

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. What belongs to God?

2. In what ways is patriotism a good thing and in what ways is it a bad thing?

3. Is it possible to be true to God and also a good citizen of our country?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: For all government leaders, that they will have concern for the common good, we pray to the Lord.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.