

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, the setting for Jesus' teaching is the conflict between different parties in the Jewish community concerning how to serve God, even under the occupation of Rome. Should they pay the tax, as some advocate, or resist to preserve their identity as God's Chosen People? Either answer would inflame some listeners. Roman coins were stamped with the image of the emperor. Jesus avoids the trap, throwing the problem back on each individual while implying that returning the token that the empire had manufactured need not express one's true allegiance. He remains outside the political conflict, trusting in his Father's plan for the people's salvation.

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The coin itself, minted by the Roman state, belongs to Rome, but the denarius portrayed Tiberius as divine, a status reserved for God alone. Perhaps Jesus is saying that in the divine economy, money is not the currency that counts, so give it to those who minted it, which includes deluded earthly rulers. The payment due to the sovereign God alone is worship, and it is owed to no other. And if the things of Caesar and the things of God collide? God is Lord of all.

What do I owe God? We presume to be loyal citizens of the state wherein we cherish our freedom and rights. Hence the point of the Gospel--all freedoms and rights come from God alone. We owe Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our lives and our liberties.

- **How might you repay to God that which belongs to the Lord?**

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SUPPORT ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Help us to continue to provide quality value-based education for our children by financially supporting Catholic Education in center city Altoona. On the weekend of **November 1st** and **2nd** a special second collection will be taken to continue the mission of Altoona Central Catholic School (ACCS). As costs escalate, we need to enlist your personal support to help insure this important ministry of our parish. Won't you please consider this opportunity to exercise personal stewardship for Catholic Education? We are certainly grateful for any assistance - large or small - which you can provide. A special envelope will be provided in our November packet for this collection or you may use any other marked ACCS. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES REVIEWS SET!
+ **Saturday, November 8:** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Cathedral. ++ **Saturday, November 15:**
Lectors and Commentators 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Cathedral. +++ **Saturday, November 22:**
Altar Servers in the Cathedral 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. If you or your children would like to join any of these ministries please call the Parish Office at 944-4603 to register for the session of your choice. Many volunteers are needed, at least fifty-eight on an ordinary weekend, and that is not counting our Music Ministers; cantors, psalmists, choir and organists. We are blessed with much sharing of Time and Talent! Please consider offering yours

Saint Jude Triduum - Church of Saint Mark
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - October 27, 28, 29 with Masses and Devotions at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Father Jack McDowell, O.F.M., President of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, will be Celebrant and Homilist at the 5:30 PM Masses. All Masses will be in the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered prior to each Mass. Triduum Prayers will be prayed at each Mass followed by Veneration of the Relic of Saint Jude.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Thank You to everyone who have offered time and talent for our First Annual Casino Night.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315
Church Office: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal celebration Easter Season.

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Novena of the Miraculous Medal - Monday 7:45 AM.
Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 PM.
Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.
Evening Prayer within Eucharistic Exposition - Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter Seasons - Sunday 6:30 PM.
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

EUCHARIST:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon		12:00 Noon
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM				12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Father John J. Slovickovski, In Residence

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Deacon John J. Szwarc, Senior Deacon

CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 944-4603

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 944-4603

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Readings: *Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21*

Mass Intentions

October 20, Monday: Saint Paul of the Cross, priest

Readings: *Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21*

6:45 AM Bartholomew Hmel, Sr. (Daughter)

8:00 AM Edward Hallinan (Family)

12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Gerald Fleck)

October 21, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: *Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38*

6:45 AM Joseph A. Keirn (Mom & Dad)

8:00 AM Rose Quartz (Richard Courtot, Jr. & Becky)

12:00 PM Joseph Pagliaro (Joe Minarish)

October 22, Wednesday: Blessed John Paul II, pope

Readings: *Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48*

6:45 AM Nozzie, Jennie, Sandy Calabrese (Family)

8:00 AM Richard Erculiani (Margie Bimle)

12:00 PM Bishop Eugene Garvey, Anniv. (Cathedral)

October 23, Thursday: Saint John of Capistrano, priest

Readings: *Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53*

6:45 AM Delphia Rutolo, Birth (Daughter & Family)

8:00 AM Vi Franchio (Fran Prospero)

12:00 PM Ann Civiello, Birth (Emma Helen Brolley)

October 24, Friday: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Readings: *Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59*

6:45 AM Brothers and Sisters

8:00 AM Anne Lindeman (Shelly, Chip & Lowell)

12:00 PM Reverend Thomas Madden, Ann. (Cathedral)

October 25, Saturday: Weekday

Readings: *Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9*

8:00 AM Eileen Lytle (Connie Blontz Family)

12:00 PM Reverend Morgan Sheedy, Ann. (Cathedral)

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: *Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40*

5:00 PM Dick Conzo (Fred & Diane Gibbons)

