

I have called you by your name, giving you a title,  
though you knew me not.

I am *the Lord*

and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 18, 2020**

#### THE TRAP

It is a scene that could be taken from the daily news feed. A young upstart is confronted by two established leaders. While holding opposing views on many issues, the two band together in an attempt to trap the newcomer. This is not a story from the daily news, however. The newcomer is Jesus in today's Gospel passage. The two established leaders, one a Pharisee and the other a Herodian, think they can trap Jesus by posing a question about the payment of taxes. No matter how he might respond to their question, they would have the means to discredit him. Jesus sees through their hypocrisy and does not fall into their trap. His response gets at the heart of what is truly important: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

#### WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

God creates all that is. Each of us is a marvelous creation of God. All that we have is created through the grace of God and the ways in which we humans use the gifts that have been given to use by God. Thinking about Jesus' question from this perspective leads us to ask ourselves what belongs to God. As the Lord tells Cyrus in today's first reading, each of us is called by name. We belong to God. If we are truly honest in our reflection, the conclusion we will reach is that everything is God's. We are to be good stewards of it all. Jesus' instruction to give "to God what belongs to God" calls us to take seriously the realization that all we are, have, and will be is a gift from God, given to us in trust, that we might use it to further God's kingdom on earth.

#### THERE IS NO GOD BESIDES ME

Most of us can admit that we do not readily think of our lives and possessions as belonging to God. Doing so calls us to think much more deeply about how we use our time, material goods, talents, and gifts in our daily lives. When we take to heart that everything that we are and have belongs to God, we learn to put God first. No longer can materialism or worldly success be our god, nor the unbounded activity that fills much of our lives. Each of us has been "loved and chosen" by God to bring Christ's presence to the world, through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Thessalonians 1:4). We do this by giving what belongs to God back to God through the proper use of our lives, gifts, and resources.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Matthew 22:15-21

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*School Registration of a Child*

*Becoming a Godparent or Sponsor*

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**Reading 1**

Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

**Reading 2**

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

**Gospel**

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of October 12 - 18, 2020**

**Sunday: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday**

**Monday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions**

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

**Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross**

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: St. John Paul II**

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

**Friday: St. John of Capistrano**

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

**Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary; United Nations Day**

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**

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**Sunday, October 18th**  
**8:00 am**  
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**9:45 am**  
 Jang Ho Lee †  
 Bong Hak Chung †  
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 Raymund Maratas †  
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 Monserrat Naguit †  
 Susan Erpe †  
 Emma Bandomil †  
 Lauro M. Tecson Jr. †  
 Rudy & Toni Bernaldo †  
**Monday, October 19th**  
 Lorerra M. Murphy †  
**Wednesday, October 21st**  
 Jesus A. Calleja Jr. †  
 Erlina R. Calleja  
 Manuel Venturina  
**Thursday, October 22nd**  
 Millie Model †  
**Saturday, October 24th**  
 Magdalena Chung †

*In Memoriam*

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The concept of a “sex offender” can seem abstract, as if it is removed from your family and your life. But in reality, sex offenders can be anyone: neighbors, relatives, teachers, friends. Sadly, the sex offender’s skills in deception often hide this reality from us. Predators count on disbelief to hide in plain sight, often in positions that allow them to choose and groom their victims. It is no accident when we read headlines where people in positions of trust and power are arrested for sex offenses. It is critical to let go of disbelief and arm ourselves with information to protect our children. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. Click here to download the resource: [How Offenders Can Mislead](#) (PDF)



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