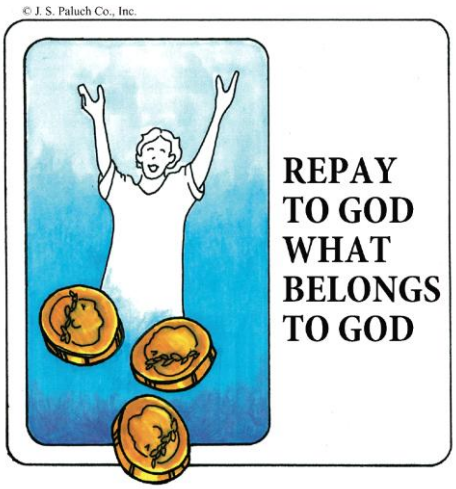
TWENTY–NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Give God Glory

It's a frustrating feeling I get all too often. I'm in a situation that requires just the right response … and that response lives somewhere in my brain. Only trouble is, I don't find it until the next day! Have you ever said to yourself, "I should have said … " or "Why didn't I think of that one yesterday?" Jesus was always quick on his feet and knew the right thing to say. Even when his enemies tried to trick him, the exact right words came out. He left their dignity intact while still making a pivotal point.

Comment

We learn of God's greatness in Isaiah. Not only did God create us and know us intimately, but God is so awesomely wondrous that God's glory surpasses any treasures we know. All the greatness we know in this world, whether it be wealth, power, or fame, could only be accomplished through God's authority. For this reason, Paul tells the Thessalonians that God has created them for great things and that God has the power to transform their lives. The Thessalonians, at the time of their conversion, worshiped the one God rather than the many idols they had worshiped previously.

Matthew's Gospel distinguishes worship of God from paying homage to anyone else. When Jesus was about to be tricked by the Pharisees, kind but clear words came to him. The Pharisees were able to answer their own questions as Jesus led them through an exercise in logical deduction. He asked to see a coin used for paying taxes. The coin had an impression of Caesar's head and title. The Pharisees understood that taxes were to be paid to Caesar, and Jesus agreed. He added, however, that what belonged to God, namely glory, should be given only to God. The two payments were not to be confused.

Reflection

Separation of church and state can get messy. The people directly and indirectly responsible for settling our country were Godly men and women. Our coins have imprints of great leaders, but the lettering reminds us that it is "In God we trust." The Pharisees thought singularly about taxes, but when we look at our coin, isn't it evident that we see God in all facets of our lives, especially the governing of God's people? As it was in the days of Caesar, God is the ruler over all people; and if authority were not given by God, rulers of any era would have no power.

Things were not perfect for the settlers of our country; they made mistakes, too; but the basis of any government should be the well-being of the nation's people. God is concerned for our well-being, too. When we see a conflict in what political leaders strive to do and what we know God wants us to do, we must follow the higher power. This creates conflict within and possibly between ourselves and those with whom we associate, but it is the conflict that calls us to action.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4c-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

October 24 - Cursillo October 31 - Finance

From Bishop Sis*: Training Seminar** offered to all the faithful on **Celebrating the Sacrament of *Reconciliation, by the Vatican Apostolic Penitentiary, on Oct. 23-24, 2026.

This seminar is intended to be a formation opportunity for all the faithful who wish to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with greater awareness and renewed enthusiasm.

Participation is free of charge and can take place remotely by YouTube.

Simultaneous translation of the presentations will be available in **English** and **Spanish** on YouTube.

***The bulletin insert gives a QR code to register.**

Living God's Word - We pray to recognize what it means to be a good citizen, giving to our country what is needed for the support of the common good. And we pray to discern wisely when loyalty to Christ and the building up of the kingdom of God may call for a response that challenges what civil authorities propose.

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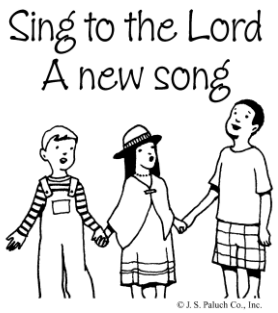
•***Pray*** for Pope Leo as he continues recovery from lung surgery. The bulletin insert prayer asks St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, and our Blessed Mother to intercede for the Holy Father's healing.

