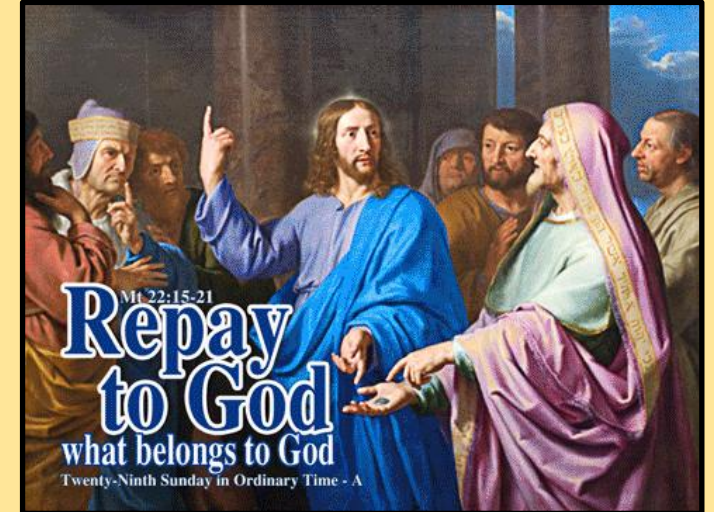
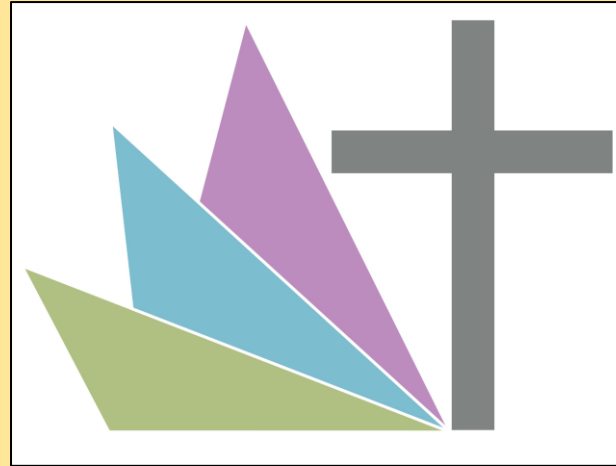
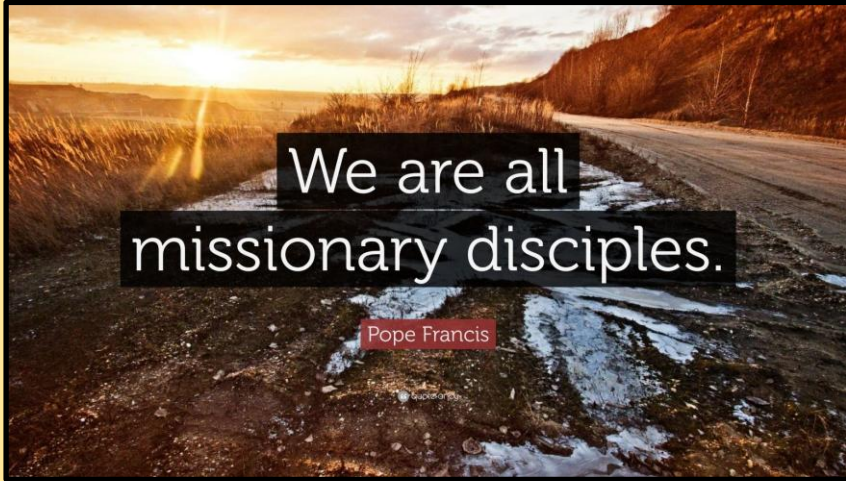


Prayer & Reflection



Week beginning: **Monday 19th October**

**“Called to be Missionary Disciples”
(The importance of Service to Others)
Gospel – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time**



Inspired by World Mission Month and the school mission of Service to Others

October is designated as World Mission Month by the Catholic Church, serving as a global period of prayer, advocacy, and financial support for international missionary work that culminates on World Mission Sunday -this year on Sunday 18th October.

