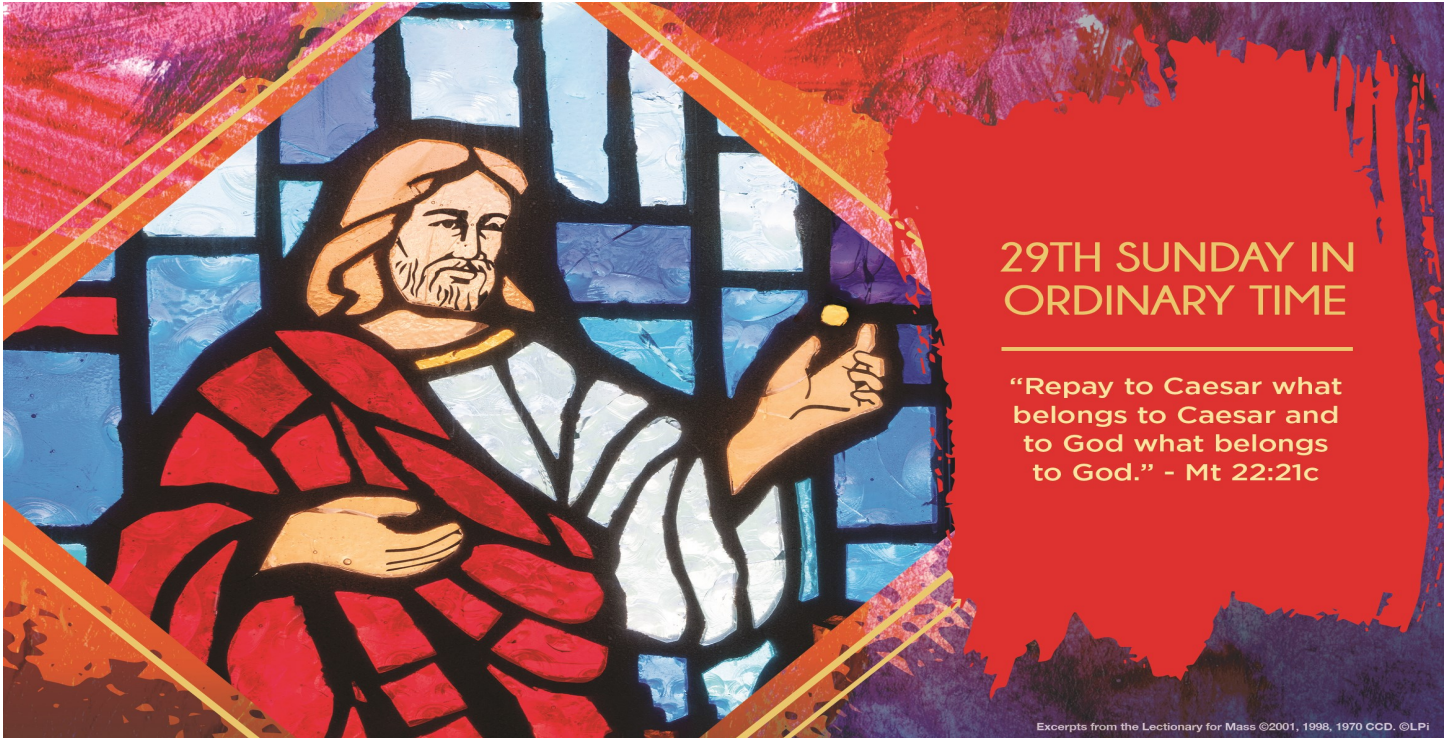
# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22nd, 2023

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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what  
belongs to Caesar and  
to God what belongs  
to God." - Mt 22:21c

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**Office Hours Monday-Friday**  
**8:30AM to 4:00PM**

If your family or friends are in a  
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(someone who is in imminent  
danger of dying and wishes to  
receive the sacraments) please  
call **206-524-8800**

If there is no answer, please call  
St. Benedict Parish Office:  
**206-632-0843**

If it is past 4pm, or a weekend  
please use the emergency line:  
**(206) 276 8085**

