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Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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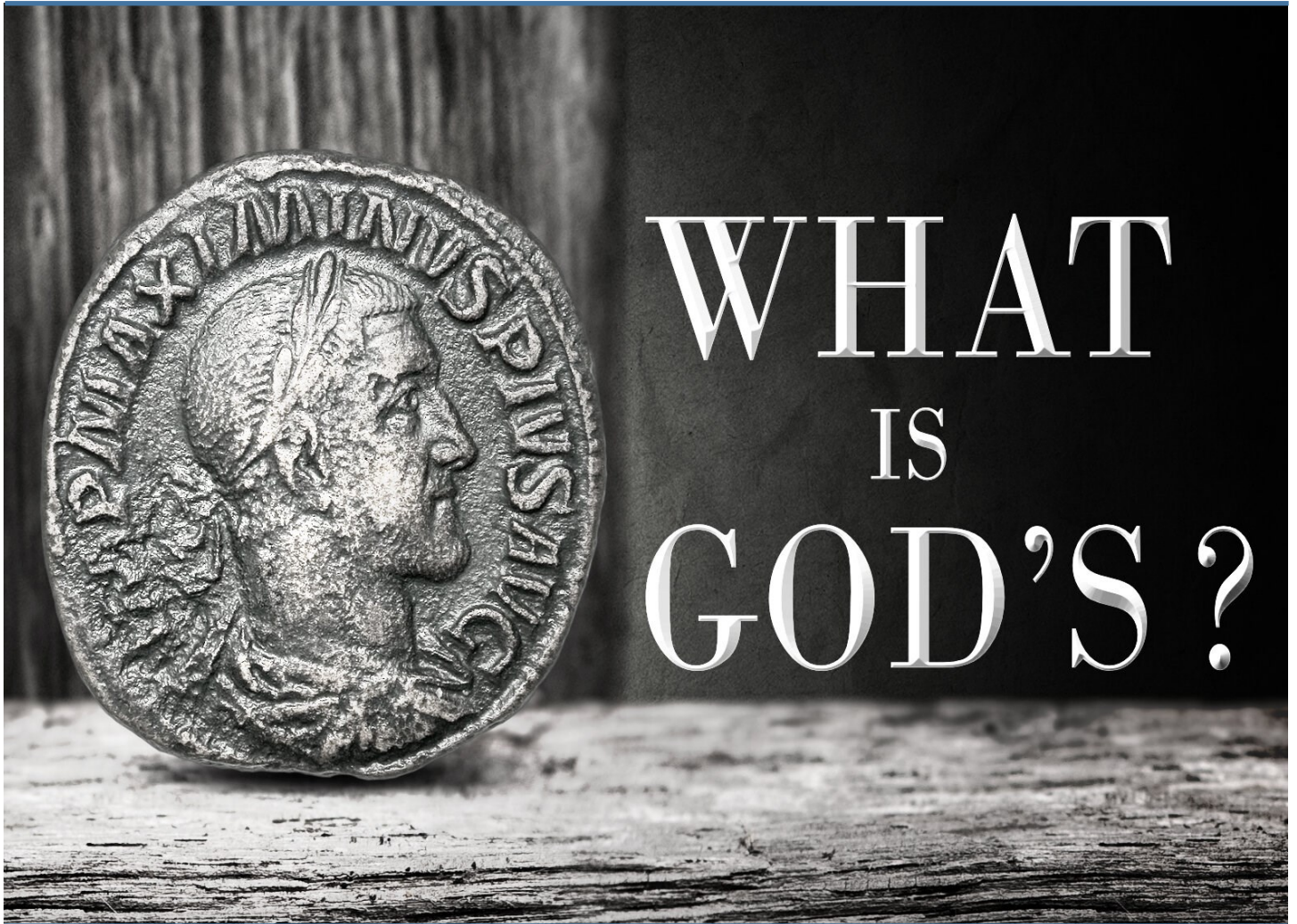
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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue (Mt.22:15-21). The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. So, Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do we acknowledge that our life and everything we possess belongs to God and not to ourselves? And do we give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

Readings for Next Sunday,

October 29, 2023

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34:40

Saint of the Week... St. Simon and St. Jude

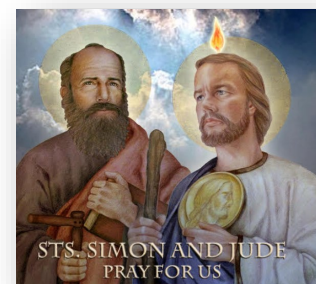
The togetherness of Saints Simon the Zealot and Jude Thaddeus was destined to be: both apostles preached the words of God in Persia. Perhaps they listened to the teachings of Jesus side by side. In the listing of apostles in the New Testament, their names always followed each other.

Simon, who was born in Cana, Galilee, is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. In their desire for a free and independent Jewish state, Zealots refused to pay taxes.

Jude is named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels except where all the apostles are mentioned. Jude actually had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Jude, which means "God be praised," was the son of Alphaeus and Clopas, the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jude's brother was James the Less, also an apostle.

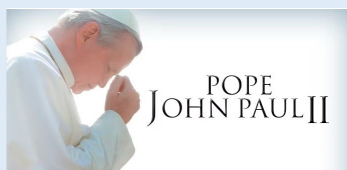
St. Simon is the patron saint of couriers, tanners and sawyers. St. Jude is the patron saint of impossible cases.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and businessmirror.com



Feast Day: October 28

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Pope John Paul II

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind.

Jon Voight's powerful, Emmy-nominated performance as John Paul II was widely praised, as was Cary Elwes as the young Karol. Shot on location in Rome and Poland in close connection with the Vatican, this is the definitive epic film on the life of Pope John Paul II.

