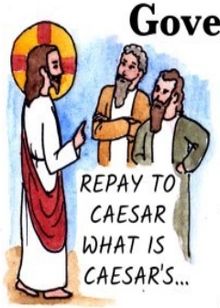
Kids Column

Mt.22:15-21

Should we Obey the Government?



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.



We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?

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World Mission Sunday

Theme: "One in Christ, United in Mission"

This observance stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, this special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges.

Instituted by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago, a collection for missions remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is nascent, vulnerable, or facing persecution.

World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it's young or challenged. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves, funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When your parish participates, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of those missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples.

The local collection for Missionary Sunday will take place on Sunday, October 25th.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.





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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18TH OCTOBER 2026 - YEAR A

Jesus is Lord.

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above. In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in the First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you do not know me." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem.

Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins. The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in the Gospel, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this, and they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven, we are called to be a light to the world, working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as the Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws, unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church. But we owe God everything.

The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image. We owe Him our very lives, all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love . We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will, until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.45:1,4-6
Second Reading
1Thes.1:1-5
Gospel
Mt.22:15-21

MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
Variable
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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment

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St. Luke the Evangelist - Feast Day October 18th

St. Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician, and it is believed that he may have also been a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician.

We know nothing about his conversion, but looking at the language of Acts, we can see that he first joined St. Paul's company at Troas about the year 51. Luke became a close companion of St. Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys, and is the only Gentile to have written books in the Bible. He is the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

The Gospel of Luke focuses on Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer, the poor and oppressed, encouraging tenderness and compassion for the less fortunate. The Gospel of Luke also stresses the importance of evangelizing to the Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, and the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan.

Women have an important place in Luke's gospel. Luke writes about the women who accompanied Jesus, such as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, Martha and Mary and "many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and His disciples". Mary the mother of Jesus is especially important in Luke's gospel. It is only here that the story of Mary's Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Magnificat, the Presentation in the temple and Jesus' remaining in Jerusalem are told. In Luke's gospel, we learn the words spoken by the angel to Mary at the Annunciation, "Hail Mary, full of grace" and Elizabeth's words to Mary, "Blessed art thou and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c.74 in Greece. He was the first Christian physician and is venerated by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. St Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because, according to tradition, he had painted images of Mary and of Jesus.

He is often shown with an ox or a calf because these are the symbols of sacrifice -- the sacrifice Jesus made for all the world.

(excerpt :st-luke-medal.com)
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Claudia Joseph
Iris Macauldy

DECEASED

Rose Eugene
Titus Albertie
Frances Moise
Allison Rosalie
Wilfred Edward
Marie Dusquesne
Monica M Joseph
Augustine Sydney
Joseph Jn. Baptiste

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Eph.2:1-10
Lk.12:13-21

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TUESDAY
Eph.2:12-22
Lk.12:35-38

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WEDNESDAY
Eph.3:2-12
Lk.12:39-48

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THURSDAY
Eph.3:14-21
Lk.12:49-53

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FRIDAY
Eph.4:1-6
Lk.12:54-59

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SATURDAY
Eph.4:7-16
Lk.13:1-9

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MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Oct 17 - 6:00 p.m.		**B'day:** Myrtle Louis, Agnes Josie **Sp. Int:** Glace, George & Bousquet families
Sun Oct 18 - 7:30 a.m.		**MISSA PRO POPULO**
10:00 a.m.		**Thks:** The Theophilus family
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		**B'day:** Christella St. Juste
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		**Thks:** Mikaela Elliott, Laura Stecy
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 19 - 6:00 a.m. *Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs*	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	**B'day:** Wilfreda Altenor Shane & Dustin Macauldy **Healing:** Valdine Belrose **Wedd Ann:** George & Julie Radjou
12:30 p.m.		**Guid & Deliv:** Hayden Patrick **Healing & Deliv:** Dorina Jn. Marie
Tue Oct 20 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Vu	**B'day:** Brett & Leo Macauldy **Int:** Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Oct 21 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. John Douglas Rev. Robert Harvey Rev. Anthony Louis	**Dc'd:** Lucy Regobert Victor Girard, Barthelmy Felix
12:30 p.m.		**Healing:** Loretta Small Anthony Biscette, George Elizee
Thu Oct 22 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	**Dc'd:** Bartholomew Modeste
12:30 p.m.		**Dc'd:** Mary Fevrier
Fri Oct 23 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	**Dc'd:** Celia Orile
12:30 p.m.		**Thks:** Mary Wellington & family Miguel Louisy, Ellen Regis
Sat Oct 24 - 6:30 a.m. BVM **Mass at the Shrine**	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	**Dc'd:** Christiane Laurent Dussiel Elizabeth & Philomene Macauldy