



**October 15-16, 2011**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

Jesus is confronted by an unholy alliance. An unlikely coalition of devout legalists and wealthy royalists was formed through their shared enmity to Jesus. It's amazing that two such groups could get together on an

issue like this; it just goes to show how determined their opposition to Jesus was, as they sank their many differences to attack him.

On the question of taxation, the two groups were worlds apart. The Pharisees as religious people resented paying taxes to a foreign government. They felt that to do so put into doubt the supreme Lordship of God over his people Israel. The Herodians, on the other hand, were friends and supporters of Herod Antipas, whom the Romans allowed to rule under them. They had no objection to paying Roman taxes. What they wanted from Jesus was some rash statement either in favor of Roman rule or in total rejection of it. What they hoped for was that he would offend either the religious nationalists or the Roman authorities. What they got was an invitation to work out for themselves the proper interplay of religious and political loyalties.

In the ancient world coins were regarded as the private property of a ruler. Jesus argues that if you use a coin of that ruler you have put yourself under an obligation to him. It's interesting to note that Jesus does not have a coin himself, but has to ask for one to be shown. If the coin bears the image of Caesar it belongs to him and must be given back to him. In the same way, the human person is in the image of God and our first obligation is to him. So Jesus challenges his opponents to be as observant in paying their debts to God as they are in paying their dues to the emperor.

We have a dual citizenship. We must render to God and render to Caesar. Our duties as Christians range from casting our vote to caring about our environment, from upholding the law to love for our neighbor. These obligations are part of our duty as God's people, as God's will is for peace and justice in this world. Above all, though, our duty is to give God what belongs to him — ourselves.

**Is It That time of the Year???**

**...it's coming!!!**

**FYI...Weekday Mass**  
**Bad Weather Policy**

If school is delayed or closed,

**no** Mass at 8:15am.

If school is closed or dismissed early,

**no** Mass at 6:30pm.

If school is closed or dismissed before lunch,

**no** Mass at 12 noon.



✦ *As part of the...40 Days for Life* ✦  
 to be celebrated throughout the archdiocese  
 our parish will come together for our  
***Day of Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer***  
***on Tuesday, November 1, 2011---***

***ALL SAINTS' DAY-***  
***a holy day of obligation***

We will have adoration in  
**THE CHURCH** from after the 8:15am Mass to the  
 close of the 5:45pm Mass.

Benediction of the  
 Most Blessed Sacrament  
 with Mass to follow at 5:45pm

**Please sign up for a time of private prayer by contacting the  
 church office or sign up  
 in the back of the church/center.**

**CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:**

October 16—Church: Team #1-Pentz, Kelly  
 Center: Team #7-Mitchell, Gloeckl

October 23—Church—Team #2-Nutter, Rickmans  
 Center: Team #8-Schriders, Shaw

**Mass Intentions for the week of Oct. 15-23, 2011**

|        |                          |         |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|
| Sat.   | Bernie Gillespie (✠)     | 4:00pm  |
|        | Donald Helbig (✠)        | 5:45pm  |
| Sun.   | Rose Carlino (✠)         | 9:00am  |
|        | Parish Family            | 11:00am |
| Mon.   | Stan Steyer (✠)          | 8:15am  |
| Tues   | <b>Communion Service</b> | 6:30pm  |
| Wed.   | <b>Communion Service</b> | 12:00pm |
| Thurs. | <b>Communion Service</b> | 8:15am  |
| Fri.   | <b>Communion Service</b> | 8:15am  |

**OUR WINTER MASS SCHEDULE**

**BEGINS THIS WEEKEND-OCT. 22-23, 2011**

|      |                             |        |
|------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Sat. | Fran Gillespie (✠)---Center | 4:00pm |
|      | NO 5:45PM MASS              |        |
| Sun. | Parish Family--Church       | 9:00am |
|      | NO 11:00AM MASS             |        |

Mass intentions are subject to change due to any emergency.

**Sunday School Calendar:**

October 16---Autumn Glory---**No Sunday School**  
 October 23—Class #5



**✠Lay Minister Schedule: Oct. 22-23, 2011**

**4:00pm** –Sat., Oct. 22 Read: Lander

Euch. Ministers: Rathgeb, Rodeheaver, Mitchell

**9:00am**—Sun., Oct. 23 Read: Helbig

Euch. Ministers: Mott, Hines, Thorne, \*Sunny

Altar Server Team: Team #2-Hanek, Walch, Horner

**☺SENIOR MOMENTS PLEASE NOTE!...OUR**

**NEXT MEETING is SCHEDULED for 10/21/11** at

12:30PM in the lower level of the parish center. Don't

forget to bring a snack/lunch item to share and any card

games or other board games. See you there!



