



# *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
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Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (OCT. 14TH & OCT. 15TH)

Donation	\$4,941.00
Donation Online	\$1,220.00
Maintenance Fund	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$6,171.00</b>



### World Mission Sunday (10/21-10/22)

Mission Sunday is celebrated the world over. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church, this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to the most vulnerable communities.

### (PRACTICING)

## CATHOLIC

### The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time*, I tell myself. *For when I am ready*.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

*"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**HOMILY BY FATHER JOSEPH VU**



**Every Christian Holds Dual Citizenship**

The Pharisees who asked Jesus this question about taxes were interested in one thing: getting Jesus in trouble with the authorities.

Jesus saw through their ploy, but instead of ignoring or humiliating them, he taught them a lesson.

And that lesson is as valid today as it was twenty centuries ago: Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.

- Every Christian holds dual citizenship, each one of which has its own benefits and duties.
- Our birth made us citizens of an earthly nation; our baptism made us citizens of a heavenly Kingdom.
- Sometimes they overlap, but in the end, our earthly citizenship will finish, while our heavenly citizenship will last forever.

It's obvious which one is more important.

- Through the centuries, the many Christian saints and martyrs have taught us that if we are ever forced to choose between the two,
- if ever Caesar tries to take what belongs to God,
- we must be faithful to our true, everlasting homeland, even if it means suffering painful consequences here on earth.

But today Christ is reminding us that, as far as possible, we need to live out both of these citizenships responsibly.

How can we do that?

Let's take a few minutes to reflect on how we can be good citizens of earth, giving to Caesar what belongs to him, as well as good citizens in Christ's Kingdom, giving to God what belongs to him.

**Being a Christian in a Democracy - the Forgotten Opportunity**

But staying informed about important current issues is only half of our democratic duty.

As Christians, we are called not only to help maintain civil society, but also to help improve it, to help build up a civilization of Christian justice and love.

In democratic societies, we have a unique opportunity to do this by making good use of the many conversations that happen in election years - conversations about social virtues and values that never even happen in non-democratic societies.

- Many of our friends, colleagues, and neighbors want to make the right decisions in the voting booth, but don't understand the difference between foundational and secondary issues.
- They are hungry for the truth on these complicated issues.
- As followers of Christ, we are called to feed the hungry, to let our light shine before others.
- Sociological studies have repeatedly shown that the single biggest influence on how people vote is not the mass media, but the input and advice they get from friends and colleagues.
- We should never be afraid to explain our point of view and the Church's teachings in conversations around the water cooler or at dinner parties.
- We are God's messengers; we have something important - something crucial - to contribute to these conversations!

The great Anglican political thinker Edmund Burke once said, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

In today's largely democratic world, where good and evil are still fighting it out, let's do something.

Let's give to God what belongs to God (nothing less), and give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar (nothing more).

Let's do so today in this Mass, tomorrow at the office or in the classroom, and every day thereafter, world without end, Amen.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,  
whose right hand I grasp,  
subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

### Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

### Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
remembering you in our prayers,  
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and  
labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

### Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is greater than this world, and his truth is  
stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that  
no matter how we vote, who we agree with or  
what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

## Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

**Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Mission Sunday

**Monday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

**Saturday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need.

## Prayer

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood.

Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/> translation by LPi.)*