Saturday, October 17th
5:00PM-IHM –
+Daniel Grimaldo;
+Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales;
In thanksgiving for Jerika Madrigal's birthday

Sunday, October 18th –
8:00AM – IHM Por Grupo Misionero; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Francisco Medellin, Odilia Arredondo, Claudia Aguayo, Nicolas y Celia Rubio; Gabriela y Fidencio Carlos
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

***Wednesday, October 21st 6:00PM - IHM**
Communion Service

Saturday, October 24th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.; Seferino Ramirez, Sr., Ray Longoria, Sr.; Dora Rendon; +Celia Castillo

Sunday, October 25th –
8:00AM – IHM Por la gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – In thanksgiving for Falana Family; +Jaime Montealvo; +Esther Rodriguez

COLLECTION DATA October 3/4, 2026

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3500.00
LOOSE PLATE……1528.65
World Mission……756.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……$5784.65

"Thank you for your generosity.

De Colores!

"Join us for a Meet and Greet "
October 25, 2026, after the 11am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 511 W. Alabama Ave., Sweetwater, Tx. Come join us in fellowship and get to know what the cursillo is about! Lunch will be provided.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT ~ Thursday, October 29, 5:30-7:00 pm, Immaculate Heart parking lot. Please help by donating bags of candy. You may bring them by the parish office!

EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION – for parents of CCD students - from Kinder to 11th grades is scheduled for **NEXT** Sunday, October 25th, at 9:35a.m. at IHM Hall. It is important that you attend this session as **MANDATED** by the Diocese. Thank you for your presence! *Sr. Tita Iglesias, OND*

VACATION – No Daily Masses next week; Fr. Josh will be away. Prayers for safe & enjoyable travel!

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH – Masses for next weekend, October 24/25 will be celebrated by an Outreach Priest. Please support this ministry – delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor.

FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS - for parents of First Communion students 2nd and upper grades -- this Sunday, October 18th at 9:35am @IHM Hall. Attendance is **MANDATORY.** *Sr. Tita*

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027
Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Classes have started. If you are needing Sacraments or would like to learn more about the faith, you may still sign up to attend. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

***WEDNESDAY –** Communion Service on Wednesday followed by Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

ULTREYA MEETINGS
Sunday, October 18th - 6:00pm (***English)***
Monday, October 19th - 7:00pm ***(Spanish)***
at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit
http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

•NOTE: The back page of this bulletin: "Our Parish Stewardship" *discerning God's will for a second priest.*

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of October to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include**:
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.
You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de octubre para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.
Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

Prayer for Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

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O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF *Reconciliation*

Apostolic Penitentiary

PROGRAM

Friday, October 23
4.00 p.m. - The Biblical Foundations of Contritio Cordis: Psalm 50 (**Card. Angelo De Donatis**)
4.45 p.m. - Break
5.00 p.m. - Guilt, Regret, Repentance, Contrition: An Initial Clarification (**Prof. Lodovica Maria Zanet**)
5.45 p.m. - Discussion
6.00 p.m. - Conclusion

Saturday, October 24
9.15 a.m. - The Steps of True Repentance: A Perspective from East and West (**Fr. Giuseppe Forlai**)
10.00 a.m. - Reparation: Building on the Ruins. The Sacramental and Pastoral Dimensions of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**Fr. Jaime Emilio González Magaña, SJ**)
10.45 a.m. - Break
11.00 a.m. - Testimonies
11.30 a.m. - Discussion
12.00 p.m. - Conclusions (**Monsignor Krzysztof J. Nykiel**)

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 23-24, 2026

www.penitenzieria.va
Piazza della Cancelleria 1, ROME

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: GROWING TO SERVE

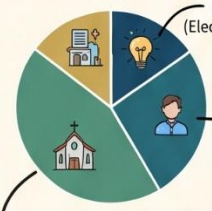
Understanding Our Needs & Our Future

1 WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Average Weekly Collection:
$5,000 - $5,500

2 WHERE YOUR OFFERING GOES

(Average Monthly Expenses)



Utilities (Electricity, Water, Gas, etc.): ~$3,600

Salaries (Church Personnel): ~$8,400

Diocesan Assessment (Bishop & Office): ~$11,000

Total Monthly Expenses: $23,000 (Can reach $26,000)

3 OUR BLESSING & MISSION

Your faithful giving sustains our ministry, keeps the church open, and serves our local community.

4 VISION FOR A SECOND PRIEST

We are discerning God's will for a second priest to expand ministries.

5 THE NEED & THE STRATEGY

Extra Cost Per Month: $4,300

Small sacrifice from many makes a big difference.

- 100 families giving an extra $10/week
  OR
- 130 families giving an extra $8/week would reach the goal.

6 AN OFFERING, NOT A TIP

This is an offering to the Lord, who multiplies your gift to bring more spiritual blessings to our community.

- Additional Mass Times
- More Confession Times
- Further Spiritual Counseling
- Another Spiritual Father

7 NEXT STEPS

Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to help our parish grow. Thank you for your generosity.