

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Oct 18, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”:

Today, the Gospel presents for our consideration a “famous” assertion from Jesus Christ: “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21).

We would not be able to properly grasp the meaning of this sentence without bearing in mind the context in which Jesus said it: “The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech” (Mt 22:15), but Jesus understood their malice. Thus, Jesus’ reply is a calculated one. When they heard it, the Pharisees were surprised, as they did not expect it. If Jesus’ answer would have clearly been against Caesar, they might have been able to denounce him; if, on the contrary, Jesus had been in favor of paying the taxes to Caesar, they would have left very pleased with their ruse. But, while not speaking against Caesar, Jesus has relativized his reply: we must return to God what is God’s, and God is the Lord of even the powers of this world.

As every other ruler, Caesar cannot exert an arbitrary power. Just as the servants of the parable of the talents had to account to their Master for the use given to his money, Caesar’s power derives from God. Thus, in St. John’s Gospel, Jesus tells Pilate: “You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above” (Jn 19:11). Jesus does not want to appear as a political agitator. He simply put things right.

Today’s Gospel reading has, at times, been understood to mean that the Church should not “interfere” in political life, but should only mind its salvific mission and matters of faith. However, this interpretation is totally false. Dealing with God’s matters does not mean to mind only the worship of the Church, but to be also concerned about all people –God’s children– and about man’s justice. Pretending the Church does not move from the sacristy, while being deaf, blind and mute before the moral and human problems and abuses of our time, amounts to stealing from God what belongs to God. “The tolerance that admits God as it were as a private opinion but refuses him the public domain... is not tolerance but hypocrisy”

Second Collection: This Sunday we have a Second Collection for World Mission-Pray for the Evangelization for the whole world. **Please be generous!**

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Today’s Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21:

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "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."



October: Another month is upon us! In October we celebrate the Month of the Rosary.



Praying for the Faithful Departed:

You are welcome to write down in the Book placed at the Church Entrance the Names of the Loved Ones who have passed away to be remembered in All Prayers and Masses at Resurrection of Our Lord during the entire month of November. Especially, please write down the names of your loved ones who passed away from November 2025 to October 2026 on the separated sheets. The priests will say Masses on All Souls’ Day for these Faithful Departed.

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – World Mission Sunday: Being a Missionary

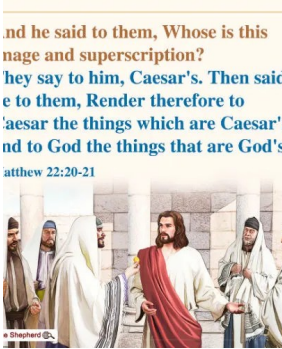
This weekend the entire church celebrates World Mission Sunday in which we renew our missionary commitment to the Gospel. Pope Francis said that “the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord’s help.” The Holy Father exhorts all of us to see ourselves as missionaries.

In today’s first reading, the Lord says to us “I call you by your name.” This invitation to be a missionary is deeply personal. All of us are called by the Lord to serve him with our whole lives and help spread the Gospel to those around us. One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says to give “God the things that are God’s.” Is not our entire life God’s? He is the one who created us and blessed us with countless gifts which are all owed back to him. Cardinal Collins says in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* that “A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master. The steward uses but does not own these goods, and must eventually give an account to the Master.” Let us seek to give of ourselves to our parish community in order to live out our missionary call of stewardship.

Summary:

Pope Francis said that “the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one.” One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship. Let us strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and offer them back to the God for Jesus says in today’s Gospel to give “God the things that are God’s.”



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Offering for Oct 11, 2026

Total Sum. Collection	\$4,081.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 220.00
Votive Candles	\$ 287.00
Wedding	\$ 450.00
World market	\$ 400.00

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“...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.”

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 10/18: * Ann and Raphael by Trong Vo

* All souls, unborn babies and safe travel by 1 person
* Ancestor both sides, peace for family and thanksgiving by Hoa Nguyen

Mon 10/19: * Joseph and Martha by Khiet Loan family

Tues 10/20: * Nhon Tran by Lan Tran

Wed 10/21: * 2 Maria, Joseph, Theresa and John the Baptist by 1 person

* Peter, peace for family, intention and thanksgiving by Phuong Cao

Thus 10/22: * Ann Tuyet Suong by Lich Ho

* 3 Maria, Dominic, Joseph and Francis by Hang Mon
Fri 10/23: * Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph and all souls by Hung Ha

* God grants my son more faith by Soan Nguyen

Sat 10/24: * Paul, Isave and thanksgiving by family

* Ancestor both sides, all souls and unborn babies by Soan Nguyen