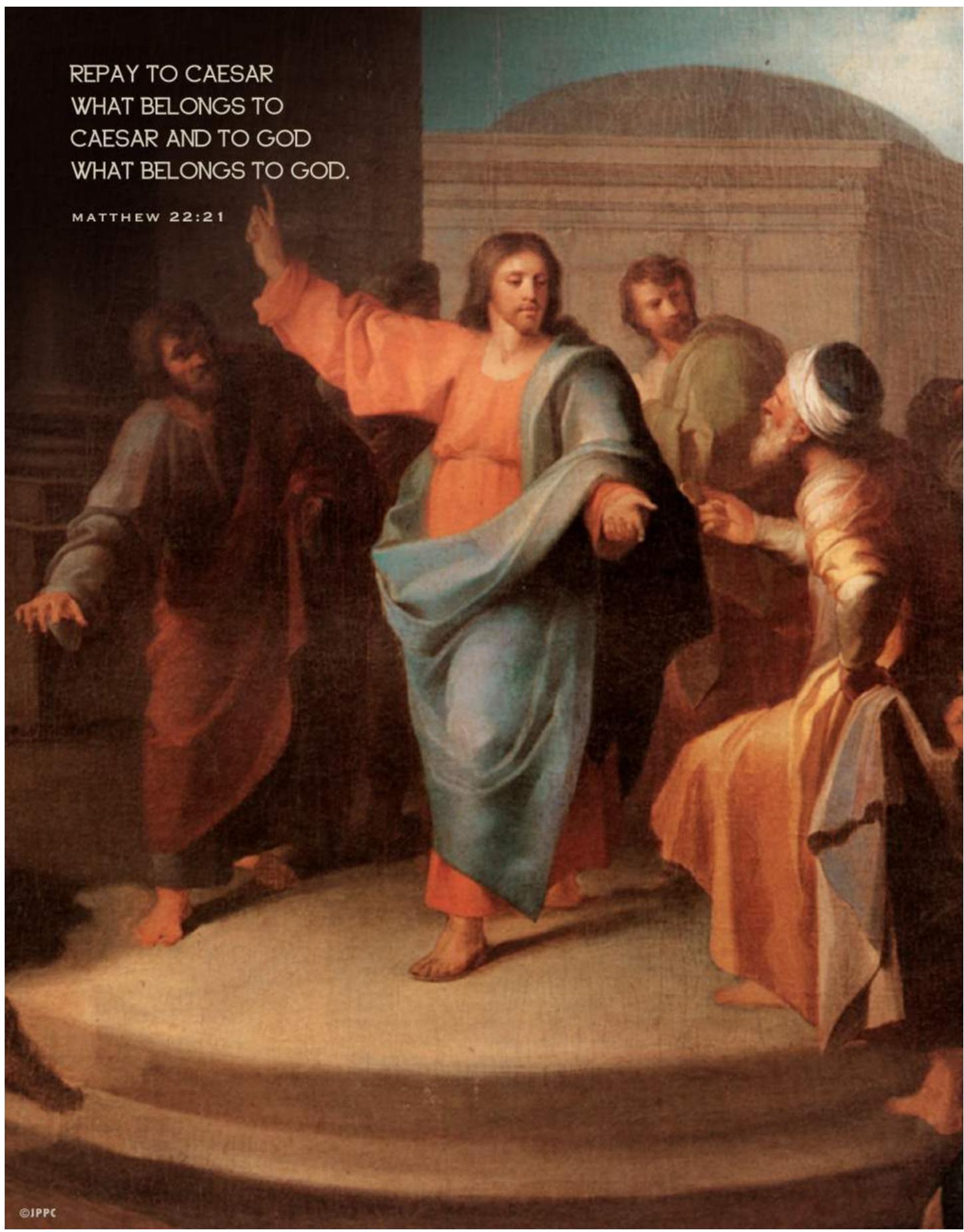


REPAY TO CAESAR
WHAT BELONGS TO
CAESAR AND TO GOD
WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

October 22, 2023



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21st

Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Bev C. Laub requested by Pat Voute

Sunday, October 22nd

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Carmelle Murch requested by her husband
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Jay Drouin

Monday, October 23rd
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald Lyons 10th anniversary requested
by his family

Tuesday, October 24th

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Vicki Angus req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, October 25th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: David Rose requested by Pat Lyons

Thursday, October 26th

No Mass

Friday, October 27th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edward & Betty Walsh req by their children

Saturday, October 28th

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Donald R. Rivard 6th anniversary, requested
by his wife and family

Sunday, October 29th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Guy Ferranti req by Kathi & Greg Peterson

10:30AM: Josephine DeRienzo
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
October 21st – 27th
in memory of
Dan Claussen.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Sharon Lefabvre, October 13

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Respect Life Month Rosary Intentions

October 22 - Mother of Comfort: Hear the cry of
those who live with chronic pain.

