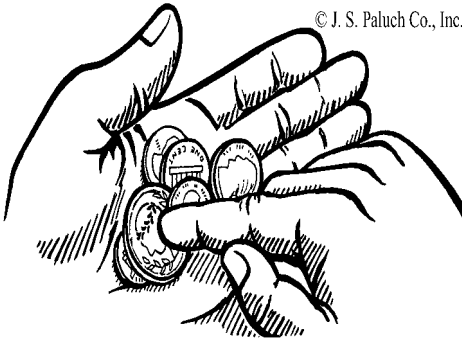


# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## October 19, 2008

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$6,969.40.  
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

### Altar Flowers

**October 25-26 In Memory of Aldest & Elodie Comeaux**

**By: Harry & Juanita Comeaux**

The 19th annual **St. Ignatius Rainbeau Festival** will be held *today, October 19th* on the school grounds. The festival will run from 10am to 4pm and will feature games, food, bingo, a silent auction and a DJ. Chances will be sold for a \$1,500 cash drawing to be held in November. Fun for the whole family! Come out and support our Parish's Catholic School.

Since Pope Benedict has named this year as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, the North Region, of the Diocese of Lafayette is offering a series of four talks on the Life and Teachings of St. Paul on the Tuesdays of November from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Msgr. Paul Metrejean will give these presentations in the Lady of Mercy Catechetical Hall in Opelousas. Topics covered will be:

**Nov. 4** Introduction to the Life & Letters of Paul

**Nov. 11** "In Christ Jesus" A Basic Theme in Paul's Letters

**Nov. 18** The Two Adams: Law and Grace, Flesh and Spirit, Death & Life

**Nov. 25** The Day of the Lord — Paul's Teaching on the Second Coming and the Resurrection of the Body.

Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends!  
Call 942-4174 for more information.

### WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

The **African American Catholic Youth Congress** will be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2007** at St. Thomas Moore Catholic High School in Lafayette. ALL youth ages 13 and up are invited to attend. Please contact Paula Jordan at (337) 351-4532

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, October 24-26

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions in order to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. Rachel's Vineyard can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level.

If you or someone you know is suffering from abortion's aftermath, please call 261-5607 to inquire about this retreat and for further information.

### Activities of the Week

**October 20-26**

M 20	5:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM KPC Meeting
T 21	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W 22	
TH 23	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 24	
SA 25	

### **Minister Schedule-October 25-26**

<b>Vigil</b> -Lector	Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion	Juanita Comeaux, Margie McClendon Jo Burleigh, Ada Barry, Mary Menard
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith
<b>7:30</b> -Lector	Julia Quebedeaux & Gwen Miller
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Stephanie Richard Darrell Burleigh, Warren Norton, Sr. Betty Renard
Altar Server	Carlie Pierre
<b>10:30</b> -Lector	Keith & Ginger Myers
Communion	Barbara Broussard, Andy & Kim Dakin, Norman & Flo Carroll
Altar Servers	Andrew Smith, Hunter Myers, Cody Williams

### **Church Cleaners for October 25-26**

Bernadelle Thibodeaux    Juanita Comeaux  
Valerie Pyle    Betsy Douglas    Leola Guilbeau  
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

### **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.

### **Today is World Mission Sunday**

We are called to this Eucharistic celebration—along with Catholics in every parish, chapel and church throughout the world—to recommit ourselves to this missionary task, telling, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, "God's glory among the nations."

Let us pray at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled message of Jesus' love and salvation. Let us offer generous financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in support of more than 1,150 local churches throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

### **A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders**

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but also of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but also to influence others to vote—and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken your people to a commitment for the rights and dignity of each person—especially those who are most vulnerable, the unborn and the frail elderly. Help us to elect leaders who will work to build a country where the hungry and the homeless are assisted, the immigrant is welcomed, the environment is protected, and all legitimate paths to peace are pursued.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2008...**

**Individually directed retreats**—Nov 3-12, Nov. 17-26, Nov. 26-30, Dec. 8-17.

**Gospel of St. Mark**—October 30-November 2.

Presenter is Fr. Jerome Neyrey, S.J.

**Staying Sober with the 12 Steps**—December 3-7.

Presenter is Fr. Tom Weston, S.J. Topics include dealing with anger, guilt, shame and embarrassment, and learning to trust. Alcoholics are welcome.

For an application form, please go online to:

<[jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org)> or call 662-6251.

*God's grace within you and God's strength behind you can overcome any hurdle ahead of you.*