



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

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

-- Matthew 22:21



Daily Mass

Week of October 23rd – 27th

- Monday: 8:00 Margaret Anthony+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Jill Osaka
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions for Israel
- Thursday: 8:00 Jason Darling+
- Friday: 8:00 Viola Ann Simmons+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Sebastian Romeo, Laura Pierce, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee-Lundy, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly	Collections
October 15, 2023	\$10,316.00

Oakland Elizabeth House Fall Luncheon!

Save the date! The Annual Oakland Elizabeth House's Fall Luncheon will be on Thursday, November 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sequoia Country Club, 4550 Heafey Road in Oakland. They are celebrating over 30 years of Hope. The price is \$75.00 per person. Space is limited. Last day to RSVP is October 27th.

Part-Time Job Available!

Looking for a part-time Job? Come work at the School. Corpus Christi School is hiring a part-time Extended Care teacher, Monday through Friday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; \$20.00 per hour. No experience necessary. Are you interested? Reach out to Mele Mortonson, Principal, at: ccsprincipal@corpuschristischool.com or call (510) 530-4056. Say you saw this notice in the Bulletin!

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

Mass of Remembrance!

Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance to celebrate the lives of our family members, friends and fellow parishioners on Friday, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. During Mass, the names of our loved ones will be read and you will have the opportunity to light a candle in their honor. Please provide the names of those you would like included by calling the Parish Office at (510) 530-4343 by Wednesday, November 1st.



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R.C.I.A. Has Begun!

Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes has merged together for what is R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This program is geared for adults seeking any of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) but is welcome to all people. This can include people who are discerning their membership in the Catholic Church, already confirmed Catholics who are searching for spiritual refreshment or a deepening of their faith. The meetings will be biweekly, weekly during Advent and Lent, on an evening that works best for the group. The program offers spiritual direction, Catholic teaching, prayer methods and faith sharing. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Holcombe or Anne Zehren at: annezehren@mac.com or call (253) 307-1063.



Corpus Christi School Open House!

Please come join Corpus Christi School for an Open House for prospective families. All are welcome! For the 2023-2024 School Year, some open houses will be held virtually on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. and some will be held in person from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The virtual date is Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. To register for the virtual open house, contact Evelien Verpeet at: everpeet@gmail.com; Heidi Catapusan at: heidi.wagner510@gmail.com; or Kat Brignano at: kebrignano0925@gmail.com. All registered participants will receive a Zoom link when we get closer to the event date. In person dates do not require registration or RSVP. In person dates are all from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m.: November 4th ("Morning with Our Leadership," 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.), November 14th, December 12th, January 9, 2024 and February 13, 2024.

"Morning With Our Leadership"

The "Morning With Our Leadership" Open House will include getting to hear from our leadership, current Corpus Christi School parents and students and a tour of the School. The date is Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. To register, please email to Evelien, Heidi or Kat at the addresses listed in the above article. If you bring your child, bring something for them to do quietly since no child specific activities will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Alameda County Food Drive!

Corpus Christi and the Living Our Faith Ministry has been part of the year-round Food Drive to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank. There are three easy ways to donate: (1) bring your non-perishable items (no breakable containers) to the baskets located in the entrances to the Church or the two barrels in the Gibson Center; (2) donate online at: donate.accfb.org/vfd and enter Group #6434475; or (3) scan the QR code on the flyers located on the credenzas in the Church. For more information, please contact Trish Ratto at: trishratto16@gmail.com. Thank You!

**Readings For The Week
October 23rd -- 28th**

- Monday: First Reading Romans 4:20-25;
Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72;
Gospel Luke 12:13-21
- Tuesday: First Reading Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19;
Psalm 40;
Gospel Luke 12:35-38
- Wednesday: First Reading Romans 6:12-18;
Psalm 124;
Gospel Luke 12:39-48
- Thursday: First Reading Romans 6:19-23;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Luke 12:49-53
- Friday: First Reading Romans 7:18-25a;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Luke 12:54-59
- Saturday: First Reading Ephesians 2:19-22;
Psalm 19;
Gospel Luke 6:12-16



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).

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.

