

Reflections



My Brothers and Sisters,

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

This verse (Matthew 22:21) from today’s Gospel has – among other things – formed the Church’s teaching on the duty that Catholic Christians have to be good citizens: to pay taxes, to vote, to be responsible members of society as well as responsible members of the “City of God,” the Church. Seems like a good verse to meditate on as we prepare to go to the polls on November 4th!

But that wasn’t the reason Jesus responded as he did. What’s actually going on here was another attempt on the part of some of the Jewish leaders (the Pharisees) to trip Jesus up... this time, the goal was to catch Jesus on a charge of sedition. The seemingly-innocent question “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” is actually quite loaded. The question really boiled down to one of whether it was within the bounds of observant Judaism to pay a tax to pagan authorities – oppressors at that – and to handle coinage bearing the emperor’s image (a “graven image” since the emperor considered himself a god). If Jesus answered the Pharisees’ question with a “yes,” he risked being in violation of the Jewish law. If he said “no,” then the Pharisees could have the Romans arrest Jesus for sedition, or encouraging the Jews to violate Roman law.

Once again, Jesus answers a Pharisaical challenge masterfully. Not only does he rebuke them for their typical hypocritical flattery... but he also turns the question back on them. Jesus forces them to decide for themselves whether they will handle the emperor’s image and pay the tax.

But he also loads his answer with an implicit question of a more profound nature: that is... what on earth does not belong to God?

With love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F.
Pastor

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

Altar Server Training has been scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, from 3:30-5:30PM, and another option, Sunday, November 16th from 1-3PM. Both sessions will be held in the church. This training is open to all children of registered parishioners from **Grade 5 upward**. **Also, adults interested in serving at the weekday Masses are invited to attend.** We do need volunteers for this important Ministry! Please pick up a form from the Parish office and respond for either date no later than **Friday, October 31st**. For information please contact Jim Sage at jsage@diocesephoenix.org or (602) 840-0850, ext. 121.

If You Are Interested In Serving In A Liturgical Ministry Here At St. Theresa Parish, including becoming a Lector, a Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please contact Jim Sage, via email: jsage@diocesephoenix.org or by phone: 602-840-0850, ext. 121. Training sessions will be scheduled depending on interest. We are in need of volunteers for all of these Ministries, serving at all Masses. Please note that even if you have served in these ministries at other parishes, you are still asked to go through our orientation, make sure your *Called to Protect* obligation is current, and be certified with the Diocese of Phoenix through St. Theresa Parish.

**Choirs Sing At
The 9AM & 11AM and 6PM Masses Weekly
All Groups Are Looking
For New Members**



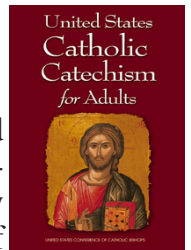
Please consider joining this ministry which strives to call us to God and lead us in prayerful song. Rehearsal for 9AM & 11AM is held on Wednesdays at 6PM; the choir for 6PM Mass rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS

SET Renewal When you volunteer at “St. Theresa Catholic School” you are required to annually participate in SET training. When you volunteer at “St. Theresa Parish” you are required to annually participate in SET training if your ministry serves **YOUTH** or **VULNERABLE ADULTS** (Pastoral Care, St Vincent de Paul and Club Crayola) *All other Ministries require semi-annually.* Your first annual compliance requires completing **Called to Protect**, subsequent years require **RENEWAL**. St. Theresa has completed all of this years sessions. If you still have not completed your required training you will need to find training at another parish in the Diocese. Register by going to www.safeenvironmenttraining.org.

The New United States Catholic Catechism For Adults (USCCA)

is available for purchase at a discounted price of \$22 in the Parish Office. This edition of the Catholic Catechism specifically addresses current US culture in light of Catholic church teaching.



Requesting Certificates, Letters, Etc. From The Parish Office The Parish Office asks that requests for copies of Sacramental Certificates, or any letters/forms that would need to be processed, be given a minimum of 5 business days to be completed. All requests will be processed within 10 business days on a first come/first serve basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Secretary - Carrie Vinesky @ 602-840-0850.



All Bulletin Articles Are Due Monday At 12NOON If Monday is a holiday then articles are due the Friday before at 12NOON. Articles will not be accepted after the deadline. For more information please call Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.

Job Opportunity

St. Theresa Parish has two people in RCIA who want to become Catholic but cannot, due to lack of a babysitter. We seek two people to baby-sit four children (2-10 years) from 10AM to Noon on Sundays. **These will be paid positions.** For more information, please contact Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.