Process of Christian Initiation - INQUIRY

Those interested in the Catholic Faith continue to meet every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite (entrance off 14th Street to rectory) after the 10:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in relaxed and serious discussion about our faith in Jesus Christ.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We are called through Baptism to be "missionaries of faith." Through our financial gifts we become partners with missionaries throughout the world who proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor. A special envelope is provided in our October packet for this annual world-wide collection or you may use any envelope marked **World Mission Sunday** or **Propagation of the Faith**. Deposit with your regular offertory gift or drop off at the Parish Office during the week.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Our First Session of Parish Preparation for the reception of Reconciliation is scheduled for **Monday, October 20, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM** in the Seton Suite. All Second Grade Cathedral Parish Students with parent or guardian (and families with older children yet to receive Reconciliation and Eucharist) should attend. Contact Chris Laraia, D.R.E. at 312-7317 with any questions.

MINISTRY TO HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

Thank you to the individuals who have completed surveys enclosed in the bulletin a few weeks ago and a gentle reminder for others to please return the survey to the Parish Office if you would like to participate in this new ministry. All are welcome to attend our next meeting this **Tuesday, October 21** at 6:30 PM in Seton Suite.

Patriotic Rosary and Benediction

On **Saturday, October 25** at **2:00 PM** the Diocesan Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are sponsoring a Patriotic Rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament here in the Cathedral. Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside and many of our civil officials will lead us in prayer. All are invited to participate.

A.O.H.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet in the Seton Suite this Sunday afternoon at 1:15 PM.

Charismatic Prayer - The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet this Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the church. Come and join us! All are welcome.

MARRIAGE SOCIAL

Join us for an "evening out" as we celebrate our marriages. Food, DJ, prizes, and much more! This special event will be held **Saturday, November 8**, at **6:00 PM** in the Cathedral Social Hall. BYOB and a picture of your wedding to share with others. Please RSVP before October 26th. Sign up is available at the Cathedral Square door after all Masses or you may call: Parish Office 944-4603; Chris Laraia 312-7317; or Jean Koury 949-2777.

Marriage Congratulations!

Amy Subalusky and Aaron Baker began their new life as husband and wife here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, October 11. May they be blessed with many years of love and happiness, and may they find support and affirmation among the Christian family.

High School Students attend SHYCON

The **Senior High Youth Convention** 2014 featuring nationally known speaker Steve Angrisano will be held on Sunday, October 26, at St. Francis University, Loretto, from 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM. Our teens Grades 9-12 will be taking a bus along with the students from Holy Rosary Parish. All are expected to attend. The bus will leave BGCHS at 10:15 AM and will return at approximately 6:30 PM.

Carmelite Community of the Word Pre-Christmas Fair & Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 9, at Bishop Guilfoyle High School. Festival 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Dinner Served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Adults \$7 and Children \$3 (12 and under). Basket Auction, Money Chances, Bake Sale, Santa's Flea Market and much more!

Constitution

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Anniversary

Sacred Liturgy

Liturgical Reflection ...

The bishops of the world noted that the rites of the liturgy should be marked with noble simplicity. With the reform of the liturgy fifty years ago, the Church desired the Roman Liturgy to be short, clear, and unencumbered by useless repetitions. The rites should be within the comprehension of the people gathered for worship. And, as a rule, the rites should not require much explanation. Scripture is to underscore all that is done at liturgy. In prayer and in song, the holy scriptures ground the Church's worship

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 34, 25, and 50.

2014, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 12 - \$9,873.00

Sidewalk Work to Begin - The sidewalk along the Cathedral on Cathedral Square will be removed and replaced in the days ahead. Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal that makes this project possible.

ALTOONA CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Basket Bingo is just around the corner (Sunday, **November 16th**)! This is a big fund-raiser for ACCS. Call Sue Myers at 381-7011 for tickets. Expect great prizes, delicious food, and a fun time!

ACCS is selling **Marianna Hoagies**. Orders must be received by October 20th. Delivery will be **November 7th**. Call 381-7011 to place an order.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 19 No Classes for Pre-K through Grade 8 this Sunday. Our **F.I.R.E.** students in grades 9-11 will be preparing to welcome our neighbors in need for dinner in Cathedral Hall this afternoon from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. All students should be present.

October 26. Classes for Grade 1 through Grade 8 meet from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in Cathedral Hall. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. To report absence, please call 943-7424.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPOOKTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

All area students in K-5th grade and their parents are invited to a Spooktacular Science Show at Bishop Guilfoyle on Wednesday, October 29th from 6 PM to 8 PM. BG students, trained by PSU, will lead spooky STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiments in the school gymnasium for this family event. Costumes are encouraged and treats will be provided by BG students! Don't miss this "spooky" event!