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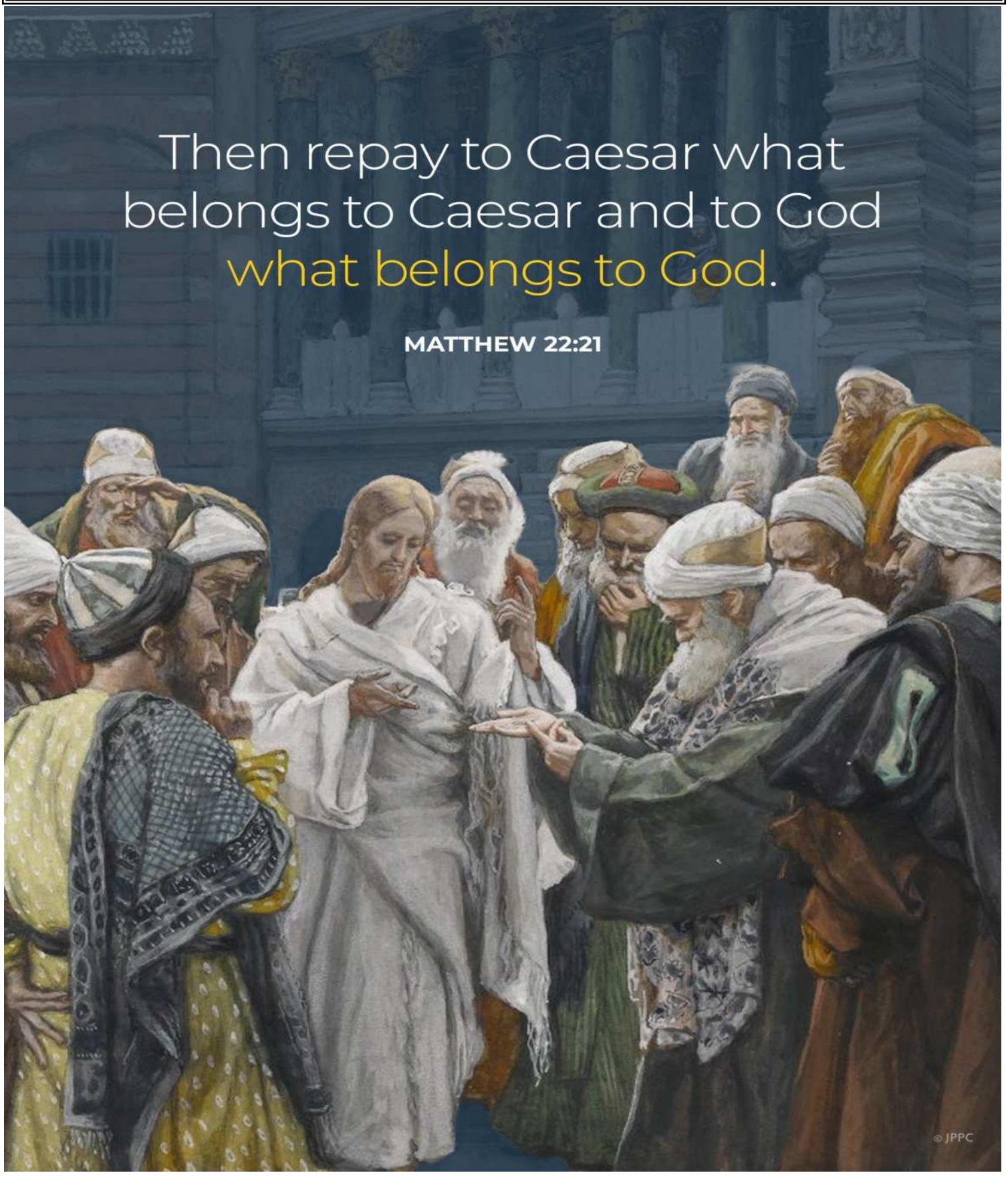

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026
5:00PM ROBERT F. HEINZMANN.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026
8:00AM FATHER JOSE ALEXANDER GAITAN.
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
ADORACION SANTOS
BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN.
IN THANKSGIVING MANUEL SANTOS.
12:30PM MARIA ROSA PEPIN.
PEDRO IGNACIO PEPIN.
MIGUEL GENARO PEPIN.

MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2026
12:00PM MARGARET O'LEARY.
GODOFREDO PALMARES.
RONNIE PALMARES.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2026
12:00 PM PRO POPULO.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2026
12:00PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF MURTHA FAMILY.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2026
12:00PM JOSEPH WOJTOWICZ.
7:00PM _____

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2026
12:00PM DR. ROBERT L. SPERRY.
BIENTE LO KUA AND
MICHAEL TCHAO YU CHIN.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026
5:00PM BENZON DY.
MIGDALIA GONZALEZ
Y RAISA ALVAREZ.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2026
8:00AM BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTIAN CUERVO.
JOHN COLLINS SR.
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
IN THANKSGIVING HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANET BAYOT.
IN THANKSGIVING SALVADOR SANTOS AND MARIA
CONCEPCION SANTOS FOR HE ALING.
12:30PM ANDRE DIAZ.

