

# Getting Ready for Sunday!



## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Gospel passage is a challenge to live as faithful followers of Jesus in the reality of our lives.**

**We are pulled in many directions and sometimes confused by the many opinions of others as we try to find the right path to follow.**

**We need to keep our hearts open so that we may hear the gentle voice of God calling us towards love, truth and justice.**

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# World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday takes place on the second last Sunday of October each year. Since 1926, the Church has traditionally remembered its universal mission during the month of October. This year Mission Sunday will be celebrated globally on the 22nd October 2017. The theme is **'Reach Out, Spread the Joy.'** Throughout the world the faithful will reflect on the universal call to Mission of all the baptised. They will be invited to contribute what they can to support the development and growth of young churches internationally. Mission Sunday is celebrated by every Church

worldwide, including the poorest. This special Sunday in October provides Catholics with the opportunity to unite with their missionary sisters and brothers overseas, and to recommit themselves to bringing the Joy of the Gospel to everyone they meet in their daily lives at home and at work.

In October and especially on Mission Sunday Catholics are invited to be specifically conscious of the Church's missionary activity abroad (Ad Gentes) through prayer, sacrifice and financial contributions. The funds collected are used to assist Churches who need financial support and directed towards communities in need, both spiritually and materially.

In October 2016, Irish Catholics contributed more than €1.5 million on Mission Sunday. The Mission Sunday collection is made available to be distributed to as many as 1,100 young Churches who are supported by the generosity of Churches that have been blessed with a greater quantity of financial and material gifts.

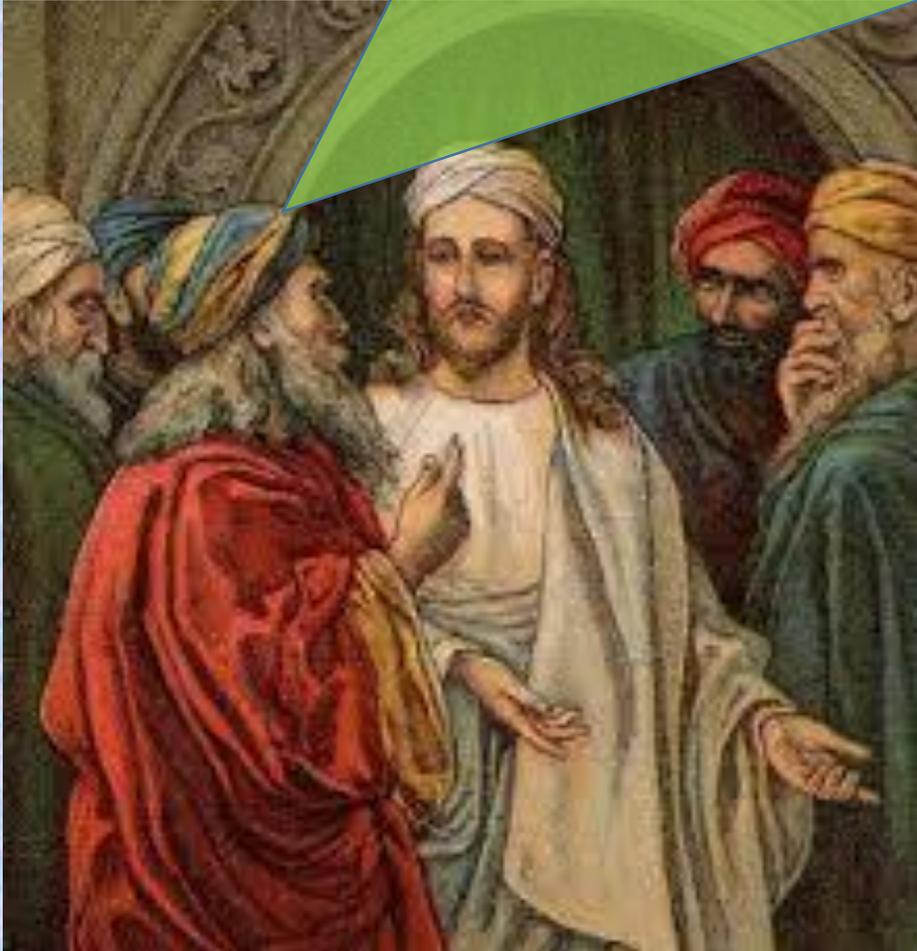
# Matthew 22:15-21



***The Question about Paying Taxes***

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying:

*Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?*



They were so busy trying to catch Jesus doing what they thought was wrong, rather than watching the good that He was doing!

Are you quicker to criticise others than to praise them when deserved?

**But Jesus, aware of their malice, said:**

***Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?***

**Jesus stood His  
ground against those  
who were treating  
Him unfairly!  
Do you sometimes  
treat others unfairly  
or try to catch them  
out doing wrong?**



*Show me the coin used for the tax.*

*Whose head is this, and whose title?*



*The emperor's.*

***Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.***

**Jesus expects that we give to other people what is rightfully theirs!  
Always do what we know is right, even though that can be difficult, at times.**



“The promise was that when the glass was full, it would overflow, benefitting the poor. But what happens instead, is that **when the glass is full, it magically gets bigger** -- nothing ever comes out for the poor.”

*Pope Francis*



BELIEVE  
and know that  
I am GOD

John 46:10

## Bible Search

Read **Matthew 22:15-21** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 22:15-21

**1** The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the Gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?

**2** Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that are still a Catholic?

**3** Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma, but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

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# Consider



**Do you always act in justice!**

# Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to know  
God's will.**

**Ask God to guide you to be just in all  
parts of your life.**