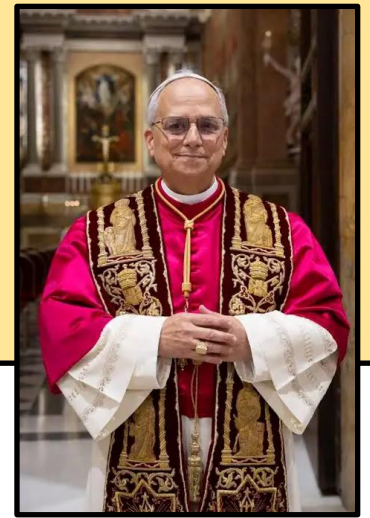
Key Facts About Mission Month

Origins: Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, the month links worldwide prayer for missions with World Mission Sunday on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

Important Dates: The month begins on October 1st with the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (patroness of the missions) and ends with World Mission Sunday.

Core Goal: Pope Francis and Pope Leo encourage all Catholics to see themselves as active "missionary disciples" sharing the Gospel and aiding vulnerable communities around the world.

(CST – option for the poor)



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The more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.

Pope Leo XIV

From The World Mission Sunday Message 2026

Links to Our School Mission

Inspired by Christ: We follow Jesus' call.

Service to Others: We put faith into action through acts of kindness and justice.

Excellence for All: We develop our God-given talents to build God's Kingdom.

Key Message

Jesus calls each of us to be missionaries, not necessarily by travelling far away, but by showing kindness, compassion, forgiveness and service in our daily lives.

Daily Prayer Focus

Monday: Called by Christ

Reflect on how Jesus knows and loves each one of us.

Tuesday: Serving Others

Identify ways to help those in need in school, at home and in the wider community and the World. **This links to CST – Option for the Poor.**

Wednesday: Courage to Witness

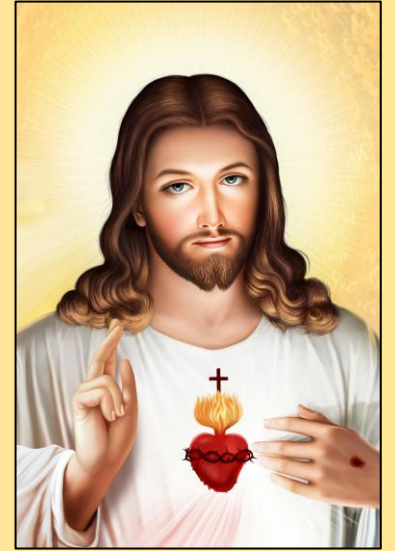
Pray for confidence to live out Gospel values.

Thursday: Mary, Mother of Mission

Pray the Hail Mary and reflect on Mary's "yes" to God.

Friday: Excellence for All

Consider how using our gifts and talents is part of God's mission for us.



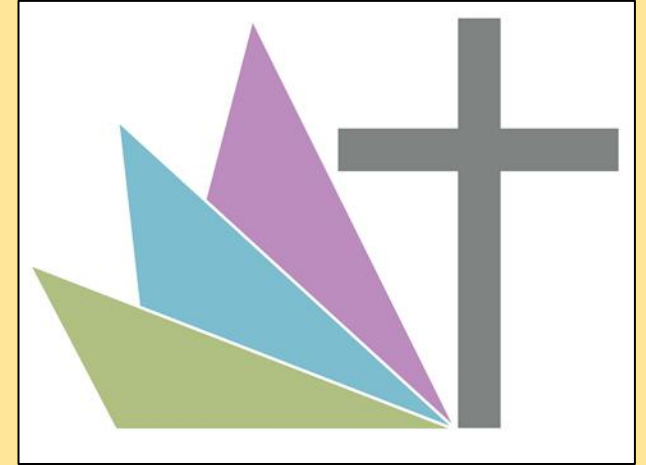
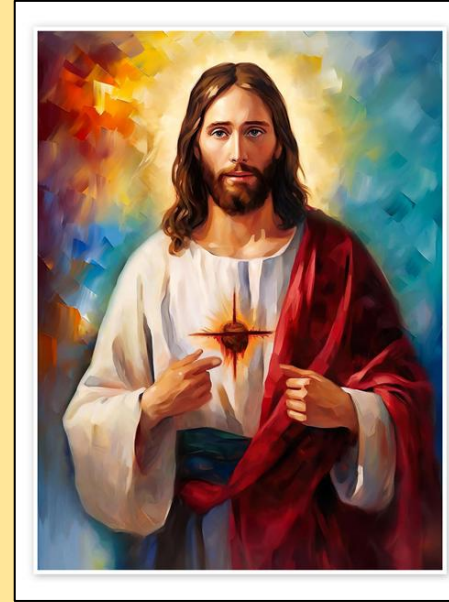
PRAYER – “Called to be Missionary Disciples”

Loving God,
Help us to follow Jesus with generous hearts.

