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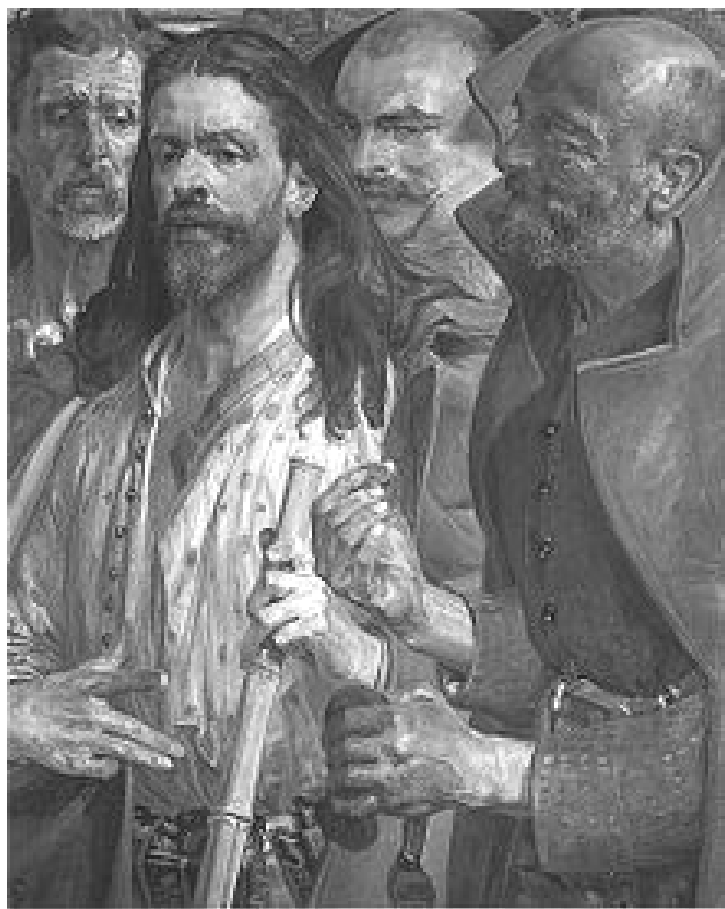
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Render unto Caesar
Malczewski Jacek

The Twenty-ninth Sunday
Of the Church Year
October 22, 2017

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

Ms. Laura L. Zbella,

Administrative Manager

Mr. Terry Rose, Youth Minister

Mr. Tommy Slay, Facilities Manager

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us! Please be sure to sign our guest book.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Martin Hetzel, Ron Durbin, Cindi Kerke, Special Intention – MD

Monday: St. John of Capistrano

Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

For the Intention of William Marzullo

Wednesday: Weekday

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: Weekday

Saturday: Ss. Simon and Jude

The Thirtieth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Rosemary Roll, Marty Kay, Father Mike Yakaitis

Mass Intentions Available - If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

Support Our Food Pantry -The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves. Please bring them to Church each week or to the Hall during the week. You can also place your donations on the back porch of the Rectory. Thank you!

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings - Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$18,000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at www.st-bride.org.

MICKEY'S MINUTE

"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines."

-Satchel Paige

A good example is the tallest kind of preaching.

—African saying

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75;
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8;
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68,
76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5;
Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Upcoming Dates and Events

November 18th - Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the South Shore Community

Each year we serve a Turkey Luncheon to the community of South Shore! We have between 150 and 200 guests each year. Help us if you can by contributing canned foods, frozen turkey Breasts or Gift Cards. Gift cards from ALDI'S and SAV-A-LOT work the best for us!

Thanksgiving - Morning Mass at 9AM in the Church

December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

December 8th - The Immaculate Conception - Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 10th - Breakfast with Santa immediately following Mass

HAMILTON tickets raffle begin sales!

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4 PM

Christmas Morning Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2018 - Mass at 10 AM

Spring Luncheon 2018 - May 20, 2018

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus’ response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What makes the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children different from the others? First, there is the intended assembly, which is described as comprised of mostly children of school age. There are three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children available to us now in the missal. The first one has a very simple form, easily grasped by even a young child. The second has a great deal of participation by the assembly—repeated sung acclamations. The third has a number of variations that can be tricky for a priest to handle if he hasn’t prepared carefully.

All of this work does point to a true treasure of our tradition: children are part of the Sunday assembly, precisely because they are baptized members of Christ’s body. By contrast, the churches of the Reformation tend to look upon children as members in training, and see worship as an adult activity. Sunday school happens downstairs while the adults celebrate Holy Communion upstairs. In a phrase, that’s not Catholic. Children belong to Christ and to the assembly. So, the desire to care for the children in the assembly, to draw them into the prayer, and to adapt our rituals and texts to their needs is deeply Catholic, a true pastoral effort to help draw everyone into the praise of God.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - “He Alone Is LORD”

In the scriptures, being anointed usually meant you were a prophet or king of Israel. Anointing was a sign that God had chosen you for that job. But it was almost unheard of to call a king from another country anointed. So why is Cyrus given that title? Cyrus was king of Persia when the Babylonians held the people of Israel captive. God used him to defeat the Babylonians and eventually bring the Israelites back to their homes.

In our first reading, we hear the Lord’s words to Cyrus about God’s plan for Israel. Notice that God is in charge: telling Cyrus what God will do, making other kings run from him, opening doors or gates that might have blocked Cyrus’ armies—all for a king who doesn’t even know God. Cyrus only knew the Persian gods. That is why the reading says several times that there is no God but the LORD.

One thing this tells us is that God can work through anyone, not just saints and religious. Any time someone does a good deed, God is behind it. Just as God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, God can use governments to protect the poor, to help rebuild after disasters, to defend freedom.

In that sense, we can understand what Jesus says about payment to Caesar and to God. Since everything belongs to God, that should be our first allegiance. When a government does not protect the weakest or the rights of the poor, it should be accountable. But when God works through governments, we can give some support to them by such activities as voting, or paying taxes. Let us ask God to work through us also, helping us to proclaim that God alone is LORD.



Pray for Peace in the World, Our City

And Our Neighborhood!

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