

St Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Church

10/18/2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Page 1012 Cycle A

Sidestepping Side-taking

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Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman

Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law. "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern. So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we.●



[Jesus said,] "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
MATTHEW 22:21

When confronted, do I prefer to "take the bait" or find common ground?

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MASS INTENTIONS 10Oct.17-18, 2026

Saturday October 17, 2026

St.Benedict

4:00 PM Our children and grandchildren

Sat. St. John

6:00 PM Nick Myers, health,

+John & +Alice Eckman, +Bill &

+Dorothy Burfield

Sunday St. Benedict 8:00 AM +Lloyd Fantazia S

Sunday St. John 10:00 AM

For the People of our Parish

**No daily masses or confession on
Saturdays until Fr. William returns.**

Stewardship of Treasure
Thank you for your generosity!

October 10-11, 2026

Collection 2177.00

Food Pantry 245.00

Maint. 60.00

All Souls 100.00

Total 2432.00

\$2020.00

Attendance October 10-11-2026

St. Benedict 59 2

St. John 91 16

TOTAL 176 20

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Vatican News

On Friday afternoon, the Holy See Press Office released a statement from Pope Leo XIV's doctors, who said his postoperative recovery continues with steady improvement. (after successful lung surgery)

Dr. Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora said the Pope "underwent blood tests and a chest X-ray this morning, which confirmed the steady improvement in his overall condition." They added that "respiratory physiotherapy sessions have continued," noting that his "postoperative recovery allows him to carry out normal daily activities entirely independently."

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV



Heavenly Father,

We humbly place our beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,
into Your loving and merciful hands.

Surround him with Your peace. Strengthen his body, comfort his heart,
and grant him courage in the face of uncertainty.

Guide the hands and minds of his doctors, bless those caring for him, and,
according to Your holy will, restore him to health.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary wrap him in her maternal mantle, and may
the Holy Spirit sustain him with unwavering faith and hope.

Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Pray for the peaceful comfort
and healing of our 'Ohana**

*Earl Adkins

*Patsy Sabarre

*Jan Neumann

*Dolores Sedlack (Lisa K.'s
Mom)

*Mahina Kaupiko

*Kamala Galletes

*Miriam Janczak

*Reggie Lee

*Cindy Pangan

*Linda Alcain

*Terrance Terada

*Deacon Craig Camello

*Pam Shultise

*Merla Kline

*Paul Ruskey

*Carla Vonderahe

*Joevelyn Delas Reyes

*Gwen Menchaca

*Deb Reed

*Gloria Grapa

*William Anderson

*Johnny Koene

* Friends & Family

AMEN

Parish Leadership Gathering. Saturday, 10- 24, 10-11:30 RSVP by 20th Grace Parish Center at St. Michaels's. All Ministry leaders, members of the Pastoral Council, Stewardship & Finance Councils are encouraged to attend! If You are a ministry leader and cannot attend, please ask another one in your ministry to attend in your place. Your attendance is very important as we begin a new liturgical year. Please join. A light lunch will be served.

Dear Padre,

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible...be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25
<i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	Ex 22:20-26
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	1 Thes 1:5c-10
						Mt 22:34-40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice. This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between "us" and "them"—those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 8, 2026

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Turning the Tables

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 • Rewards to Cyrus, king of Persia
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 • A model for believers
- Matthew 22:15-21 • Paying tax to the emperor

The Pharisees are getting more and more uncomfortable with Jesus' teachings, so they try to turn the tables and trap him. The irony is that usually the Pharisees dislike the Herodians who are supporters of King Herod, the Roman ruler of their land. However, in their desire to unite against a common enemy—Jesus—they enlist the Herodians' help.

The Jews were required to pay taxes to their hated occupiers, the Romans. Not only were the taxes oppressive to the majority of people who were poor, but they had to be paid with Roman coins engraved with Caesar's image. Jewish laws strictly forbid images or engravings of God, and the fact that Caesar billed himself as a god was especially offensive to Jews. Understandably, Jews were resentful about the entire situation because paying the tax gave the impression that they were participating in Caesar's worship. So if Jesus were to respond that it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees would find fault with him. On the other hand, the Herodians, as representatives of the Romans, will take issue with Jesus if he suggests they shouldn't pay the taxes.

Jesus responds brilliantly, refusing to give a yes or no answer. When the Pharisees hand him a Roman coin, they convict themselves. This episode takes place in the Jerusalem temple, and Jewish tradition said that they could not carry such coins in the sacred temple. (That is why there were money-changers on hand—to convert the Roman money to Jewish money for currency in the temple.) So the Pharisees are "outed" for



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"I have called you by your name...I am the Lord and there is no other."

Sheepish Question:

What am I missing in my prayer?

their cooperation with Rome, and Jesus moves the conversation to a different level. The coin with the emperor's image belongs to the emperor to begin with—so give it back to him, he says. Then, he lays out the real challenge for those trying to trap him—discern what is of God and give that your attention and respect.

Questions of the Week

- 1 History is full of examples of repressive rulers requiring the oppressed people to do demeaning things. Can you give a more recent example?

- 2 When have you experienced a conflict between your religious beliefs and the laws of a secular government?

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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA! THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT'S, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.