



October 22, 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21)

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With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime. What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's. *-Father John Muir*

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic

1LT Daniel Realini, US Army

Eric M. Warren, US Air Force

Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC

Tom Harold Purple, US Army

Adam J Helmers, US Navy

Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R

Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC

Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce

Enrico Enriquez US Army

Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army

Ben Soto, US Airforce

Ken Soto, US Air National Guard

James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy

John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy

Dominic Galarza, US Army

Michael Laemmlein, US Navy

Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army

Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard



St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us.

Crafters wanted for the Annual St. Dunstan Holiday Boutique to be held Sunday, November 19, 2023. For information email Ann at secretary@saintdunstanchurch.org

FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

+ Sunday, October 22, 2023	7th Grade
+ Sunday, November 5, 2023	6th Grade
+ Sunday, December 10, 2023	5th Grade
+ Sunday, January 21, 2024	4th Grade
+ Sunday, February 11, 2024	3rd Grade
+ Sunday, March 10, 2024	2nd Grade
+ Sunday, April 14, 2024	1st Grade
+ Sunday, May 19, 2024	Kindergarten

The annual St. Dunstan Holiday Boutique will be held on Sunday, November 19. A mailing was sent out a mailing to all parishioners with a Raffle Ticket Purchase Form. This is a \$40 Raffle and First Prize is \$4000, 2nd Prize is an Apple iPad and 3rd Prize is \$400. Complete your form and send it the Parish Office and your ticket stub will be mailed to you. Beginning October 28 and each weekend until the boutique, Raffle tickets will be sold outside the church after all masses and they can also be purchased at the rectory. Ticket forms are also available in the vestibule of the church.



October is the month of the Rosary. The Legion of Mary invites you to join them to pray the Rosary each Saturday in October at 12 noon at the grotto of the church.

St. Dominic Parish Offering an Afternoon Retreat for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One

Sunday, November 5, 2-3:30p

2390 Bush St., San Francisco (Aquinas Room)

Contact: Deacon Chuck McNeil | 415-567-7824 | deaonchuck@stdominics.org



October 22 - 28, 2023

- Sunday** 7:00 am For Parish
10:00 am Emma & George Meagher
11:30 am Joseph & Albina Caimotto
- Monday** 6:30 am Ariana Contreras (living)
8:00 am Pascual Dela Rosa & Family (living)
5:10 pm Patrick Roylance
- Tuesday** 6:30 am Therese Jackson
8:00 am Frank De Leone & Anthony Alioto
5:10 pm Myrna Mansor Viray
- Wednesday** 6:30 am Stella Lauber (living)
8:00 am Rafaela Estrada
5:10 pm Ramona Tamaresis
- Thursday** 6:30 am Naida Fadrihan (living)
8:00 am The Aubright Family
5:10 pm John Regal
- Friday** 6:30 am Felicia Paler
8:00 am Claro Soberano
5:10 pm Joanne Poulin
- Saturday** 8:00 am Willie Ramirez
5:00 pm Russ Nott

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

- 10/21 Saturday**
5:00 PM **H Cook**, A Cook, P Sundberg, F Gutierrez, L Pascual
- 10/22 Sunday**
7:00 AM **J Lariosa**, S Bosso, R Tanjuakio
10:00 AM **A Doctolero**, T Dizon, M Muzzi, K Atkinson, A Academia
11:30 AM **M Haven**, L Aragon, J Lazaro, G & L Simpao

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection.
Next weekend, October 28 & 29, is the 5th Sunday of the month. Members of the St. Dunstan Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stationed at the doors of the church accepting monetary donations. These donations will enable us help those in need in our parish area with food, clothing, furniture, rent and utilities assistance. The need is increasing. Through your kindness and support our clients needs can be met. On behalf of the families we serve, we thank you!



Weekend Collection:
October 14-15: \$6,982.00
Online Giving: October 14-15: \$1,374.00

This Weekend's Second Collection is for the Propagation of the Faith World Mission Sunday

Thank you for ALL your support !

October 2023 Second Collections
October 15: Parish Maintenance & Development
October 22: World Mission Sunday

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Saturday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All parishioners are invited to a Trivia Night hosted by the St Dunstan Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society on Wednesday, October 26 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Center. Snacks will be served. We are looking forward to our last event of the year in St. Vincent de Paul's Faith, Fellowship and Fun social gathering series! Eat, drink, and exercise your brain at SVDP's Trivia Night! Bring a team (up to 3 people per team) or join a table for a fun evening of trivia (general knowledge trivia). Prizes available for winners. Please call the parish office to sign up 650-697-4736 or by emailing: <https://svdpsm.org/vincentian-resources/>

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinero, Letty Santa Cruz, Caoilte O'Casey, Pauline Bertolino, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Arlene Phipps, Ed Phipps, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia