

Give the Lord glory and honor.

Psalm 96

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Please keep in your prayers:

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TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

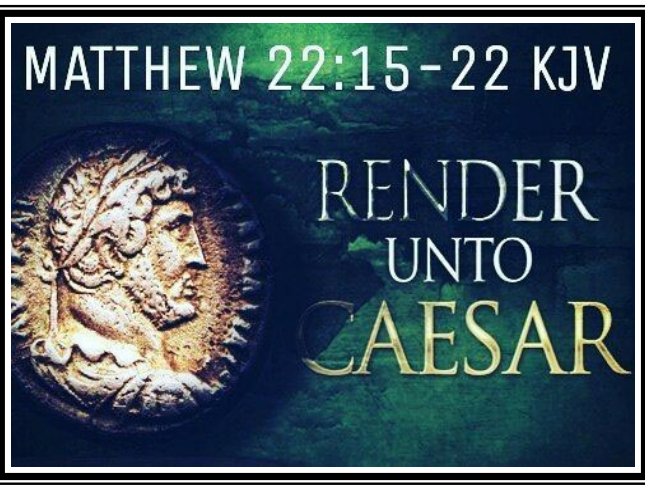
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Thanks for your generosity!

Voters in Louisiana will vote on the Love Life Amendment (No 1 on ballot) on Nov. 3. Catholics are encouraged to learn more about this Constitutional amendment in preparation to vote. See handouts by bulletin.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated today throughout the world. The corona virus has affected the world—certainly the mission lands. This gives them additional challenges. May we open our hearts to hear again the invitation of Jesus to go forth “to the ends of the earth” through our prayers, sacrifice and financial support.

A Mass for Victims and Survivors of Violence will be celebrated on Sunday October 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:15-21).

IN GOD ALONE

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.

Pope Francis’ *October Intention*

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Bennett Joseph Sr. & Jr.**. To reserve the Sanctuary Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, call the church office (522-3186). The offering is \$15 for one week. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 for a Mass.

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line and your message will be received confidentially by a mental health professional. Anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253.