

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.”

-- Matthew 22:21



Week of October 23rd – 28th

- Monday: 8:00 Joe I. Martinez+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Theresa Stegmeier+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 John A. Brennan+
- Friday: 8:00 Jeff Beck+
- Saturday: 8:00 Aurelio Fusaro+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Betty Perkins, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	October 15 th
Plate	\$9,614.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,258.50

2017 Flu and Pneumonia Shots



Sutter Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of Northern California will be offering low-cost flu vaccinations on Sunday, November 5th, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Church on the Park Boulevard side. The cost of the flu shot will be: \$25.00 and \$45.00 for Pneumovax. A nurse will administer the vaccine to those over 13 years of age. If you are covered by Medicare Part B, there is no cost to you for the shot. Sutter VNA and Hospice will bill Medicare for payment.

October Mass Count

As customary, Sunday Mass attendance is tabulated every year during the month of October. Our ushers will take up this count each weekend throughout October. The count of adults and children under the age of 13 is to be taken separately. Thank you for your help!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week’s Gospel, the Pharisees and the Herodians try to entrap Jesus by asking him a question about the payment of taxes. Our Lord realizes their deviousness and offers them a cunning response, “... repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

For many of us, it is not always easy to distinguish between our obligations to God and Caesar. Those of you who work in the business world are sometimes asked to do things that are contrary to your Christian values. But, you have children to raise and bills to pay. You are sometimes faced with moral dilemmas that are not easily resolved.

Unfortunately, I cannot offer you simple answers to what are sometimes perplexing questions of morality. But, I can share this with you: Jesus offers us the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to help us discern between right and wrong. With the support of the Holy Spirit, we can develop consciences rooted in Gospel values. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we will have the courage to live what we profess to believe.

It is not easy to be a Christian in today’s world, but then again it never was. Our challenge is to have faith in Jesus and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Love, Fr. Leo

The Catholic Voice Annual Collection!



This weekend, October 21st and 22nd, will be the annual collection for **The Catholic Voice**. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry. The Voice and its other operations - *El Heraldo Católico*, websites and social media -- are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the Diocese. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you!

An Evening of Remembrance!

The Grief Support Ministry will be hosting An Evening of Remembrance on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Mass will be offered with a candle ceremony to honor our loved ones who have died. If you would like someone to be included or register to attend, please call the Rectory at 530-4343!

Want to Grow Your Faith?

Whether you have a small spark of faith that you wish you could fan into a flame or you have a robust faith life that you would still like to deepen, you are welcome to join Corpus Christi's RCIA program which began on Thursday, September 28th. This is a program for adults who are interested in being a part of a community that is exploring faith topics and spiritual practices. For those who may decide to become Catholic or Catholics who have not yet been confirmed, this is a great place to begin. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Ann at 521-8011 or email: ann@gospelliving.org.

Lori's News! Family Faith Formation

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins next Saturday, October 28th, with our kickoff retreat from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The retreat is mandatory for 2nd graders and parents. Children who are not enrolled in the Parish School must be registered in Faith Formation classes in order to prepare for receiving First Communion. Please contact Lori as soon as possible at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com if you need to register or have any questions. We're excited about our new program that strengthens the role of parents in the preparation process. See you soon!

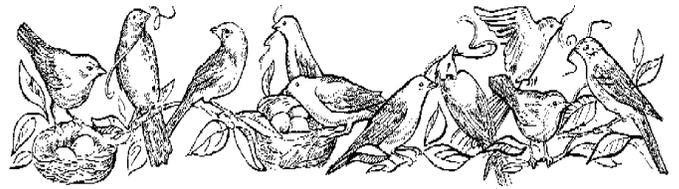
Treasures From Our Tradition!

When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called "general absolution," by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944, the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of "blanket permission."

Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God's compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God's mercy, and a dismissal.

"We must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose.

-- *Indira Gandhi*



Special Session for School Enrollment!

On Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Corpus Christi School will hold their Special Information Session -- A Morning With Principal, Katie Murphy. This session is for prospective families to hear about the philosophy of our School, to hear from students and parents, and to learn more about Corpus Christi School. If you or anyone you know is interested, please come to the Gibson Center. For more details, call the School at 530-4056, ext. 200; or contact Evelien Verpeet at: everpeet@gmail.com; or Heidi Catapusan at: heidi.wagner510@gmail.com.



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- The Lord said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the Lord, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm -- Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading -- Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel -- Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

Enjoy an Evening of Fun!

Join friends for an evening of fellowship and fundraising, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County, on Friday, November 3rd, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The place is Holy Spirit Church, 37648 Fremont Blvd. in Fremont. To R.S.V.P., call 719-0774.

Everything Belongs To God!

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah concerns the Persian King Cyrus, called the Lord's "anointed." Cyrus deserves this title because he ended the Babylonian captivity of the Jews. However, Isaiah reminds us that it was God who gave Cyrus his power. He may be a great king, but "I am the Lord and there is no other," says God (Isaiah 45:5). Today's Gospel is also concerned with worldly power. In the passage from Matthew, the Pharisees try to trick Jesus into speaking against the emperor. His famous answer is the perfect reply. Like the kings of old, Caesar can be given the respect due his position, but everything belongs to God. In the second reading, Paul gives thanks for all who are faithful to Jesus Christ and his gospel. He, too, reminds us that our call and the power to be faithful come from God.