



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2017

“Repay to Caesar what belongs
to Caesar,
and to God what belongs
to God.”
— Matthew 22:21

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What makes the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children different from the others? First, there is the intended assembly, which is described as comprised of mostly children of school age. There are three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children available to us now in the missal. The first one has a very simple form, easily grasped by even a young child. The second has a great deal of participation by the assembly—repeated sung acclamations. The third has a number of variations that can be tricky for a priest to handle if he hasn't prepared carefully.

All of this work does point to a true treasure of our tradition: children are part of the Sunday assembly, precisely because they are baptized members of Christ's body. By contrast, the churches of the Reformation tend to look upon children as members in training, and see worship as an adult activity. Sunday school happens downstairs while the adults celebrate Holy Communion upstairs. In a phrase, that's not Catholic. Children belong to Christ and to the assembly. So, the desire to care for the children in the assembly, to draw them into the prayer, and to adapt our rituals and texts to their needs is deeply Catholic, a true pastoral effort to help draw everyone into the praise of God.

--Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

PROOF OF LOVE

The proof of love is in the works. Where love
exists, it works great things. But when
it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

—St. Gregory the Great

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly
needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **October** offerings:

10/15: 1st collection: \$1835. Capital Expenditures: \$1124.
10/22: Fire Relief. 10/29: Rural Food:

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 11/30/17, at 10:00 AM in Hall

Finance Council: Thurs., 10/26/17, at 1:00 PM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30 AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and
Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., October 21, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
Sun., October 22, 8am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Sun., October 22, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., October 22, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Mon., October 23, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Tues., October 24, 9am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Wed., October 25, 9am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Thurs., October 26, 9am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Fri., October 27, 9am Communion Service
Sat., October 28, 5pm Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Sun., October 29, 8am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Sun., October 29, 9:30am Mass Sharon Pleiman
Sun., October 29, 11:15am Mass ✠ Dina DeMartini

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Day
Monday: St. John of Capistrano
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add or remove names.

Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich

FAITH

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator
for all I have not seen.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

GOOD EXAMPLE

A good example is the tallest kind of preaching.
—African saying

Pope Francis Tweet

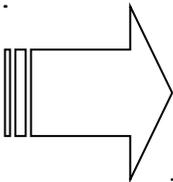
"It is the duty of the human family to help free every single person from poverty and hunger."

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adams' original photograph of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited edition has been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee members for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

Parish Notes: The Endowment Account with Christian Brothers Financial Services of San Francisco for the benefit of our parish of St. Philip/St Teresa provides a financial resource for this parish that will last forever. Contact Fr. Fergal McGuinness, Pastor, to discuss further: 707-874-3812 or fmcguinness@srdiocese.org.

Flowers for the Altar during the Year: Flowers for the altar are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for your blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, call 874-6072.

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FATIMA Centenary and Consecration

Bishop Vasa has invited all the faithful of the Diocese of Santa Rosa to consecrate themselves to Christ through Mary in this year when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. The act of consecration will take place after the Masses on the weekend of December 9 & 10. There is also a month-long preparation program in video format entitled, "33 Days to Morning Glory". This is available at www.srdiocese.org/33days. The sign-in email is santarosa@formed.org and the password is Formed17. Further information and the Bishop's full letter can be found on page 12 of the September 2017 North Coast Catholic, available online at srdiocese.org.

Our own parish will be having a FATIMA presentation and discussion in St. Philip's Hall at 2:00 pm on Saturday October 28. All are invited. The talk will be given by our parish Director of Religious Education, Ella Rozett, who has recently returned from the centenary celebrations in Fatima. Ella studied Theology and Religious Studies in Germany and the US. She has also taught Religious Studies at Santa Rosa Junior College.



REMINDER: Please do not use the hall or remove items from the hall/kitchen without first contacting us for permission, availability, and the necessary process: 874-3304 or 874-3812.

As our hearts continue to go out to the countless families affected by the wildfires, we are encouraged by the powerful response from all people of goodwill. The Chancery reopened on Monday October 16th, but will not be fully staffed as some staff have left the area due to the evacuations. Chancery staff have email access but are not working. Many more every day are in contact and wish to help out, so we have created a web page on our Diocesan website to donate specifically to help alleviate the incredible financial toll the fires have had on our school communities, and parish families. Please go to www.srdiocese.org/signofhope to make a donation as soon as possible. Every little bit helps! You can also sign up to offer one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week, as well as submit your own story of how you have experienced your own sign of hope in the midst of this trial. Thank you! --Dave Adams, the Chancery

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Rural Food Program Alert!!!

The devastating wild fires have displaced many people and it is evident that the rebuilding process will take many months. Family and friends of our Rural Food clients and individuals relocating to temporary housing in our service area will need support. In view of this, we are suspending the residency requirement for our service area (this includes communities from Occidental to Monte Rio, Cazadero, Jenner, Bodega Bay, Bodega, and Freestone.). I will inform Catholic Charities Rural Food and the Redwood Empire Foodbank so that they can refer people to our program. I encourage our parishioners and volunteers to refer individuals and families that may be in need of food. Of course, this will place additional need for volunteers in anticipation of more requests for assistance. November, December and January have always been our busiest months so please help us with set-up and/or distribution. Please be in communication with me (roddemar@comcast.net) and/or leave messages at the parish office (874-3812) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you, Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator