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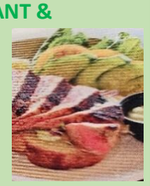
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Mass Schedule for this Week

Saturday – October 17	**Mass at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm**
Sunday – October 18	**Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am**
Monday – October 19	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Tuesday – October 20	**No Mass**
Wednesday – October 21	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Thursday – October 22	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Friday – October 23	**Mass at 9:30 am**

Rosary: 30 Minutes before Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 – 4:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration: On Thursday after the Mass until Noon.

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet foretells how, without the great Persian Emperor Cyrus' intention, his policies would be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people.

In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, "*our Lord Jesus Christ,"* and for their practice, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "*Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?*" by instructing those who questioned him, "*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* With this answer, Jesus reminds his questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws.

TAKEAWAYS

1)- We need to *"give to Caesar what is Caesar's"*: How? It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met? Another way of "*giving to Caesar what is Caesar's"* is to participate actively in the running of the government, electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts.

2)- We must submit to the civil authorities and respect the just laws of our country in order to live in peace. As loyal citizens, we must also see to it that our elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and in promoting the welfare of all its citizens without violating God's laws.

3)- We need to *"give to God what is God's."* How? Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. We are invited each year to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the coming year. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self… Amen.

VOCATIONS WORKSHOP FOR LAY LEADERS "A Culture of Vocations: Why and How" is being held November 21st at Queen of Peace Parish in Salem. The Archdiocese needs every parish to send at least 3 or 5 volunteers who would be helping in the Parish to promote "A culture of Vocations (Married life, Religious and Priestly life) in Parishes and communities after the workshop. So please consider stepping up for this need. Call the office or sign your name on the sheet that is in the vestibule.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday: 10:30 am	Children's Mass
	Confirmation Class
Monday: 5:00 pm	OCIA Class
Tuesday: 1:00 pm	Grief Share
Wednesday:	Communion Class
5:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Thursday: 10:00 am	Circle of Caring

Mass Intentions for Oct 17th to Oct 23rd

Saturday 5:00pm	Alicia Ritter
Sunday 8:30am	+ Patricia Mott
Sunday 10:30am	Jeff Henkelman
Monday 9:30 am	Ronald Dahl and Glen Hayley
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday 9:30am	+ Ed Walter May
Thursday 9:30am	+ Gilbert Waitkus
Friday 9:30am	+ Sylvester Bender & Francis C Stubenraugh

PARISH YARD WORK PARTY

Please mark your calendar for next Saturday the 24th at 10am. Weather permitting, join Wayne to help with the hedge trimming and general clean-up of the Parish grounds.

THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

If you are able to volunteer on either the prep day or on Thanksgiving Day or both, contact Teri Bruneau at 503-317-8967 as soon as possible so they can plan ahead. Thank you for being willing to help.

BIBLE STUDY

We have resumed our bible study of the Gospel of Matthew. Sessions occur every Thursday thru November 19th at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Offertory	$3886.00
Needy	$51.00
Building/Maintenance	$20.00
Seminarian Appeal	$40.00
Votive	$43.00
Winter Survival	$203.00
Centennial Celebration	$50.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Rhoda DeGiovanni, Daniel Dougherty, Bill Harrison, Susan Curry, Doris Strafford, Susan Motsinger, Joseph Allscheid, Steve McDonald, Donna Molyndike, Jane Gillis, Leon Bruneau, John & Lara Bender, Nancy Dietrich, Mark Storey, Cynthia Sinn, Deanna and Roger Fullop and their family, Clyde Sullivan, Sean Dooher, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Al Giacchero, Paul & Maureen Sterling, Greg Molley, Ken Hillyer, Doris Matthews, Frank Moran, Louie Mendez, Jim and Nellie Welsh, Mike Scott, Rolando Deangkinay, Louise Rosas, Al Weber, Jim & Kathleen Hickey, Ron Patterson, and all those who are sick or need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW (May God rest their souls in eternal peace): Please pray for Bill Molendyke, Albert Chek, Jim Springer, Robert J. Kocarnik, Alexis Goddard, Lloyd Schwend, George Reging, James Welsh, Fr. James Dieringer, Dorothy Giacchero, Robert Fulks, Luz Deangkinay, Nellie Deangkinay, Plum Snow, Burma LaVallo, Sharon Cote, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Alicia Ritter, Lin Storey, Barbara Rodriguez, Leanna Soto, Debra Lee, Colton Sutherlin and Zuleyka Perez Carmona.

GRIEFSHARE

Are you grieving a loss? We are meeting on Tuesdays from 1-3 PM through December 1st. Please know you may join GriefShare at any time.

ROSARY RALLY

Thank you to all those who attended the Rosary Rally in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, last Saturday at the Wayside.

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