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026.
In memory of:
Natalie Furey-Schillari

THE ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026.
In memory of:
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Readings for the Week – October 18, 2026

Monday Ephesians 2:1-10 / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 / Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday Ephesians 2:12-22 / Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday Ephesians 3:2-12 / Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Luke 12:39-48
Thursday Ephesians 3:14-21 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Luke 12:49-53
Friday Ephesians 4:1-6 / Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 12:54-59
Saturday Ephesians 4:7-16 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Luke 13:1-9
Sunday Exodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

Lecturas de la Semana – 18 Octubre, 2026

Lunes Efesios 2, 1-10 / Salmos 99, 2. 3. 4. 5 / Lucas 12, 13-21
Martes Efesios 2, 12-22 / Salmos 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14 / Lucas 12, 35-38
Miércoles Efesios 3, 2-12 / Isaías 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 / Lucas 12, 39-48
Jueves Efesios 3, 14-21 / Salmos 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10ab y 11 / Lucas 12, 49-53
Viernes Efesios 4, 1-6 / Salmos 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 / Lucas 12, 54-59
Sábado Efesios 4, 7-16 / Salmos 121, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5 / Lucas 13, 1-9
Domingo Éxodo 22, 20-26 / Salmos 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab / 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 5c-10 / Mateo 22, 34-40

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Eucharist:
Saturday- 5:00pm Sunday Anticipated
Sunday- 8:00am English
11:00am English
12:30pm Spanish

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday
12:00noon at the convent building.

Neo-Catechumenate Group
Wednesday- 8:00pm Prayer
Saturday- 8:00pm Mass

CONFESSION-
THURSDAY 6:00PM-7:00PM

MARRIAGE
CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST.

MATRIMONIO
CONTACTE EL SACERDOTE.

RECONCILIACION-
JUEVES 6:00PM-7:00PM

ULTREYA
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SOME NEW INFORMATION REGARDING CCD/CONFIRMATION

Additional dates have been added for CCD/Confirmation Registration

Sunday, September 13th --- 9AM till 11 AM

Tuesday, September 15th --- 5 till 7PM

ALSO NEEDED

Volunteers to teach CCD classes.

Training will be provided

Contact Deb Baker

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October 18, 2026 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The greater the dislike of a person, the stronger the motivation to defeat him or at least thwart his forward progress. The collaboration of the Pharisees and Herodians, who represent opposite political views, reveals the extreme measures they take to eliminate Jesus.

Their chosen strategy was to trap Him. The Pharisees were Jewish nationalists opposed to Rome's occupation and rule over Palestine. The Herodians were supporters of Roman rule and sympathetic to the Herodian dynasty. If Jesus opposed the tax, the Herodians could charge Him with treason for instigating a tax revolt against Rome. If Jesus approved of it, the Pharisees would charge Him with being unfaithful to Judaism and its hopes of national independence.

Jesus beautifully evades the intended trap with a subtle and riddle-like response. His words have several implications. He plays on the word "likeness." Caesar's coins could be given back to him in taxes without religious compromise. He minted the coins with his own image, and they were therefore his property. But even Caesar, created in God's "image," has the duty of giving himself back to God.

Jesus' answer turns the trap back on them. He hints that taxation is the result of their own sins. Had Israel been giving God His due, they would not have been subjected to the oppression of Roman rule.

So, in the end, Our Lord affirms the rightness of fulfilling one's civil duties while emphasizing one's primary duty of serving God. Matthew compliments the Master in his conclusion to the whole incident: "When they heard it (the rendering to Caesar and to God), they marveled, and they left him and went away."

"They marveled." The question arises: Do we marvel at Jesus? Or have we slid into another kind of trap, namely that of complacency?

This Mission Sunday is a call to wake up to our obligation as followers of Jesus to spread the word about Him to a waiting world that doesn't even recognize its need of Him and His wisdom. We do it in many ways, the most common of which is our lifestyle.

Inherent in our duty is the obligation to help those valiant men and women who have given their lives for the effort through our prayerful and material support. There are millions still who have not heard the Jesus story. They need to marvel at what they hear. We reach out to them with optimism.

Once upon a time, a shoe salesman, upon finding out that in his new territory no one wore shoes, wrote his company and said, "Don't send any shoes, because no one here wears them." Another salesman in the same territory wrote the company and said, "Send all the shoes you've got; nobody here has any." God love you and bless your mission.

Rev. Peterson's Reading & Gospel Summary

Reading I: Isaiah 45: 4-6

Cyrus, founder of the Persian empire, will release the Jews from Babylonian captivity. There is only one God to be worshiped and loved.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Paul usually opens his letters with words of thanks. Here he does so with extra motivation because this community has made a special effort to live a Gospel lifestyle

The Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees and Herodians, normally bitter enemies, join forces to trap Jesus. He evades the trap and teaches a powerful lesson.

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