

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2020

JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,  
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR  
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

Perhaps the most shocking sentence in today's Gospel comes from the mouth of a Pharisee: "And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status." In context, that false compliment sounds savagely passive-aggressive. These scripture scholars do not actually admire Jesus' freedom, the unconventional way he interacts with men, women, and children from every back-ground. It's possible some of Jesus' peers are jealous of his confident ease, but mainly they find Jesus threatening. Over and over again, Matthew's Gospel highlights the ways Jesus offends the Pharisees and scribes: failing to wash his hands in the traditional manner, for example, or, on the Sabbath, curing diseases and allowing his disciples to pick grain. Jesus does not focus on earthly status and the status quo; his mission is to proclaim the kingdom of God.

## THE RISK OF DISCIPLESHIP

When we deepen our relationship with Jesus, we follow in his footsteps. Sometimes this discipleship brings about obvi-

ous blessings, like belonging to a thriving parish community or feeling good about helping people in need. At other times, imitating Jesus means sharing in his sufferings. Like Jesus, we know the sting of rejection. We fear to lower our social status by spending time and money as Jesus may call us to do. At a social gathering, choosing to spend time with someone who is awkward or unpopular means we are not hanging with the in-crowd. Offering a full tithe to charity means we have less money to spend on trendy items. Letting go of our earthly desire to be admired can be difficult, but the Lord accompanies us in the struggle. Truly, Jesus Christ does not "regard a person's status." Inspired by this divine impartiality, we pray: Lord God, help us to love the extravagant freedom that comes from you. Help us to follow you out of the status quo and into your compassionate heart.

Today's Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;  
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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**PERMANENT DEACON:**

### Temporary

Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM

Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM

Confessions: Tues. & Wed. 9:00-10:00AM

### Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday: 45  
minutes before Mass

### Marriage or Baptism:

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# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Richard Schuetz. Knigge Family. Regina Davies. Jo Hoffman. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Elayne Hayes. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

**We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Jim Hayes, spouse of Elayne.**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:**

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**Psalms:** Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading:** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**Gospel:** Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Mass—Intentions**

**Sat 10/17** Joe Frank Lalumia+ (Marie Hansen)

**Sun 10/18** Pat Guy+ (M/M Stephens)

**Tue 10/20** Deacon Len Sanchez+ (Rosary Makers)

**Wed 10/21** Charles Snodgrass+ (K of C)

**Thurs 10/22** Carlos Gallardo+ (K of C)

**Fri. 10/23** Deacon Len Sanchez+ (K of C)

**Sat. 10/24** Parishioners

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Average weekly amounts through Sept. 30, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,734

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,660

**Attendance** 10/10 Sat. 41 & 10/11 Sun. 43

**POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:**

**The Laity's Mission in the Church.** That by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**Election Day Adoration**

7am - 7pm, Tues., Nov. 3rd



We need adorers! Our nation needs prayer during these tumultuous times now more than ever. God chastises those He loves, but He is merciful too. We can plead for Him to keep destruction from us just as He did for Abraham with Lot in Sodom. Just as He did for Hezekiah by granting him 15 more years of life. We can ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us on election day just as she did at the Battle of Lepanto and the Wedding Feast of Cana.

We need to pray that legal voting is upheld and preserved and that the polls are places of peace. We can pray that people are motivated to get out and vote and that candidates show civility no matter the outcome. We must pray that God blesses America.

Can you give an hour to pray for our nation? **Father is offering Mass at 6:30am** and then each adoration slot is on the half hour for example 7:00a-7:30a, 7:30a-8:00a and so forth. **You can sign up on the holy spirit website, [holyspirithollylake.com](http://holyspirithollylake.com) or you can email Cathy Ellis at [cathy.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.ellis@gmail.com)**



Let us pray unceasingly  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

**Please join the Rosary Group**

Every Friday for 8:00am Mass. We would love it if you would like for us to teach you how to make rosaries. This is a way to meet and get to know some of Holy Spirit's sweetest and funniest women. We do wear masks & social distancing. Call Jean Kelley 903-857-9868 for details.