Got Paper? Paper recycling is now offered at St. Theresa. We have a green and yellow Paper Retriever bin located at the southeast corner of the McMahon Center Gym. Proceeds go to support Student Council-sponsored activities of St. Theresa School. *Paper only... no shredded paper, cans, glass or trash.* Thanks for helping keep our community "green!"

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Alzheimer Support Group Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. Come receive expert guidance from professionals on how to cope and care for loved ones with Alzheimers. For further information please call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

Blood Pressure Screenings... will be provided in the Pope John Paul Room after all morning Masses on Sunday, November 16th. There is no cost for this service.

PASTORAL CARE

Mass Of Remembrance Monday, November 3rd @ 7PM

We will be sending out invitations to all parishioners who had a funeral for their loved one here at St. Theresa this past year. However, if you have a relative that you would like to have remembered even though their funeral Mass was not here at our Church, we would be honored to add them to our list for this special night of prayer. Call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

Pastoral Care Ministers Please Come And Support... parish families at the Mass of Remembrance. Your presence is deeply appreciated!

Going Into The Hospital? Please be certain to let the hospital know that you are Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to be anointed before you go, call the Pastoral Care Office.



Halloween Treats For The Homebound Those who visit and bring communion to the homebound please stop by the Parish Office and pick up your Halloween treats for the person you care for.

Thursday Evening Prayer For Our Service Men & Women In The Convent Chapel 6-7PM
Come pray for our Service Men & Women, our Country and our Leaders. God always hears our prayers so let us lift up our voices together. Bring a friend, a family member, and your children. Prayers are needed!



Pray For Those...
Who Are Sick: John Laguna
& Pat Moran
Who Have Died: Christine Goodmen

The Pastoral Care Ministry Needs Help! We are looking for people to bring Holy Communion to the homebound, visit those who are lonely, pick up groceries, make meals and just call and talk. We would deeply appreciate your help! If you can do one of the above please contact Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

Important Date Change! **'Hope For Tomorrow' Grief Support Group** **Monday, October 20th from 4-5:30PM** **Parish Office Conference Room**

Grief is hard work because we have so much to deal with at a time when we are the weakest. Discuss your ideas along with others on the best way to handle special days like birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays, how to get through all the legal paper work, and how to live in a home that once was shared with our loved one and now seems so empty. Come be with others that are walking the same road you are. For further information contact Bobbie Stich, group facilitator, @ 602-586-7429.

November Senior Luncheon

Our second Senior Luncheon is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, November 5th ---
the day after the big Election Day!
Soul food is the menu selection,
and we hope many more of you
will be able to attend this time.

Let your friends know, and come enjoy a
nice lunch and fun with everyone.
Wednesday, November 5th
11:30 Registration / 12:00 Lunch
Cost \$7.50

RSVP to Margie Hubbard
No later than Saturday, November 1st

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Adoration

Every Thursday 9AM-9PM

“Oh, if only the Eucharist were better understood by Christians. How copious would be the fruits of harmony, peace, and spiritual decorum that would flow there from for the Church and the whole world. -Pope John XXIII

Sometimes when we have Adoration, the one who is to be there during a certain hour cannot make it. We need substitutes to step in during these times. If you can help out please contact Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

FAITH FORMATION

Stepping Stones - Grades 4th & 5th

Wednesday, October 22nd

Fr. Feeney Hall from 6:15-7:45PM

Late registrations are available. Stepping Stones is for young people that have received the sacrament of Confirmation and those that have **NOT** received the sacrament. The sacrament will be received in the Spring. For questions or for more information please call Carmen Smith @ 602-840-0850.

Sacramental Preparation For

2nd & 3rd Grade Children of St. Theresa Parish,

don't be late... in turning in your registration forms this year! Children enrolled in religious education programs at the parish or the school are **required to register** through the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) in 2nd grade, and Confirmation/First Eucharist in 3rd grade. This is a family-style program that enables parents to help their children in the sacramental workbook, as well as by attending mandatory parent-child meetings and retreats. Registration materials for both sacraments are available in the Parish Office. Please note, registration materials must be returned to the Parish Office- complete with a copy of the child's baptism certificate- by Monday, November 3rd. A late fee of \$30 will be charged to each family after that deadline. For questions please call Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

There Are 8,760 Hours In An Average Year, Here's A Great Way To Spend 78 Of Those Hours!

