

OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023 XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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?



OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY FROM SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.



"Everyone knows John Paul II: his face, his characteristic way of moving and speaking; his immersion in prayer and his spontaneous cheerfulness. Many of his words have become indelibly engraved in our memories, starting with the passionate cry with which he introduced himself to the people at the beginning of his pontificate: 'Open wide the doors to Christ, and be not afraid of him!' Or this saying: 'No one can live a trial life; no one can love experimentally.' An entire pontificate is condensed in words like these. It is as though he would like to open the doors for Christ everywhere and wishes to open up to people the gate that leads to true life, to true love." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

The life of a saint is one in which the Gospel is luminous. In this way, the Church has received an inestimable gift in St. John Paul II. Through his life, he has shown the radiation of the fatherhood of God in humanity, or what St. Paul calls the *"newness of life in Christ"* (**Cf. Rom. 6: 4**).

"Death itself is anything but an event without hope. It is the door which opens wide on eternity and, for those who live in Christ, an experience of participation in the mystery of his Death and Resurrection." – Pope John Paul II

Suffering from the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease, the aftereffects of the wounds from the attempted assassination, multiple surgeries, and the loss of his voice, Pope John Paul II expressed in his last days the mystery of the Crucified Lord.

With hundreds of thousands of young people beneath the window of the papal apartment keeping candlelight vigil during the pope's final agony, John Paul II whispered in response, *"I have looked for you and you have come to me. Thank you."* Pope John Paul II died during the first vespers of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 2, 2005, at 9:37 p.m., soon after he had uttered his final audible words, *"Let me go to my Father's house."*

More than three million pilgrims traveled to Rome to pay homage to the pope, some standing in line for over 24 hours to pray in thanksgiving for their beloved Holy Father.

On April 28, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the normal five-year waiting period before beginning the cause of beatification and canonization would be waived for John Paul II. On May 1, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Pope John Paul II, and Pope Francis canonized Saint John Paul II alongside Saint John XXIII on April 27, 2014.

"We can be sure that our beloved Pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that he sees us and blesses us." – Pope Benedict XVI, at the Funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II, April 8, 2005.



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FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH RENOVATION

PORK, CHICKEN AND CHEESE WITH RAJAS (POBLANO PEPPERS).

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 DEADLINE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023.

\$30/DOZEN

TO PLACE ORDERS:
 CALL OR TEXT PATTY ECHEVERRIA: 707-357-0179,
 CALL: 707-964-0229, FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL:
olgcinfb@gmail.com

PICK UP:
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
 FROM 12PM – 4PM
 PARISH HALL
 605 MAPLE STREET, FORT BRAGG, CA.



ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES

The month of November is traditionally the month we remember our beloved dead. This memorial begins on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2nd and continues throughout the rest of the month of November. All Souls Day reminds us that we are a Church of community. We are the Church Militant here on earth because we are still waging the fight. The Saints in heaven, whom we honor on All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1st constitute the Church Triumphant. On All Souls' Day, we remember and pray for the Church Suffering (Purgatory). Be sure to turn in your envelopes with names of loved ones to be remembered at all Masses during the month of November. For those who do not receive envelopes by mail, you will find special envelopes in the vestibule. Please fill them out and return them either in the collection basket or directly to the Parish Office.



All Saints' Day recognizes those who are known to God as Saints-not only those canonized by the Catholic Church. Therefore, All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history.

It's a feast day remembering those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and faithfulness. Believers come together to celebrate continued communion with Saints through the ages, recognizing their continued participation in the Body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning parishioners are required to attend Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS
OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2023

Saturday (21)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Bernardo Martínez † Alberto Flores Solorzano †
	6:30pm	Amelia Barajas † Felipe Chi † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † Brianda Venegas † Luisa Martínez † Josefina Castañeda † Martha Sánchez (b-day) Alicia Rentería (healing) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (22)	8:00am	Father's Intention
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (23)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (24)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Wednesday (25)	12:05pm	Juan Bermudez †
Thursday (26)	12:05pm	Open Intention
Friday (27)	12:05pm	David Lotten (healing)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2023...\$2,304.00
 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY....\$1,037.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
 CHURCH RENOVATION

NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S MINISTRY

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



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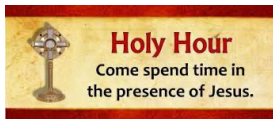
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PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
AT 707-964-0229.



EVERY **THURSDAY @ 11:00AM**, WE HAVE THE
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT **12:05PM**.