**Dispensation:** The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Food donations: Blessings to all of our givers!** We could use cans of soups; can vegetables; pasta & pasta sauce. Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

**CONFESSION ON Tues., Oct. 20th & Wed., Oct. 21st only from 9:00—10:00AM.** If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

**Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower**

This will be Knights of Columbus fifth baby shower event will be held for two weekends; Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st and Nov. 7th & 8th. This year, the Knights will again be supporting the Building Blocks, Living Alternatives Ministry (<https://livingalternatives.org/building-blocks/>).

The Building Blocks Ministry offers practical help to parents that encourages and renews hope for the future. It's a unique earn-while-you-learn program where moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appointments, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors.

A portable play pen will be located in the entry to the parish hall for donated items, including: baby wipes, diapers (newborn to size 4), fall and winter clothes (newborn to 2T), bedding, car seats, babies and children's toys, and, of course, monetary donations.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF PARISHIONERS THAT HAVE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS:**

- Quick Books; Parish Data System (PDS); Publisher; Excel & Word
- Would you be available under 20 hours a month to pay bills, keep track of finances, and reconcile bank statements?
- Would you be interested in working on our bulletin?
- If you have these talents and you're interested, please email the church office at [holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com) or call 903-769-3235.

**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Oct. 17th at 5:00pm and Sun., Oct. 18th at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

**Cenacle of Life:** Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Fr. Mike is offering a **men's bible study** and a **women's bible study.** If interested please call/text Fr. Mike on his cell 903-490-3883. Leave your name and contact number.

**Would you like to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament?**

Fr. Mike is encouraging Holy Spirit parishioners to pray the Rosary before the Sat., Vigil and Sun., Mass. Join us at 4:30pm on Sat., and 8:30am on Sun., in the sacred space in the parish hall. The hall will fit the maximum amount of people to attend weekend Mass in order to stay within the protocols. **Promised graces are guaranteed!**

**Holly Lake Ranch/Hawkins FM2869 Life Chain 2020**

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November. Christians should attend the local Life Chain to help build a resolute army of Christians who are pro-life in both word and deed. Let us engage the enemy, boldly and unashamed, until the curse of legal abortion is swept from our land and again provide security and freedom for every citizen, born and unborn. Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating in the 2020 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 until 3:00 PM. More Information will be in future bulletins, or call Richard Boultinghouse, Life Chain Committee Chairman, at 903-769-4257 or [rbhouse61@aol.com](mailto:rbhouse61@aol.com).



**Live the Gospel of Life**

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RESPECT LIFE OCTOBER 2020**



**Oct. Second Collections:** 17th & 18th "World Mission Sunday."

**Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 8:00am.**

**Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.

# The Right to Religious Freedom Should Inform our Voting

by [Bishop Joseph Strickland](#) | Sep 5, 2020 | [Essays](#)

In his World Peace Day message for 1988, Pope St John Paul II said: *“Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person, is a cornerstone of the structure of human rights, and for this reason an irreplaceable factor in the good of individuals and of the whole of society, as well as of the personal fulfillment of each individual. It follows that the freedom of individuals and communities to profess and practice their religion is an essential element for peaceful human coexistence. [...] The civil and social right to religious freedom, inasmuch as it touches the most intimate sphere of the spirit, is a point of reference for the other fundamental rights and in some way becomes a measure of them”*

This emphasis on religious freedom ran throughout the late Popes teaching magisterium. It was demonstrated early in his service to the Church. For example, then Bishop Karol Wojtyla’s actions at the Second Vatican Council. He made five interventions during the discussions which helped to formulate the final [Declaration on Religious Freedom \(Dignitatis Humane\)](#) which was promulgated by Pope St Paul VI on December 7, 1965.

