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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— OCT. 22ND, 2023
**"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."**



In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught

scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

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XXIX DOMINGO ORDINARIO- OCTUBRE 22ND, 2023

"DEN, PUES, AL CÉSAR LO QUE ES DEL CÉSAR, Y A DIOS LO QUE ES DE DIOS".

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús y los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén continúan su tenso intercambio de preguntas y desafíos. En este momento los discípulos de los fariseos, junto con los herodianos, intentan atrapar a Jesús con su pregunta sobre el pago de los impuestos.

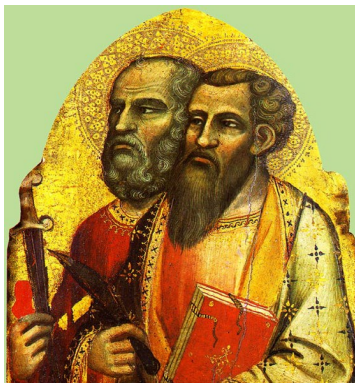
Mateo establece una asociación inusual entre los fariseos y los herodianos. Los herodianos apoyaban a Herodes Antipas, un líder político judío que colaboraba con los romanos. Tal colaboración habría requerido una observancia comprometida de la Ley Mosaica. Los fariseos, por otra parte, enseñaban la observancia escrupulosa de la Ley Mosaica y se oponían a la ocupación romana. Los herodianos favorecían el pago de impuestos; los fariseos se opusieron. Los herodianos y los fariseos se acercan a Jesús y le piden que tome partido en su disputa. Si Jesús responde con los fariseos, se muestra enemigo de Roma. Si responde con los herodianos, ofende la sensibilidad religiosa judía popular.

La respuesta de Jesús a este intento de atraparlo expone la astucia de quienes lo interrogan. Desde las primeras palabras que les dirige, Jesús demuestra que es muy consciente de lo que intentan hacer. Pide ver una moneda romana, que se le proporciona fácilmente. Puede que haya venido de la mano de un herodiano, pero los fariseos se muestran muy dispuestos a aceptar este compromiso. Jesús ya ha expuesto a los fariseos como hipócritas. Jesús lleva su respuesta un paso más allá. Pide a sus interlocutores que examinen la moneda. Jesús acepta que es la imagen de César en la moneda y les dice que debe pertenecer a César. Evitando por completo la cuestión de la legalidad, Jesús responde a su pregunta con una lógica sencilla. Luego, yendo aún más lejos, Jesús les dice que su obligación es pagar a Dios lo que es de Dios.

La respuesta de Jesús a los herodianos y fariseos sugiere la ética que los cristianos deberían adoptar. Nos recuerda la importancia de mantener las cosas en su perspectiva adecuada. ¿Nos apegamos a las cosas mundanas a expensas del amor y el honor que le debemos a Dios?

SAINT OF THE WEEK: OCT. 28TH SAINTS: SIMON & JUDE

Simon the Zealot was one who was called. The Zealots were a Jewish group who believed that the promise of the Messiah meant a free and independent Jewish nation where they would never have to pay taxes to the Romans again. Some Zealots were also very concerned that the spiritual ideals of their religion be kept. But others in the group acted more like modern-day terrorists by raiding, killing, and inciting riots. Simon was known as "the zealot" to distinguish him from Simon Peter.



At the same time, Jesus called Jude Thaddeus, brother of James, most likely a fisherman by trade. Along with 10 other men, these two followed Jesus, lived with him. Jude traveled to Mesopotamia to preach, and Simon went to Egypt. Eventually they both ended up in Persia, modern-day Iran. There they worked together evangelizing the people until they were both martyred. These two unlikely candidates for apostleship finally witnessed to the risen Lord with their lives. Traditionally Saint Jude the Apostle is identified with the author of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament. He has also come to be known as the saint of hopeless cases. Loyola Press

World Mission Sunday Sun. Oct. 22, 2023

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity." For more information please visit: www.missio.org

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, in Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at 5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions October 22st - 29nd 2023

Sat. Oct. 21st 4:30: -Int. Crosswell & Duque families

Sunday October 22nd 9:00: + Philip Paré

11:15 - For the Health of Krista Schmidthues

Wed. Oct 25th 12:00: + Jenny Yglesias Molina

Thurs. Oct 26th 12:00: + Harold & Ramona Grice

Fri. Oct 27th 12:00: + Fr. Michael Cross

Sat. Oct. 27th 4:30pm + Mike Micheletti

CACHAGUA MASS 7:00 pm

+ Artemio Martinez, + Pedro y + Maria Resendiz,

+ Gertrudis Osornio, Eduardo Martinez.

Sun. Oct. 29th 9:00 + Carlota Yglesias

11:15 + Elizabeth Travers

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 7 & 8: \$ 3,073.27

October 14 & 15: \$ 1,831.85

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Carlos Flores

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz—Richard Carr

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

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- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, J Concepción Jara, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

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- First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
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PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

*Lord,
today we ask for a miracle:
We raise up the people of
Israel and
Palestine to you,
two countries that have been in
an ongoing conflict for years.
We ask that you provide peace
In this horrible war and
give protection and comfort for all those
who have been impacted.
We lift our prayer to you.*

Shower of Love

Join
us!



We hope you'll join us on

Saturday, November 4th

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Carmel Mission | MacMahon Center
3080 Rio Road, Carmel

for a baby shower to benefit local under-resourced
infants served by the Christ Child Society of
Monterey Bay. Get more info:



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