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

### 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:

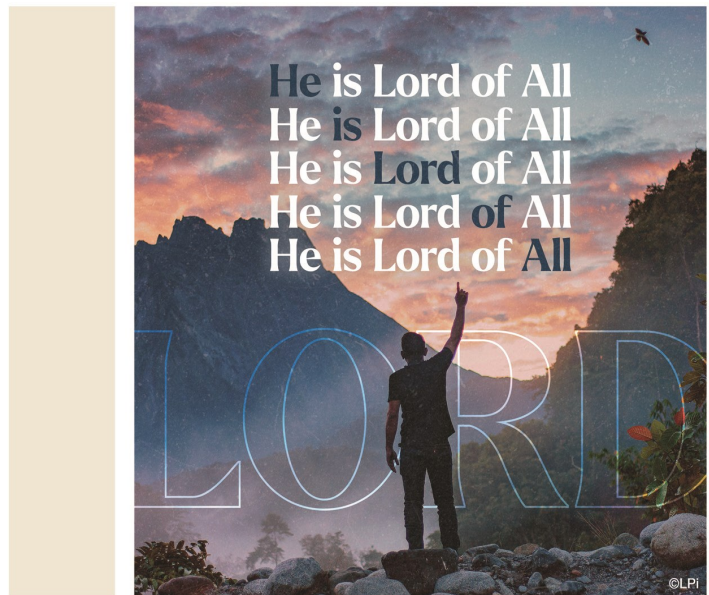
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

### 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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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

— *Father John Muir*



## Evangelization and Faith Formation

For information contact Olaf at [faithformation@st-c.org](mailto:faithformation@st-c.org)

### Infant Baptism

(for children younger than 6 years of age)

Dates available for baptism at  
**Saint Catherine of Siena**  
(on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass):  
October 15, November 19, **2023** |

**January 21, April 21,**

**May 19, June 16, 2024**

Dates available for baptism at  
**Saint Benedict**  
(on Sundays at 8:00 am Mass):  
November 5, **2023** | **January 7,**  
February 4, April 7, May 5, **2024**

### First Communion and First Reconciliation for Children.

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is open for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, and for those in third - fifth grade who have not celebrated these sacraments.

**Registration is still open for the 2023-2024 academic year.**

**Please see the full schedule on our website.**

Our program is for the whole family and Mass attendance is expected

Please register at the parish website:

<https://parish.stbens.net/first-sacraments>



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Are you a Senior in High School or a college student?

If you have not celebrated your Confirmation, now is the time!

Please contact Olaf at

[faithformation@st-c.org](mailto:faithformation@st-c.org)

for information on ways to be prepared for Confirmation.

### RCIA: Did you know...

- 1) That active Catholics can “brush up” on their knowledge of the Catholic faith by attending RCIA? RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) is a program for adults who are thinking of becoming Catholic. RCIA starts in the fall and continues through to Easter. RCIA for St. Catherine’s and St. Benedict’s meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Benedict’s parish center. If you want to attend at any time to “check it out,” you are welcome to attend. If you want to know upcoming topics, feel free to contact Kim Burkhardt at [rcia@st-c.org](mailto:rcia@st-c.org) or [rcia@stbens.net](mailto:rcia@stbens.net).
- 2) RCIA trivia question: Do you know when the church’s liturgical year starts? It starts with the first Sunday of Advent – so four weeks before Christmas.
- 3) RCIA trivia question: Do know the liturgical colors of the church year? Church banners, priest vestments, etc. are green during “Ordinary Time,” purple (varying shades of purple) during much of Advent and Lent, pink on the third weekend of Advent, white or gold on Christmas Day, white on Easter, red on the feast days of martyrs, etc. If you like your wardrobe to be color coordinated, be sure to watch for a Catholic calendar at mass in mid to late-December for the coming year – these calendars tell you the liturgical color of the day for each day of the year. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost are among the common times/dates when some parishioners choose to dress in the liturgical color of the day.

## St. Catherine Events/News

### *Preschool & Kindergarten Applications*

Applications for Kindergarten and preschool for the 2024-2025 school year are now open! Current families/parish have priority status until Friday, November 3rd, and you must apply in order to reserve your child's spot.

