

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

WHO IS OUR GOD?

Homilists today may be tempted to use this Gospel as an encouragement to honour taxation: every citizen contributes to the common good, and perhaps parishioners might even be urged to contribute a little more to the parish coffers. After all, Jesus does say, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar!' While we certainly have a responsibility to support those social structures that advance the common good, and to assist those who struggle, something more troubling is at work in this Gospel.

The setting is the Temple Mount, where Matthew presents Jesus undergoing a theological trial before religious leaders and guardians of orthodoxy. It is a scene repeated in every generation of Jesus' followers: the attempt by theological rigorists to indict those whom they regard as out of step with orthodox teaching. Jesus refuses the premise of their question. Instead, he asks them to produce the coin used to pay the tax and to identify the figure and inscription upon it. 'Caesar's,' they reply.

Here lies the real issue. These religious leaders publicly champion the Torah's fundamental confession that there is only one God. Yet, in Israel's most sacred place, the Temple, they carry an image of the god-king Caesar. Their actions contradict the faith they claim to defend. Thus, today's Gospel is not primarily about the lawfulness of taxation. It is about fidelity to the Divine One. Beneath the question of what belongs to Caesar lies the more searching question: Who is our God, the One to whom our ultimate love, allegiance and obedience belong?

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I am you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / Tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, / to be feared above all gods; / the gods of the heathens are naught. / It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power. / give the Lord the glory of his name. / Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.



4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

■ The word of the Lord.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 1pm; 2pm

Monday: 2am; 11am; 1pm, 5pm

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 2pm

contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

St Mary Anthony Claret TRIDUUM

PRAYERS, 21-23 October before 7pm Mass.

Feast, St Mary Anthony Claret

Feast Day Mass, Saturday, 24 October. 12:00 pm

Claretian Mission. We will have a

special collection all weekend masses next week for Claretian Worldwide Mission. May the Lord bless our parish family for our kindness and generosity, and may He continue to strengthen the Claretian Missionaries in their faithful service to God and His people.

Come and Join. SPC Bible Study

SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Jordan Vella, Consolata Sita, Roco & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Joseph Anthony Leo Glover, Julia Lopez, Milton Obote, Manuela Mimmo, Anthony Zahra, Mary Houliha, Alberto Saberon, Teresita Ibanes Ubameo, Rodolfo Samadon, Marilou Ibanez, Joe & Margaret Gaudi, Constanca Reyes, Tomas Yu, Frank & Carmen Gaudi, Anthony & Sunito Dalli, Meifan Montellano, Florence Edwards, Maria, May, Marina Evasco, Dimeco Kellina, Andrew Nguyen Van Be, Manuela Solis, Tony Caruana, Joseph & Mary, Manuel Sales Jr, Pilar Domontay, Nimmi, Anthony, Emanuel Attard, Emmanuel Campaña, Charlie Zarb, Shirley, Dominic Calafati, Tony Cordina, Leora, Andres Santiano, Corazon Janira, Julius Canillo, Carmela & Felix Caruana, Rochelle Fraser, Jose N J, Manuel Lara, Francis & Zenaida Camilleri, Rodolfo Tomas Flores del Rosario, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Tony Randich, Fred Debono, Herdi Saputro, Adrian Codi, Bert Nicdao

SPECIAL INTENTION: Aquilina family, Peter & Mary, Tuen Phan, Michael Felsinger & family, Lorraine Uy, Edrick Siyo Ittera, Ilona Bittin, Kevin & Jeremy Lawang, Melissa Canillo & family, Celleyin

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Maria & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gaudi & McKenzie family, Joan Cynthia Okol, K Besigye, Elias Lubuago, S Mugumuya, Minerva Gonzles, Fatima Sin, Li Jin Long, Lan Ing Sin, Victor Lai, Jenny Lai, Lai Kim Ung, Tsem Hiam Lai, Arech, Martin Castellano, Sam Mugimya, Ramon Millan, Joe Machuca, Consolacion Soler, Evelio Quezada, Chit Hernandez, Olara Otonu, Dorianne Prinzi, Anna Juhasz, Edgardo & Janelle Lawang, Beth Celestino, Estee Laundry Uy Herber

THANKSGIVING: Irma Lavides, Zerelda Yu Cabato, Oscar & Carolina, Doreen Mancuso, Qunton Diaz, Daisy Nepomuceno, Doreen Mancuso, Rock Hughes

THIS WEEK: 18 October 2026 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Della J Maria Miletic Colleen D B	Frances R Aaron A Jeslie M	Perly C A Huang Kumudu M	Nelissa D Nonie G Greazh P	Flora S Arlene P Milo P	Sofia P Raphael V Andrea C
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Joan S Roland D Alister R	Jeslie M Aaron A	Shirley T Thi Pham Teo C Virgie G	Joe M Maria Mizzi Julie Ann M Floian M	Tami M Gloria T Oliver T Vernon A	Joe C Ric M Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	Greg Gustilo and Friends	Exxemoz

NEXT WEEK: 25 October 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Alister R Mnoj L Antonietta C	Richelle C James J Susan C	Hilda D S Mario N Wynna D	Eva O Marilou S J Theresa Tan	Gloria T Toniette S Mel O	Celine T Arabella J Samantha D G
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Della J Joan S Grace S L	Stefan S Kurt C	Ronald D Roland D Rukmal M Ferdinand T	Rosa M Gilbert M Roger S J Cathryn D	Oliver T Maria Sulfaro Emman C Candida D S	Teo C Ric M Diana T Perly C
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	Mt Horeb	CFCA	Exxemoz	MWF with LIHM Sisters

October. Month of Rosary.

The Catholic church dedicates the Month of October to the Holy Rosary. Praying the Rosary as a family deepens our faith, strengthen family bonds and intercede for peace in the world. "The family that prays together, stays together" May your family's prayers bring peace, love and unity to our World.

SPC Sunday School every Sunday

11am-12pm, Marian House.

Contact: Sr Catherine, LIHM 0425157651

SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting every

Tuesday, 6:30pm, SPC Hall.

Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Parish Carpark

. A friendly reminder to all Parishioners. Kindly park your car outside if you are staying after the 8:30am mass. School gates will be closed at 9:30 AM. Thank you

Mass Intention Envelopes. Please use

Mass Intention envelopes for Mass intentions only. Please do not use them for drawing, colouring or scribbling. Thank you for treating them with care and respect.

Next Week: 25 October 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time - A

A VOCATION VIEW

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.