

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)

Do you see the trap these Pharisees were setting when they asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar? If he had said that the tax was not lawful, he would have been branded as a revolutionary and a threat to the Romans. If he had said that the tax was lawful, he would have been branded as a collaborator with the oppressive imperial regime.

Jesus saw right through the trap (Matthew 22:18). Instead of falling for it, he gave them a simple yet profound answer—one that still asks us where we stand.

“What belongs to God” is all of his creation: the plants and animals of the earth, the stars of the sky, the sea and everything in it. And of course, his people—all of us. As the stars shine and the moon glows, as the birds sing and the trees bloom, they give glory to God. How much more should we, who are the crown of God’s creation, give him glory and honor? This is how we “repay to... God what belongs to God”—by worshipping him, by following his commandments, and by reaching out to care for his loved ones.

What about repaying to Caesar? Does it mean paying taxes so that police keep the peace, school buses run, and towns can care for the needy through social programs? Yes it does, and much more. That’s because the way we “repay to God” should affect the way we “repay to Caesar.” It should move us to find ways to care for the poor and homeless, to visit the sick and the elderly, and to lift up the lonely. It should move us to work toward transforming our towns and cities step-by-step. It should move us to take care of people, not just pay our taxes.

So what can you do for “Caesar” today?

“Here I am, Lord. Teach me how to change my corner of the world.”

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 45:1-6, Ps 96:1-10, Mt 22:15-21
Monday	Rom 4:20-25, Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Rom 5:12-21, Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18, Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23, Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25, Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
Sunday	Ex 22:20-26, Ps 18:2-51, Mt 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 21

5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

Sunday October 22

8:00 AM Soul of Stacy Franklin

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Soul of Emilia Mulina

Wednesday October 25

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Saturday October 28

5:15 PM Intention of Gloria McClaurin

Sunday October 29

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

12:15 PM Souls of William and Hayzetta Patterson



Weekly Offering

October 15, 2017

\$4,079.00 Tithe and Offering

310.00 Building Fund

21.00 "We Care"

Please join us for our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
Sunday, November 26, 2017

Transfiguration Parish Hall After all Masses.

New and Exciting Vendors

Jewelry, Accessories,
Christmas Ornaments,
Baked Goods, Yummy Food,
and Much More
Holiday Sale Items...

Enjoy great music and

FREE picture taken with Santa

Something for Everyone!

COME CHECK IT OUT!

For more information, call Vickie Race 310.259.6430
or Evelyn Payne 323.291.8325.



Marian Procession and Rosary

Transfiguration invites you to celebrate the 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. Also, join us for the Rosary Procession in honor of OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH-Valankanni. Both events will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 4:00 PM followed by the 5:15 PM Mass and Healing Adoration. Join us for fellowship in the parish hall and partake of Indian and American cuisine. You are encouraged to bring toiletries such as: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, etc. to the rectory before Saturday, October 28th. Please call the rectory office in advance of your delivery. Or, you may call Gloria McClaurin 310.880.6561 or Liz Quinn 310.251.1051 to arrange to have your items picked-up at your home. The toiletries will be presented during the offertory at 5:15 PM mass by the children and distributed to the women's shelter. Thank you for your support.

All Souls Mass

We will celebrate All Souls Mass on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM masses and on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the 5:15 PM mass. The Church of the Transfiguration will offer a liturgy for the repose of the souls of those from our church family who have gone home to the Lord FROM NOVEMBER 2016 UNTIL OCTOBER 2017.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

All Saints Masses

8AM, 9:30AM AND 6PM

International Food Court

Transfiguration Ladies Auxiliary and Jr. Daughters of Court 220 are hosting an International Food Court after all the Masses on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Ticket donations are \$12.00 for a taste of six food options representing various countries. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please stop by and enjoy a taste around the world.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

**Donations of Turkeys, Dressing, Canned Yams
and Green Beans are needed...**

Before you deliver your donations to the rectory
please call the office at 323.291.1136.

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 23 for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136. Dinners will be delivered to your home.