Volunteer to help in the religious education sessions. We are asking for your help with our Sunday sessions from 10:30AM to Noon. Please come join us (no pressure) and sit in on one of the sessions. For questions please call Carmen Smith @ 602-840-0850 ext. 110.

SCHOOL NEWS



St. Theresa Catholic School

Fall Festival 2008-09

Sunday, October 19th

Join the “Coney Island” fun this year at St. Theresa Catholic School’s annual Fall Festival scheduled Noon–8PM. New this year, you can take a

turn on the giant Ferris wheel or a fast spin on the Tea Cup ride. You can also win some yummy homemade goodies at this year’s Cake Walk. There are lots of other fun rides and games as well. Come hungry because the St. Theresa’s Dad’s Club will be back grilling all your favorites and Artisan Catering will also sponsor a “Taco Bar Dinner Buffet”. Don’t forget to sample the Cinnabons, pretzels, hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy and more, while enjoying non-stop live entertainment. All in all, plenty to do for the entire family!

DIOCESAN NEWS

40 Days For Life Christians throughout Arizona are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 24 through November 2. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood located at 1250 E. Apache Blvd., Tempe, 85281 for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mary Piorkowski @ 602-999-3866 or mp40days4life@earthlink.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter “Render unto Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” Have we worked to make our marriage of God, or is it of the worldly things? Come and learn how to bring God into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are November 7th-9th and January 23rd-25th. Call 602-242-6141 or email curtwessel@cox.net.

The Diocese Of Phoenix Catholic Schools Office Presents Night Of Hope What are you doing on November 1st? Dancing the night away at Night of Hope, of course! Plan to join community members from all over the Diocese as we celebrate our Catholic schools and help ensure their future. This night of dinner, dancing, and fellowship begins at 6PM at the Phoenix Convention Center. All proceeds go to the Catholic Schools Endowment Fund, which provides tuition assistance for every school in the Diocese. For more information visit www.diocesephoenix.org/NOH or call the Catholic Schools Office @ 602-354-2345.

EDGE

CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

All Jr. High Students Welcome!

October 22) The Church: One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

November 5) Sacred Scripture & Tradition

Meeting times are Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45PM

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



October

19) Fall Festival

26) Agent Savior 00

The Assignment

Weekly Activities

Mass: Sunday @ 6PM LIFE Teen: Sunday After Mass

Open Life Room: Tuesdays, 5-7PM

Basketball: Tuesdays, 5-7PM

Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays, 7-9PM

Adoration: Thursday 7-9PM in Convent Chapel

www.godtalk.org

The Week Ahead!



Sunday

10:20AM Scripture Study (Conference Rm)

10:30AM RCIA (Convent Upper Rm)

12:00PM Fall Festival (School)

1:00PM NFP Class (Club Rm)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

4:00PM Grief Support Group (Conference Rm)

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Boy Scout Meeting (PJP Rm)

Tuesday

8:15AM Great Adventure (Convent Upper Rm)

1:00PM Great Adventure (Convent Upper Rm)

5:00PM Bear Den Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Open LIFE Room/Basketball (LIFE Rm/Gym)

7:00PM Cub Scout Troop #147 (McMahon Gym)

Great Adventure (Feeney Hall)

LIFE Teen Prayer Mtg. (LIFE Rm)

Wednesday

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Church)

Initiation (Atrium)

6:15PM Edge (McMahon Gym)

Stepping Stones (Feeney Hall)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM Adventures In Matthew (Convent Upper Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

Friday

Saturday

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

Mass Intentions

(OCTOBER 20TH – OCTOBER 26TH)



MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

6:30AM +RICHARD J. DEWARD-FR. FRANK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

6:30AM +PATRICIA TRILLO-FR. FRANK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

6:30AM JIM FAUSEL, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK

8:30AM +VIRGINA MEHR-FR. CHUCK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

6:30AM +ANTHONY GUZZO-FR. FRANK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

6:30AM +ELLIS & MARY BASHA-FR. CHUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

8:00AM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. FRANK

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. CHUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

7:30AM +CARMEN J. VIVIANO-FR. FRANK

9:00AM MARGARET & JACK THULL, SP. INT.-FR. MATHEW

11:00AM +ROSE SCALISE-FR. CHUCK

6:00PM +NICOLE RODIA-FR. FRANK

Please Note:

The Priest scheduled to celebrate Mass is subject to change.

Readings Week of October 19, 2008

Sunday Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53

Friday Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40