

October 22, 2017
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

The scaffolding on the entrance of the church is in place,. The work on the window will now begin. The more I inspect our windows the more I appreciate the craftsmanship that created such beauty. I also pay more attention to the details and the story behind each window. Our Gospel story today made me focus on Simon, not Simon Peter, but Simon the Zealot (second window on the south side). He is not called the “the Zealot” on our window but he is in the gospel. This has important relevance to today’s Gospel: “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God’s”. Jesus’s answer seems to be a clever answer to a trick question. We now know that it was asked because of the dangerous world that Jesus lived in. That Jesus would chose “a Zealot” as one of his Twelve put the Romans on high alert about the intentions of Jesus who was drawing larger and larger crowds (five thousand men?). A zealot was a man who wanted to overthrow the rule of the Roman Empire by any means necessary. That Jesus was seen as a serious threat is clear from his subsequent crucifixion, a penalty given only to those seen as a very dangerous to the rule of the Romans. Some scholars think that Judas was a “sicarius” (the meaning of the word “escariat”) who used a knife to kill Romans and collaborators. Why did they join this special group of twelve followers and why did Jesus choose them? We would say “because he wanted to convert them from their violent ways”. He may have succeeded with Simon but not with Judas. Forty years later thousands of Zealots revolted against the Roman Empire. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed and many thousands of Jews killed. Jesus lived in a violent time and died a violent death.

Our 169th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be on Saturday,

November 11, 2017 from 8:00 pm to 1:00am –Journal adds are now available for subscription as are tickets . So please stop by the Rectory Office to pick up your tickets and or add subscription form. Adults \$50.00 Children \$25.00

Weekday parking : If you are coming into the church during the week please park on the upper level of the parking lot next to the Parish Hall-Since work has started on the Stained Glass Windows in the Chapel.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, October 15, 2017 was \$ 3,904.00

The Spanish collection for last Sunday, October 15, 2017 was \$2,129.00

The second collection this Sunday is our monthly Church Property Insurance collection; there will also be a special collection this Sunday for World Mission Sunday.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: As we worship today, we once again face the question of what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6: We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name.

Psalm 96: “Give the Lord glory and honor”.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b: We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21: “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”.

Parish Membership: All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

October 2017:

28th: Religious Education Instructions -9:30 to 11:00 am~1st Meeting Confirmation 11:30 am School Cafeteria

November 2017:

4th Religious Education Instructions-9:30 to 11:00am~Family Catechesis I ~Daylight Savings

11th Religious Education Instruction-9:30 to 11:00am

18th Religious Education Instruction-9:30 to 11:00am

25th NO Religious Education Instruction today

Mass Schedule for the week of
October 22, 2017 to October 29, 2017

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday October 22, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Liriana & Valentine Polanco

Rosario Polanco

11:00 John Kubeyinje

Family

Monday October 23, 2017:

12:05 Beatrice Zamborsky

William Zamborsky

Tuesday October 24, 2017:

8:15 Parmenio Tocasuche

Maria Teresa

12:05 In Thanksgiving

Rosa Camille

Wednesday October 25, 2017:

8:15 V.M. Joseph & Annamma Joseph

12:15 Teresa Berwa

Family

Thursday October 26, 2017:

7:30 Nancy Pichardo

Madaly Pichardo

Saturday October 28, 2017:

7:30 Fr. Favian Lopez

Sunday October 29, 2017

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Silvia Neto Viegas (L)

Jean De Bronsky

11:00 Elizabeth & George F. Russ

Jenny Brown