So if you are interested in preschool or Kindergarten for your child next school year, get the application in now! Applications open to the general public on Monday, November 6th.

To apply, please log into your [SchoolAdmin Parent Portal](#) account. Click on "Apply for a new year" and fill out the Preschool or K application for the 2024-2025 school year for your child. This includes a \$100/child application fee, which will be applied to your registration fee at the time of full registration in February 2024. If you are new to St. Catherine, you can find the application here <https://www.stcatherineschool.net/how-to-apply> Once your application is received, we will confirm receipt and help move you through the next steps in the application process.

If you have any questions about this process, please send them to Amanda at [alucero@stcatherineschool.net](mailto:alucero@stcatherineschool.net)

### **CYO Basketball Registration Open**

Players grades 4th-8th are welcome to join our CYO Teams. Practices start at the beginning of November and last until early February, with league games over the weekends. More information and to register visit: <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/home>.

### **Mark your calendars!**

**Next Senior Breakfast November 10th after 9:00AM Mass**

**St C Holiday Bazaar November 18th and 19th!**

**Questions or to help contact Katie Fleming 206-354-5161 or [kjfleming1239@gmail.com](mailto:kjfleming1239@gmail.com)**

### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**



#### **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Wednesday, November 1st**

- 9 am Mass at St. Catherine Parish
- St. Catherine's school will be attending

#### **St. Vincent De Paul Needs Food**

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| * Canned fruit       |
| * Cereal (dry boxed) |
| * Spaghetti/noodles  |
| * Breakfast bars     |
| * Jelly/jam          |
| * Crackers           |
| * Cake mixes         |
| * Canned chili       |
| * Hamburger helper   |
| * Pasta sauce        |
| * Muffin mix         |
| * Tea                |
| * Toilet paper       |
| * Toothpaste         |
| * Hand soap          |
| * Hand sanitizer     |
- Our parish St. Vincent De Paul conference needs specific items to re-stock our food pantry. If you are able to help, please leave food donations in the wood box in the corner inside the front doors of the church. We can accept unopened, non-perishable items. Here is a list of the items we need the most:
- \* Applesauce

# MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

CONFESSION SAT 3:30-4:30PM

ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT 1ST FRI 6-7PM

ANOINTING OF THE 1ST FRI 9AM

\*Livestream  
Available



WEDNESDAY ROSARIES  
FRIDAY 9:30AM

OPEN FOR PRAYER



FRIDAY 10AM — 12PM  
SATURDAY 3:30 — 4:30PM

## Parish Administration & Finance

We have for you a small bio from our PAA: **Sarah Lentz** comes to us with more than 20 years in Business Administration and Operations, primarily in nonprofits. She is Blackfoot, Cherokee, and Stillaguamish, raised Urban Native in Seattle.



All phone messages for Fr. Marc will be routed through the office administrative assistants at each parish. Administrative assistants will relay messages to Fr. Marc and he will respond to phone calls as soon as he is able. Please be advised that, due to the number of calls, it may take several days to return non-emergency, non-sacramental messages.

Office phone number 206-524-8800



MJ will be out of office from October 30th to November 3rd.

## If you knew...

If you truly knew the depth of God's abundant grace, love, and mercy in the Eucharist, what would you do?



JOIN US FOR...  
**REVIVAL**  
AVIVAMIENTO SỰ HỒI SINH 리바이벌  
Saturday, November 4  
10am – 8pm  
St. Michael Church, Olympia  
**CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVENTION 2023**

Join hundreds of high school students from around the Archdiocese of Seattle for a fun and energizing full-day:

- Enjoy time with friends old and new
- Hear inspirational Catholic speakers and music
- Worship at Mass and Adoration
- Experience a renewed sense of God's greatness, immense love, and Real Presence

Click here to learn more

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For Married couples who wish to enhance their relationship, to again experience romance in their life, come to the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** to be held at the **Holy Rosary Church** in Edmonds, WA Nov. 3-5, 2023.

Sign up today **Apply at [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org)** Under APPLY scroll down to Holy Rosary at Edmonds. Fill out the application form, also the Application Fee. For more information or questions about the experience call 206-772-2344 and leave your name and number, I will return your call.