LADIES GUILD HOT DOG SALE

The Ladies Guild will host a hot dog sale following the 4:00 Mass next Saturday, Oct. 28. The menu will include hot dogs with chili sauce and other toppings, chips and sodas. Eat in or take out. Free will offering with all proceeds benefiting the Ladies Guild.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

How fortunate are we that as we celebrate our parish's 150th jubilee year we are also joining Catholics across our

country in celebrating the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival!

Our *Jesus and the Eucharist* small group study series is held each Wednesday at 6:00 in St. Mary's Hall (with the exception of Nov. 1). If you haven't been able to join us yet, we would love to see you! We are confident that you will find it enjoyable and worthwhile. For those who cannot attend in person, please watch the videos at home; the first five in the 7-part series are available on FORMED (search for *Jesus and the Eucharist*).

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I find the Eucharistic Revival videos well done, powerful and thought provoking. I especially enjoy the open discussion following each session; everyone interprets or sees things a little differently. Their personal experiences and insights are inspirational. As Fr. Giles said, we need to continuously develop and deepen our faith throughout our lifetime. Thank you Fr. Thomas for bringing this opportunity to our parish community, and many thanks and blessings to Nancy Starcher for leading and sharing her calling with us.

- Jean Harber

Also as part of the Revival, Fr. Giles was with us last weekend for the first in our "Understanding and Celebrating the Eucharist" Teaching Mass series. The next Teaching Mass will be the weekend of Nov. 11-12.

Reminder...

Ways to Remember Your Loved Ones

All Souls Day Remembrances

List those family members and friends whom you want to be remembered at Masses during the month of November and drop them in the offertory baskets. They will be collected and placed in front of the altar.

Photos of Deceased Loved Ones

Submit photos of your deceased loved ones to be included on a display in the church. Photos can be emailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office or in the offertory baskets through October 29. Be sure to identify your photos.

Memorial Candles

Personalized memorial candles can be purchased that will be lit in your loved ones' names beginning on November 1 and continuing through the weekend Masses. The candle will then be yours to keep. Cost is \$5 per candle; envelopes are located in the vestibule (cash or check payable to Assumption Church).



A day to remember our Baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all!

The second collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. A separate basket is available for this important collection. Thank you!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 21	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families	Jean Harber
Sunday, October 22	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, October 23	No Mass	<i>There will be no weekday Masses this week while Fr. Thomas is away attending a Diocesan Priest Retreat.</i>	
Tuesday, October 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 25	No Mass		
Thursday, October 26	No Mass		
Friday, October 27	No Mass		
Saturday, October 28	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, October 29	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Leslie Schoppert	Rene Trezise
		Soul of Sam Lyons	The House & Trezise Families

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Rosalee Freeman*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Jubilee Fundraisers

Thanks to everyone for your very generous support of our various Jubilee fundraisers! Not only do they generate excitement, the proceeds will help to offset the expenses of the many events and activities planned throughout our celebratory year.

\$500 Sheetz Card Raffle

Thank you to all who bought or sold a raffle ticket for the \$500 Sheetz card. More than 450 tickets were sold! And the prize was very generously donated, so this fundraiser was 100% profit! The winning ticket was drawn at Trivia Night...congratulations **Marie Del Signore** who was the winner!

WINNER!

Holiday Pie Sale

The fundraising committee is currently selling pies from The Pie Shoppe which will be delivered on November 11-12. Cost is \$12 each. Representatives will be at Masses this weekend to take orders; orders can also be placed by calling the Parish Office.

Gift Basket Raffle

Seven beautiful gift baskets - all with a different theme whose contents were mostly donated by our CCD families - are currently being raffled. They will be on display at two local upcoming craft fairs: October 28 at The Pines and November 4 at Keyser High School. The winners will be drawn by CCD students on November 5. If you would like to see the baskets, visit our website!

Jubilee Shirts/Hats

If you would like to order a t-shirt (\$20) or hat (\$15) featuring our Jubilee logo, order forms are in the vestibule. The next order will be placed very soon.

Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the third quarter of 2023, your donations provided over \$450 to Catholic Charities West Virginia. Poor Box donations made this quarter will benefit the Mineral County Family Resource Network and their various community programs.

Your Faithful Stewardship

October 14-15, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes\$2,832
 Loose Donations \$563
Total \$3,395

Attendance

Saturday, 10/14..... 70
 Sunday, 10/15 125
Total 195

TRIVIA NIGHT WINNERS!



Our parish Trivia Night last Sunday was a great success! Members of eight teams combined their knowledge to answer questions related to movie quotes, U.S. presidents, TV dogs, baseball and more. Congratulations to the winning team: (l to r) John Krumpach, Jane Sites, Debbie Krumpach, Micah Alt, Beverley Iser, Martin Alt, and (not shown) Mike Stickley. Thanks to Mike Landis and Amaya Bartlett for being the hosts and to Rosie Landis for being the scorekeeper and organizing the event. Additional thanks to Julie Alt, members of the Jubilee fundraising committee who volunteered, and all those who donated food or other items.

Answer to last week's practice question:

A star garnet is found in only two places in the world: the state of Idaho in the U.S. and what other country?

► India

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 28

Lector: Kenny Brant
 Servers: Sue Harber & Jane Placka
 EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Jean Harber (c)
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, October 29

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
 EM: Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, November 4

Lector: Karen Yowler
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Bill Lupis, TBD (c), TBD (c)
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, November 5

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EM: David Minnich, Julie Alt (c), Beverley Iser (c)
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley
 Cantor: Patrick George

Stonerise EM

October 26 Dave Dunn
 November 2 Pam Williams