This is all in keeping with his rich understanding of the essential connection between truth and freedom as discussed throughout “The Splendor of Truth” (*Veritatis Splendor*) where John Paul warns of the “death of true freedom” (Par 40) . It is also addressed repeatedly in “The Gospel of Life” (*Evangelium Vitae*) where he writes of freedom’s “...essential link with truth” and “...inherently relational dimension.”(Par. 19)

In his encyclical letter on “Faith and Reason”, *Fides et ratio*, he wrote: “It is not just that freedom is part of the act of faith: it is absolutely required. Indeed, it is faith that allows individuals to give consummate expression to their own freedom. Put differently, freedom is not realized in decisions made against God. For how could it be an exercise of true freedom to refuse to be open to the very reality which enables our self-realization? Men and women can accomplish no more important act in their lives than the act of faith; it is here that freedom reaches the certainty of truth and chooses to live in that truth.”(Par. 13)

As the Second Vatican Council affirmed: “This Vatican Council declares that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits. “The council further declares that the right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself. This right of the human person to religious freedom is to be recognized in the constitutional law whereby society is governed and thus it is to become a civil right.” (DH Par. 2)

As we approach the upcoming elections in the United States, the candidates stand on religious freedom must be paramount in our choices in the ballot box. The soft persecution of faithful Christians, across the confessional spectrum, is obvious to anyone who cares about religious freedom. The growing hostility toward the symbols of our religious heritage, the mocking of the values informed by religious faith and the overt and open hostility toward people of faith and religious institutions is increasing.

Religious freedom is called the first freedom in the American polity for good reason. It ensures that the leavening role of revealed truth helps us to form our conscience and shape the choices we make as individuals, families and, as a society.

The American founders fled coercive approaches to religion which compelled adherence to a particular sect. An incorrect interpretation of the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights has arisen in our day which promotes a notion of a Church/State separation that is hostile to religious institutions, discriminates against people of faith and seeks to censor religious speech and expression in the public square.

Religious faith should be encouraged and accommodated by the federal and/or state government, not treated with hostility. Rightly understood and applied, religious freedom means a freedom for religious expression, not a removal of such expression in the public square. Religious faith, religious institutions and religious speech are protected by the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights. The Birth Certificate of our Nation, the Declaration of Independence, affirmed the existence of inalienable rights and self-evident truths. The Rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness were understood to be endowed by our Creator and not conferred by a Federal or State Government. Implicit within the classical understanding of happiness is the pursuit of virtue – and virtue requires religion.

The First Amendment prohibition against the establishment of a National Religion was never meant to be used to justify governmental hostility toward religious faith, religious persons, or religious institutions. It was intended to protect against the establishment of a National Church and a forced adherence to its doctrine. It was more aptly understood as an Anti-Establishment Clause.

The Right to Religious Freedom protects people of all faiths to participate in the public square and to be a part of the daily social interactions that constitute the very tapestry of our social life. Religious faith is a human and social good.

The drafters of the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights used the phrase “Free exercise of religion” for a good reason. The protection which it guarantees to American citizens goes beyond the freedom to worship within the four walls of our church buildings. Exercise involves action. The First Amendment protects our fundamental right to bring the values informed by our faith into the social, economic, and political arena as good and faithful citizens.

The Free Exercise Clause has been turned on its head. An errant interpretation is increasingly being used to silence the Church and the religious speaker and actor. There is a dangerous trend of labeling anyone who supports the value of the undeniable Jewish and Christian roots of the West as backward, bigoted or, worse yet, trying to impose a theocracy and undermine freedom. The fact is, the Church was and is the guarantor of authentic freedom. Hostility toward the role of faith in our life together and efforts to censor the vital role it has played in our history and founding, is corrosive to true freedom.

The free exercise of religion is not only a constitutional right in the American polity, it is a fundamental human right in Catholic teaching. And, it should inform our choice of who we elect from among the candidates in the upcoming election.



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