May we be missionary disciples who bring your love, hope and peace to others.

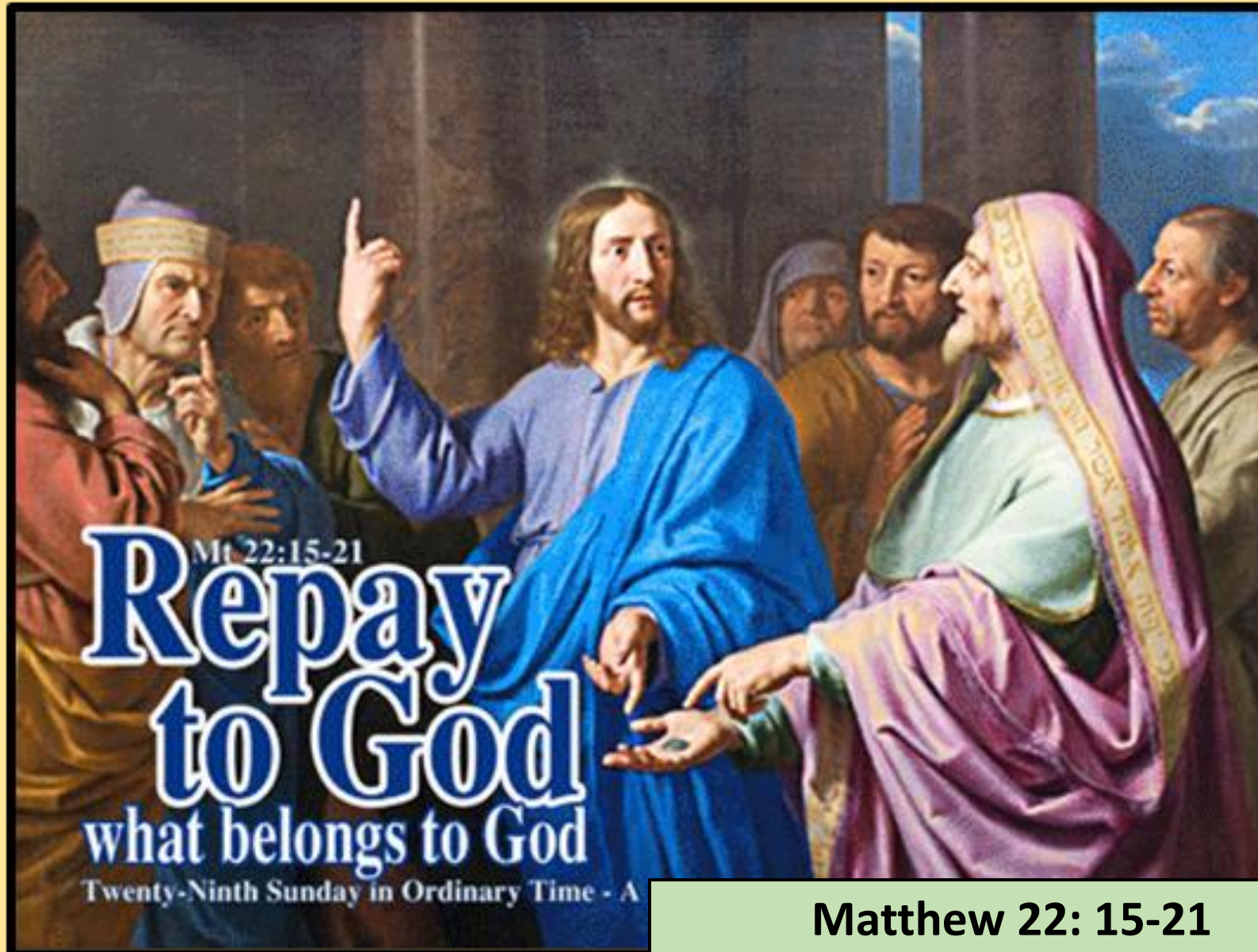
Inspire us to serve those around us and to use our gifts for the good of all.
Through the example of Mary and all the saints, may we grow closer to you each day. Amen.

