



Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor

Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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Caesar Isn't God - But He Is Indeed God's

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, **“Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”** This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— *Father John Muir*



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading: 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. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel: “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 23, 2023 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:00 am Mass - Church - 10:00 am Holy Family Parish Prayer Group - Chapel - 5:00 pm — 11:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:00 — 6:00 pm Reconciliation offered in Church
Tuesday, October 24 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel - 7:00 pm Mass - Chapel
Wednesday, October 25 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:00 am Mass — Church - October Special Prayer Requests for 30 min. after 8 am Mass — Deacon Bill & Sharon Lowe
Thursday, October 26 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:00 am Mass - Chapel - 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm — Chapel - 6:10 pm Procession of Silver Rose & Statue of Our Lady of Guadeloupe — Church - 6:15 pm Rosary — Church - 7:00 pm Mass, Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima — Church
Friday, October 27 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:30 am Mass, Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima — Church
Saturday, October 28 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima — Church <li style="text-align: center;">Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Sandra Angeline, Lois Audley, Andrew B. Barrett, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Dian Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Cecil Creel, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Jeanne and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Daniel Huck, Paul Hughes, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Connie Jenkins, Faye Johnson, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Jimmy Wetzels, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Angie Parker Yonkin



Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Holy Family Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

October 16, 2023

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$13,773

Building Fund: \$180

Youth Ministry: \$19

Cemetery: \$5

Masses: \$110

Memorials: \$5

All Souls: \$591

Second Collection: \$1,776

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers
Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly.

Pray For a Priest Each Day

"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen"

Sun., October 22: For Father Adam Urbaniak

Mon., October 23: For Father Peter Varghese CMI

Tues., October 24: For Father Khoa Phi Vo

Wed., October 25: For Father Marcin Wiktor

Thur., October 26: For Retired, Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons

Fri., October 27: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Sat., October 28: For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

	October 28 & October 29	5:00 pm - Saturday, 10/28/23	8:30 am - Sunday, 10/29/23	11:00 am - Sunday, 10/29/23	5:00 pm - Sunday, 10/29/23
Lectors	James Benigno	Rod Malburg	Carl Mayeaux	Jo Johns	
EEMs	Lee Ayuso, Miriam MacDiarmid, Lauri Wood	Ken Braud, Rodney Keel, Jack Miller, Lorraine Miller and Tracy Patridge	Sharon Lowe, Gretchen Mayeaux, Michael Mayeaux, Gayle Parker and Sid Petagnia	Richard Bohn, Joy Miller and Ann Giles	
Altar Servers	Gage Garriga, Kaleb Garriga and Cooper W. Ferrill	Dave Bernadas, Jared Smith, Makenna R. Smith and Bentley Cortez	Archer Kraft, Emily M. Payment and Anna Claire Thomas	Evelyn Giles, Sophia Gonzalez and Carleigh A. Russo	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Walking with
Moms in Need



Holy Family! You are a wonderfully generous Parish!

Thank you for donating to last weekend's second collection and the *Boomerang Bottles* with change donations!

Don't forget to return your *Boomerang Bottles* with your change donations by **November 5th**. You can drop bottles in the offertory baskets or at the Parish Office.

Your generosity will move mountains!



Do
You
Need
Prayers?

When faced with adversity, let us band together.

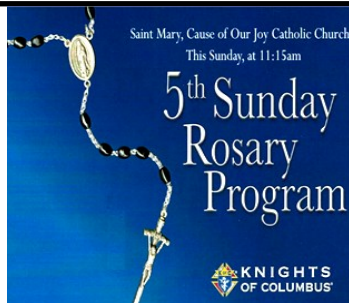
When you are in need of prayer, it can be a tremendous comfort to know that your request is being heard, and you are supported by your Holy Family Parish family.

During the month of October, Deacon Bill and Sharon Lowe will be available for prayer **after Mass on Wednesdays at Holy Family** in the Cry Room for 30 minutes to pray for your intentions and intercessory prayers.

During your time of need, we will hold you in our hearts in a special way.

May you continue to feel the presence of God in your life today and every day.

We invite you to
come and pray your
special intentions
with the
Knights of
Columbus
at the



FIFTH SUNDAY
ROSARY

Sunday morning,
October 29th
After 8:30 am Mass
Holy Family Church

Saturday, October 21	5:00 pm	† Frank Koppe † Roy Titus † John Kuehne
Sunday, October 22	8:30 am	† Frank and Patricia Schmidt † Johnna Roof † Kenneth O' Brien, Sr.
	11:00 am	† Carol Stewart † Donald Lathrope, Sr.
	5:00 pm	† Jim Riordan † Lou Miller Healing for Bruce Carver Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy
Monday, October 23	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Donald Lathrope, Sr. † Jim Riordan
Tuesday, October 24 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	† Jim Riordan † Ricky Marie † George Schloegel
Wednesday, October 25	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Edward Taconi
Thursday, October 26 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Mary and Ray Gallaghe † Jonathan Carvin
Friday, October 27	8:30 am <i>* † The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Frank and Patricia Schmidt Healing for Bruce Carver Healing for John Saik



From the
Pickle Jar

OCTOBER PICKLE JAR

Care Packages for Holy Family's Homebound

Our RISE Group has chosen to send care packages to Holy Family's homebound parishioners.

We want to let them know how much we care for them, and we are praying for them.

Thank you Holy Family Parish for making these very meaningful service projects possible.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)



Welcome
to the
Faith

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you ready to receive the Sacraments?

ALL ARE INVITED to take the steps in your faith journey and join the OCIA process which takes place throughout the year.

Please complete the **OCIA Invitation Form** found in the back of the Church. You can also contact the Parish Office at 228-452-486 or email us at

holyfamilyparish@biloxidiocese.org.

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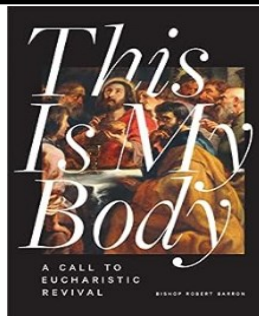
Weekly book study using Bishop Robert Barron's book,

**This Is My Body -
A Call to Eucharistic Revival**

Facilitators: Charles and
Gayle Nolan and
Tiffany Brennan

**On Sundays beginning September 17th
9:45 am – 10:45 am**

Holy Family Church Multipurpose Room



Upcoming 2023 Second Collections

October 21-22 **World Mission Sunday**

November 4 - 5 **St. Paul Cemetery**

November 18 -19 **Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

December 2 - 3 **St. Vincent DePaul
Pharmacy**

December 9 -10 **Retired Religious**

Text Hfp27 to 84576,
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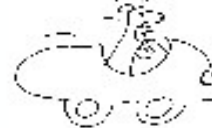


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