



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalm: 96:1,3-5,7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonian 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn of Faith v. 1 & 2.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B261, Virgin, Full Of Grace.
- Communion: Look Beyond (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R343, Sing Praise To God.
- Recessional: R677, They'll Know We Are Christians.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **YMSofR Clothing Drive.** We are handing out sheets today. Please help. Count your own items, donate them where you wish, and turn in the count sheets on any Sunday now through the end of the year.
- **Next Sunday.** Fr. Jim will be concelebrating Holy Mass for the 125th Anniversary of the founding of St. Adalbert's Parish (the second oldest parish in the PNCC) next Sunday. Fr. Mark will be filling in here. Holy Mass will be at noon only.
- **Doing Good:** We continue our CarePortal work. Our next food bank day on Saturday, October 28th. If you know people who need food, we have plenty available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Time is growing short for our Christmas Vigil Raffle, Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style. The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 10th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.
- **Anticipating:** This time of year begins to get busy on our parish calendar. November is the month of All Souls. Please turn in your lists by next Sunday. At the start of November, we will begin collection of items for our Thanksgiving/Christmas food bank donation. Our Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering will be Saturday, November 4 at All Saints parish in Rome, NY.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Welcome as we continue our Ordinary Time journey of study and re-commit ourselves to the work of following, witnessing to, and sharing Jesus.

We have spent weeks focusing on God's great generosity: unlimited forgiveness; full payment to all workers whether they are old school faithful or new followers; His offer of opportunities to change, turn and repent, and His invitation to all to put on the wedding garment of regeneration.

Today we encounter a challenge cooked up by the religious authorities of Jesus' time on earth. What should a faithful person do about government and rulers?

Jesus gives a classic answer we all remember: "repay to Caesar

what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

A brief thought crossed my mind in preparing for this week. If we are so focused on God's generosity, why would we ever consider government, rulers, and taxes?

We start by turning back to our first reading where Isaiah recounts God's words for the ruler Cyrus made in advance of Cyrus' birth. This prophesied Cyrus would rule all ancient Babylon and would free the people of Israel. Not only would he free them, but he would make their return to Israel smooth.

Throughout the Old and New Testament, the prophets and Apostles point to God's selection of rulers and government that were ostensibly pagan and did not know God. Yet they were working for God. We are told to honor them, be subject to them, to be obedient, and even pay our taxes without complaint.

This seems odd doesn't it, especially in our day. Some so-called Christians fight awfully hard for certain candidates for office. Some people channel their anger and louder than life voices behind others. This is why we are called today to consider God's way of doing things.

In the end, it comes down to whether we trust God's generosity or not. We heard: *there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

So, what should a faithful Christian do about government and rulers? As followers of Christ, we must let God make the choices for us, and not invest in following politicians. God will establish them even if they are pagans. What is key is how we live as followers of Jesus and members of the Kingdom. Jesus has many more instructions about that.

Memory Verse

"By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice."

Proverbs 8:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Mark 10:42-43
MONDAY: Isaiah 16:1
TUESDAY: Luke 1:52
WEDNESDAY: Luke 12:11-12
THURSDAY: Romans 13:3
FRIDAY: Titus 3:1
SATURDAY: Isaiah 60:3

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Save me from reliance on earthy rules and from any allegiance to them. Help me to understand that my sole obligation is to trust in and live Your gospel life. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Kelly Light, Devon Boff, Brian Rohan, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the work of the History and Archives Commission and all its workers.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **October 22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **October 23: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 24: Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **October 25: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 27: Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.**
- **October 28: Feast, Ss. Simon and Jude. Food Bank 10am until 12:30pm**
- **October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **October 30: No Holy Mass.**