St John the Apostle & Evangelist – pray for us. Amen.



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Go Forth Today and
Be Inspired by Christ**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 22: 15-21

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

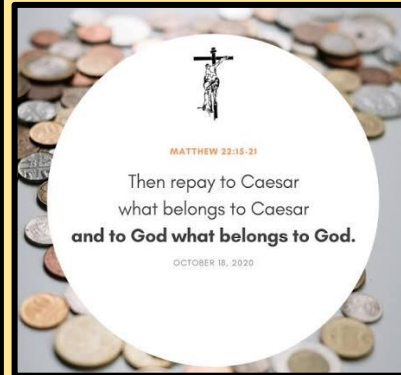
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”

They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”



Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Explanation of this week's Gospel reading

In today's Gospel, some Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is right to pay taxes to Caesar.

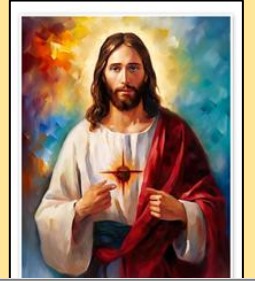
Jesus responds wisely: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus reminds us that whilst we have responsibilities as members of society, our first loyalty is always to God.

Since we are made in God's image, our lives, gifts and talents ultimately belong to Him.

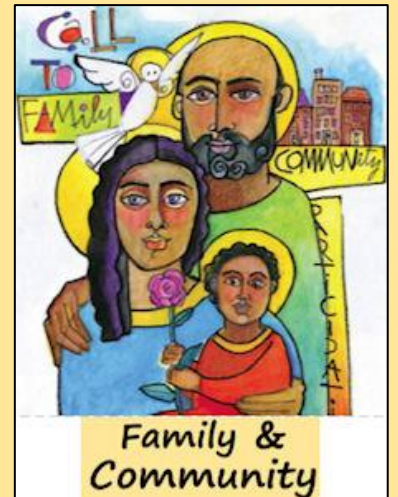
This Gospel connects strongly with **Catholic Social Teaching**, particularly the principles of **Human Dignity, Family and Community, and the Common Good**.

We are called to play our part in society, contribute positively to our communities, and use our gifts responsibly, whilst always ensuring that our actions reflect God's values of justice, compassion and love.



Dignity of the human person

We are all made in God's image so we all deserve respect.



Reflection – Thought for the Day

To be **Inspired by Christ** means living our faith not only in church but in every aspect of our lives.

In school, this means making choices that reflect our Christian values, respecting the dignity of others, and recognising that every person is created in God's image.

Through our **Service to Others** and our commitment to **Excellence for All**, we help build a community where everyone is valued and able to flourish.

Thought for Today –

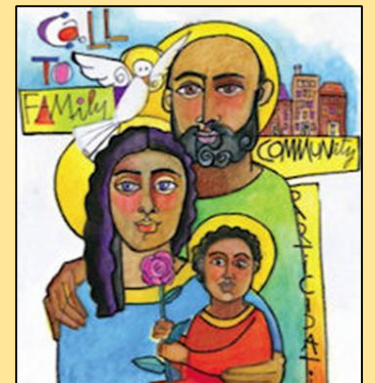
If I belong to God, how can my words and actions today reflect His love and goodness to others?



**CATHOLIC SOCIAL
TEACHING**

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**Family &
Community**

PRAYER – to Be Inspired by Christ

Loving Father,

We thank you for creating each of us in your image and for the gifts you have given us.

Help us to be **Inspired by Christ**, placing you at the centre of our thoughts, words and actions.

Teach us to recognise the dignity of every person and to work for the good of our whole community.

May we live our mission of **Service to Others** with generosity, kindness and compassion, especially towards those who need our support.

As we strive for **Excellence for All**, help us to use our talents wisely, work to the best of our abilities, and encourage others to achieve their potential.

May everything we do bring glory to you and help build a world rooted in justice, peace and love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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