October 23 - Mother most Charitable: Attend to the
homebound in their loneliness.

October 24 - Our Lady of Hope: Protect our troops
fighting for our freedom.

October 25 - Sweetest Mother: Stop wrongful
research on human embryos.

October 26 - Loving Mother: Lead home children
who have run away.

October 27 - Mary my Mother: Sustain those near
death who are denied food and water.

October 28 - Queen of Heaven:
Encourage our seminarians to accept
Jesus's call to spiritual fatherhood.



Readings for the Week: October 22, 2023

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 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 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;
Mt 22:34-40



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30 OR 5:45, church
- Edge & Life Teen Youth Ministry:** Sunday, November 5 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- First Reconciliation:** Parent/Child Session on Saturday, November 4 at 9:30am, church hall

From the USCCB

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as “Respect Life Month.” This year, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing “radical solidarity” with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*radical
solidarity*



Jesus takes His response one step further. He asks that the 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, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.



Jesus’s 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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Testing Jesus *Matthew 22:15-21*

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 support 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’s response to this attempt to trap Him exposes the guile of His questioners. 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. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

K of C Breakfast: Sunday, October 22 after the Sunday Masses, church hall

Flu Clinic: Sunday, October 22 from 9:00am-12:30pm, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, October 23 from 4:00 to 5:30pm, church

Simon Ministry: Tuesday, October 24 from 6:30-8pm, church hall

Office Closed: Wednesday, October 25 for staff to attend a Diocesan workshop

Foot Clinic: Thursday, October 26 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, October 26 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Women of the Well: Saturday, October 28 at 9:30am, parish office building

Ham & Bean Supper: Saturday, October 28 following the 4:30 Mass, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Coffee & Donuts: sponsored by our Knights after the Masses on Sunday, October 29, church hall

K of C Craft Fair

The 23rd annual Knights of Columbus Fall Craft Fair will be held Friday, **November 3** from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday, **November 4** from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Matricola Upper Elementary School, 26 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack. There will be more than 40 crafters offering a wide variety of handmade crafts. The event will also include a bake table, chance auction, and a food counter serving homemade meals and snacks. Please join us for some fun, buy some excellent crafts, and support the charitable efforts of Our Lady of Mercy's Knights of Columbus.

We also welcome donations of baked goods such as sweet breads, pies, muffins, cookies and whoopie pies. Please bring them directly to the craft fair on Friday after 4:00pm or on Saturday before 9:00am and we will sell them as part of the fundraiser. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus thank OLM parishioners for their generous support of the Tootsie Roll Drive which helps people with intellectual disabilities. Almost \$800 dollars was donated which will directly benefit the Merrimack Friars and the New Hampshire Special Olympics. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Ham & Bean Supper

When: Saturday, October 28 after the 4:30 Mass. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Come for fellowship and a hearty fall meal. Ticket sales after all Masses this weekend. Limited tickets will be sold at the door.

Serving: Ham, baked beans, mac 'n cheese, hot dogs, and Deacon John's famous corn bread.

Cost is \$10 per person; \$25 per family. All proceeds go to support the Knights' charity efforts including our parish needs.

Upcoming Scola Dates

The Scola choir will be participating at the 10:30am Masses on October 29, November 26, and December 17.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collections October 2 - 8, 2023

Offertory/Miscellaneous

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| Budget: | \$9,231 |
| Actual: | \$9,728 |
| Variance: | (\$497) |

Weekly Collections October 9 - 15, 2023

Offertory/Miscellaneous

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| Budget: | \$9,231 |
| Actual: | \$7,910 |
| Variance: | (\$1,321) |

Thank you for your generosity!

October Flu Clinic

A flu clinic will be offered from 9:00am to 12:30pm on Sunday, **October 22** in the church hall.

Men of St. Joseph: An Invitation

Men of St. Joseph is a group of men who support each other in faith sharing, friendship, and fun. Meetings are typically one Saturday at 7:00am a month (not summer). Their patron, St. Joseph, is a model and guide. If you are a man interested in growing in faith contact Deacon John or call the office to find out more about Men of St. Joseph!



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