

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.

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 2023. The theme is ***Share Your Faith – Give Life***

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.

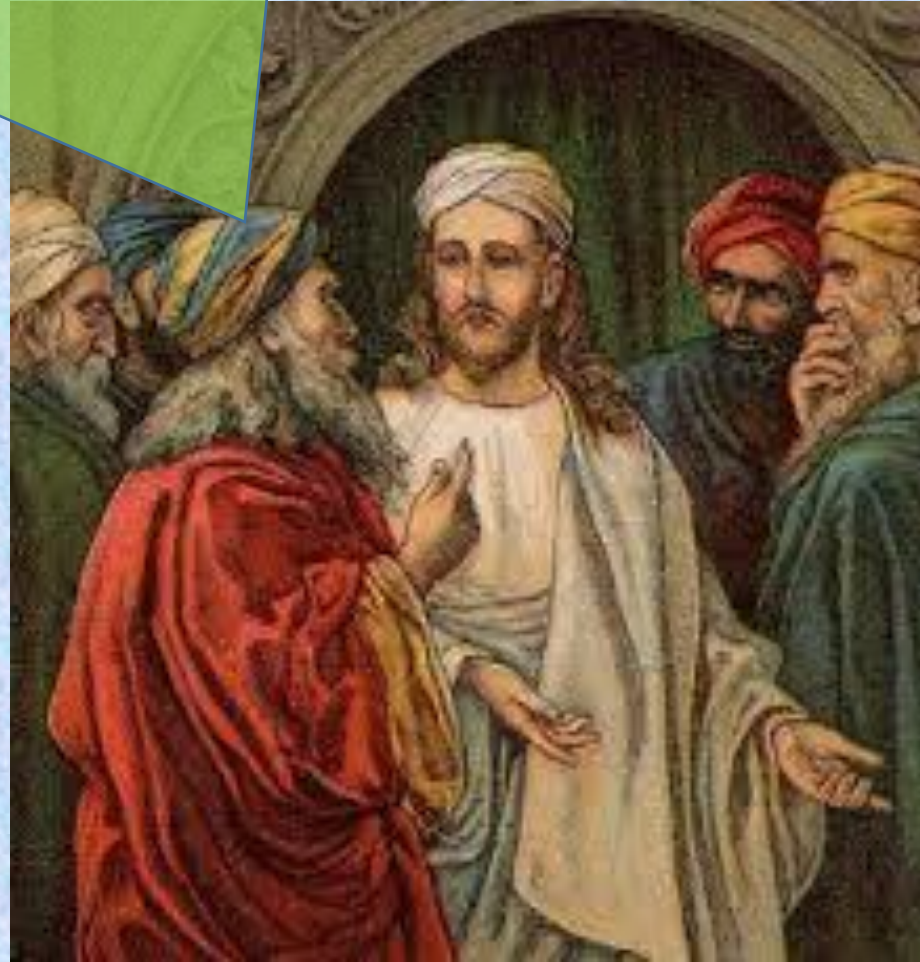
Matthew 22:15-21



The Question about Paying Taxes

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say:

Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?



But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied:

You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me?

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



They handed him a denarius, and he said:

Let me see the money you pay the tax with.

*Whose head is this?
Whose name?'*



Caesar's

He then said to them:

Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.



“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.**

