

### **2020 Collections**

**Regular & Holy Days Collection** 

\$3.313.00

\$668.00

2020 Total Regular Collection \$148,058.87

Parish Project Collection

10/11/2020

2020 Total Parish Project Collection \$32,290.00

All Souls Day envelopes and cards have been placed on a table near the front of the church. Please use the envelopes and cards to list the names of the dearly departed you would like to have remembered. There will be fifteen Masses offered for all the names listed and the cards will be placed on the Altar for he month of November.

Additionally, there will be a very special All Souls Day Mass on Monday November 2nd at 5:30 pm. If you have lost a family member this year (since November 2019) and would like to have them remembered at this Mass please see Fr. Marcin after all Masses or contact him during his office hours on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 3.30pm. We will need a picture of your loved one as well as their date of birth and the day they passed away. Please provide the picture and all information to Fr. Marcin no later than October 28, 2020.





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PRAY THE "IN TRIAL OR HOLY ROSARY DIFFICULTY EVERYDAY. I have recourse to MOTHER MARY, WHOSE GLANCE ALONE IS ENOUGH TO DISSIPATE EVERY FEAR... SHE IS MORE MOTHER than Queen." -SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX O MOTHER MARY, BE MY SALVATION!

> PLEASE JOIN US IN THE **OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO** TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY WEEKDAY IN OCTOBER AT 5 O'CLOCK PM

OCTOBER 18 2020 29TH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** YEAR A CYCLE II

Mass **Schedule** 

> Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Sunday Mass 8:30am & 11:00am

> Tuesdav Mass 8:00am

Wednesday Mass 8:00am

Thursday Mass 8:00am

Friday Mass 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:15pm—3:45pm Or By appointment

Church & Pastor's Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 9am - 3:30pm

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) October 18, 2020

# Our Divine Mark

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**T T** ave you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections.

Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories

# **Sunday Readings**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

#### Matthew 22:15-21

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that [Jesus] said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship.

The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him.

We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No one can take them away. It is proper to render unto Caesar

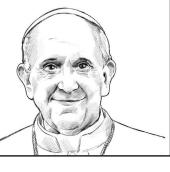
what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God. +

> Everyone is made in the image of God.

## A Word from **Pope Francis**

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to. understood, loved, and insofar as possible—healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects.... Each person must be valued ...in his or her dignity.

> Address to Pontifical Academy of Sciences, November 24, 2016





- Do I realize my dignity and value come from God?
- Do I render to God what he deserves?

By Kathleen M. Basi **T** aith and politics—are there any  $\mathbf{F}$  two words in the English language

that are more fraught with potential to divide? In the United States in 2016 and even in 2020, we went through a heartbreakingly ugly presidential primary and convention season, only to be thrust into an equally disgusting general-election fight—entire seasons in which the modus operandi seemed to be: "Say whatever you want, whether it's true or not, because all things are justifiable in

the pursuit of winning." When faith intersects with politics, we are faced with very hard choices. No party, no candidate, represents the totality of the Catholic faith. No party holds a moral high ground; the bending of truths and the oversimplification of issues is a near-universal characteristic of political rhetoric, and all party platforms contain positions that are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ.

Candidates often tell us that we stand at a point of no return—that if we don't get the "right" result, our country is lost. And for this reason, we tolerate the behaviors, the shredding of opponents' human dignity, the dishonesty, and the trash talking that stand diametrically opposed to the Ten Commandments. Even worse, we participate in them.

Most of us don't want to own our guilt. We'd rather blame the system. If we take an honest look in the mirror, though, almost all of us are part of the

# WEEKDAY READINGS October 19-24



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# Political Campaigns Leave Christ Out



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problem. Too often, the tone of our comments on social media and in our safe zones, among those who think like we do, mirrors the un-Christlike ugliness exhibited in direct mail, TV ads, and speeches. We fail to hold our candidates—even the ones we know personally-accountable for the tenor of the discussion. Then, too, there are the articles and editorials we choose to share. It's easy to hide behind them, to let an author take the blame and refuse the responsibility we incur by spreading his or her influence.

The truth is, there is no one "point of no return." We face crossroads every day, every election season, and in every conversation about social, economic, and governmental affairs. At each one,

we make a choice to put our faith in the driver's seat—or to make a particular political party, candidate, or issue our god.

In the next few weeks, we, as individual followers of Christ, must decide whether to condone the false absolutes, the polarization, and the dehumanization that have come to characterize our political process, or to hold ourselves and all our leaders accountable to the standard set by Jesus. We all have a choice to make. What will vou choose? +

Almost all of us are part of the problem exemplified by the nastiness of politics. We must be more like Christ.



Lord, I am grateful for the power of your love and grace. Teach me to trust that you care about my human needs and obligations.

From Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

<b>Monday,</b> Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions: Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21	<b>Thursday,</b> Weekday: Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53 <b>Friday,</b> Weekday: Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59 <b>Saturday,</b> Weekday: Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9
<b>Tuesday,</b> Weekday: Eph 2:12–22 / Lk 12:35–38	
<b>Wednesday,</b> Weekday: Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48	



# **Living Your Faith Out Loud!**



Entrance: Sing A New Song

#### Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.

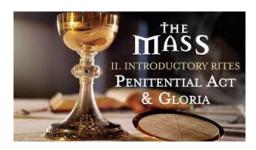
And play for Him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Refrain

Rise, O children from your sleep; your Savior now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

Refrain



## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other



#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R. **Give the Lord glory and honor.** 

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. R. **Give the Lord glory and honor.** 

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. R. **Give the Lord glory and honor.** 

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. R. **Give the Lord glory and honor.** 

#### Second Reading: 1 Thes. 1: 1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

grace to you and peace. 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 and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ. be-

fore our God and Father.

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone. but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

#### Alleluia Phil. 2:15D, 16A

# R. Alleluia. alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.

They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,

"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion.

for you do not regard a person's status.

Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said,

"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, The Only Begotten Son of God, Born of the Father before all ages. God from God. Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, Consubstantial with the Father, Through Him all things were made, For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven. And by the Holy Spirit Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, And became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried, And rose again on the third day In accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated At the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory To judge the living and the dead And His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, The giver life, who proceeds from The Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son Is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one. holv. catholic And apostolic Church. I confess one baptism For the forgiveness of sins And I look forward to the resurrection Of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Presentation Hymn: Virgin, Full of Grace

Virgin, full of grace, purest of our race, hear Your children. O Marv! Maiden of gladness, banish our sadness: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

Mary, plead for us, intercede for us, hope of sinners, O Marv! Thou art the portal to life immortal: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

Queen of saints above, wondrous in Your love, rise to shield us. O Marv! Show us, O Mother, Jesus, our Brother: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

Star of ocean bright, splendor in the night, guide us homeward, O Mary! Help, we implore you, all here before you: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

Communion Hymn: | Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

#### Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the Light of the City of God. Shine in my heart. Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

#### Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

#### Sending Forth: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name! Lord of all, we bow before Thee:

All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore Thee:

Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raisina:

Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord! Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!





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