**All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion---due to upcoming changes,**

you are invited to a training program for your minister of the Mass duties. Those who wish to attend at the church may join us after the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Those who wish to attend at the Lake Center may join us on Saturday, November 12, 2011, after the 4pm Mass. Father Don will conduct the sessions and will provide handouts to help you with your ministry. **New volunteers are always welcome☺**

**✠READERS, PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD!**

**Please pick up your new workbook** at the church office for the coming liturgical year.

**COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:**

10/23/11...Linda Goodman 10/30/11---Rose Hughes



**Altar Server Appreciation Afternoon at Smiley's Pizzeria, a Fun Sunday, October 23, 2011....All Altar Servers and those interested in altar serving are invited to join us.**

We will have pizza and spend time enjoying some of the fun activities. Contact Michelle Hanek at 301-387-4470 or Betty Eaton at 301-334-2202 to reserve your spot. We will leave from St. Peter's Parking Lot at 11:30am...leave Smiley's at 2pm. Join the fun and we thank you for your ministry to our parish!!!



**PRAYER IN THE FAMILY: Bringing the Gospel into Your Family**

Be faithful praying with your children. Teach them simple prayers for starting their day, grace before meals, and prayers at bedtime. Say prayers every day. Here are some suggestions:

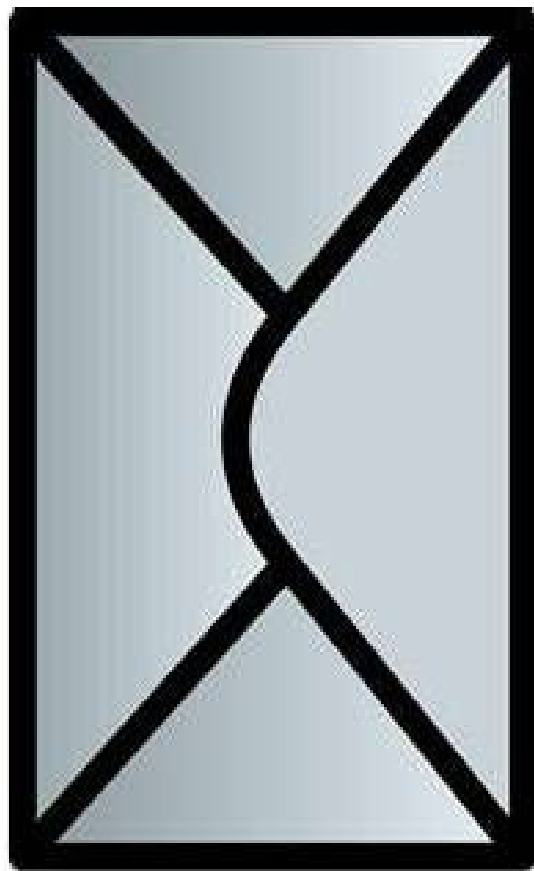
**A Morning Prayer:** Dear God, We offer this day to you and all we think and say and do. Amen.

**A Bedtime Prayer:** Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this night be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and to guide. Amen.

**An Autumn Prayer**

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

Help us to use Your rich gifts. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence. Through the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest where we will be able to enjoy forever and ever Your bountiful blessings.  
Amen.



**Please support our hymnal fundraiser!** Thank you to all who have sent their envelopes for the memorials and honorariums. We will have the new hymnals in place for the First Sunday of Advent.

**Parish Gift Shop!** Open in the church basement and at the Lake Center. Beautiful gift items for all occasions!

**Our Winter Mass Schedule Begins Next Weekend, October 22-23**

at St. Peter the Apostle Church:  
Sundays at 9 AM---Year-round  
at St. Peter at the Lake Center:  
Saturdays at 4 PM---Year-round

**✠A presentation on the Church's teaching on Marriage, Divorce and Annulments will be held at St. Joseph, Midland, in the parish hall on October 18, 2011 from 7 to 9pm.** Learn how the healing grace of Jesus Christ can bring new hope and new life. Open to all who seek advice or information on these topics.