

## **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***

### **REFLECTION**

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet foretells how, without of the great Persian Emperor Cyrus' intention, his policies would be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people. In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, “our Lord Jesus Christ,” and for their practice, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” by instructing those who questioned him, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” With this answer, Jesus reminds his questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws. We need to “give to Caesar what is Caesar's”: How? It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met? Another way of “giving to Caesar what is Caesar's” is to participate actively in the running of the government, electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts. Third, we must submit to the civil authorities and respect the just laws of our country in order to live in peace. We need to “give to God what is God's.” How? Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. We are invited each year to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the coming year. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self. God, the giver of gifts, fills you with his blessings!

### **BEFORE YOU HURT SOMEONE**

**The most expensive liquid in the world is a tear.**

**It's made up of 1% water & 99% feelings.**

**THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU HURT SOMEONE.**

### **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 (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

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

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday:** St. John of Capistrano

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret

**Saturday:** Sts. Simon and Jude

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** Pete Suedle Carroll

Mary Louise †

**Tuesday:** Society Sherlock 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Wednesday:** Merci Sherlock 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Jack Jason Birthday

Jimmy Gorman

J.R. for healing

Johnny Shack Riley 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**Friday:** Rose Pie Gorman Birthday †

### **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

**A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads “The end is near! Turn around before it's too late!”**

**A passerby driver yells, “You guys are nuts!” and speeds past them.**

**From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, “Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, ‘Bridge Out’ instead?”**

**THANK YOU** to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for donation in honor of St. Christopher for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Philomena for the needy; and also to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,461.00	\$2,987.00
Number of Families contributing	91	68
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (39 Weeks)	\$128,257.00	\$130,098.00
Received to Date	\$110,866.00	\$86,878.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,391.00	\$43,220.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$363.00	\$8,602.00

Twenty-nine people contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$100.00	\$50,105.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$6,475.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$126.00.

10 CHILDREN contributed \$47.00.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Travis, Brook, Tye and Rich in thanks for Hart on her 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. the Family of Johnny Shack Riley on the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

PRIEST RETREAT Fr. Prasad will be attending the Annual Priest Retreat in Kanuga, North Carolina. He will be leaving this Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> after 10:00 A.M. Mass and will return Thursday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Fr. David Arnoldt will be taking care of the Masses while Fr. Prasad is away.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jim Elliot Mack and Cartier Carroll.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *World Mission Sunday*. Please be generous in this collection.

HALLOWEEN GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PARTY will be held this Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. in the Hall. All are welcome.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday. Classes will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. Practice will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE will be held on Tuesday after 7:00 P.M. Mass for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Practice will resume November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### READERS

Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna  
Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Montela  
Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Edge & Creed  
Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Easton & Jim Richmon

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Josie  
Tuesday - Julie Ann  
Wednesday - Gracelynn  
Thursday - Sherlock's Mary Theresa  
Friday - Lauren Ashley

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday - Theresa Hun  
Tuesday - Winnie Ann  
Wednesday - Julie Ann  
Thursday - Cathy Carroll  
Friday - Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Right Theresa Hun  
Left Cathy Carroll

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

October 22<sup>nd</sup> October 29<sup>th</sup>  
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