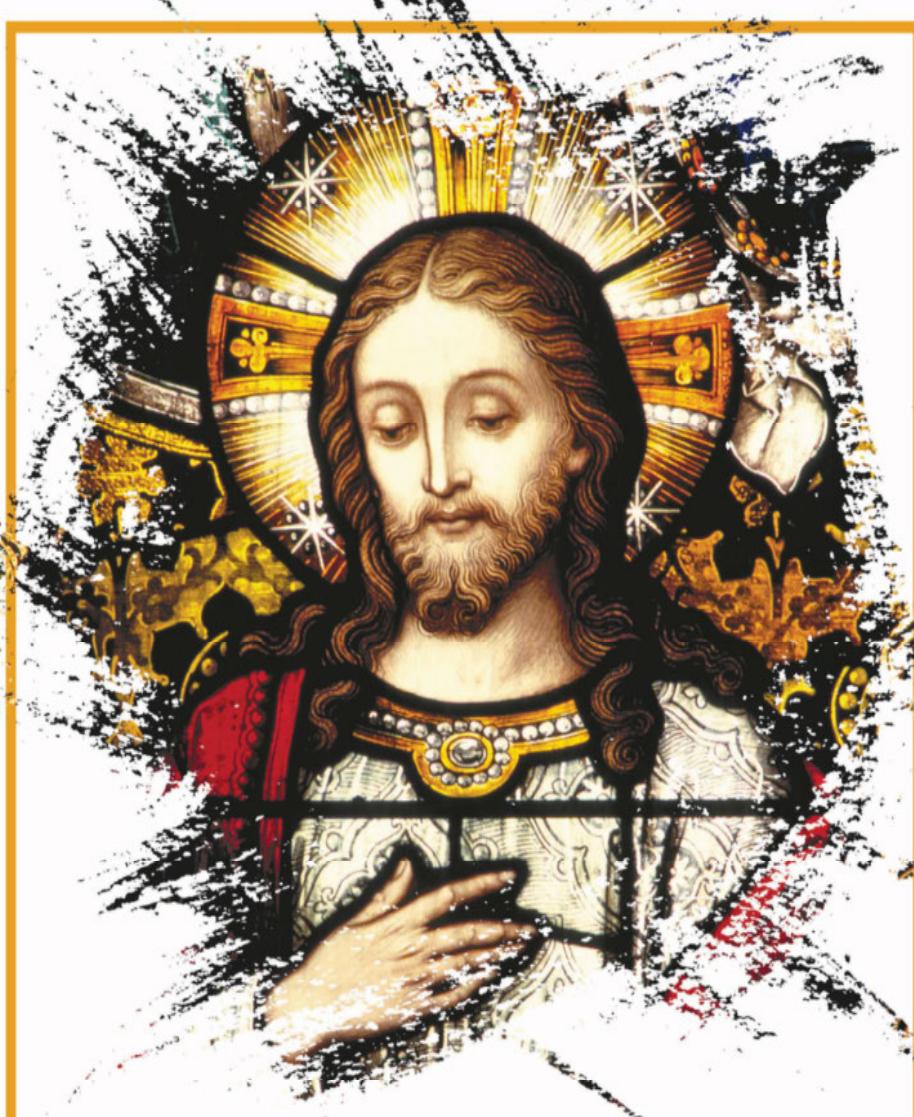




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Mission Statement:

"St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith, and reach out in charity to those in need."



"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD." — MT 22:21

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"DEN, PUES, AL CÉSAR LO QUE ES DEL CÉSAR, Y A DIOS LO QUE ES DE DIOS". — MT 22, 21

29TH DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Baptism: Please contact the office for information or send an email to reception@stchristophermarana.com. Parents and Godparents must attend a class before the baptism.

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry must contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of The Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. Please notify the church office when you or another parishioner would like to receive this Sacrament.

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS TIMES:

Tue & Thu: 12:00 NOON

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm Sunday Mass

SUNDAY: 7:00 am Mass

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Santa Misa

CONFESIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
and by appointment

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

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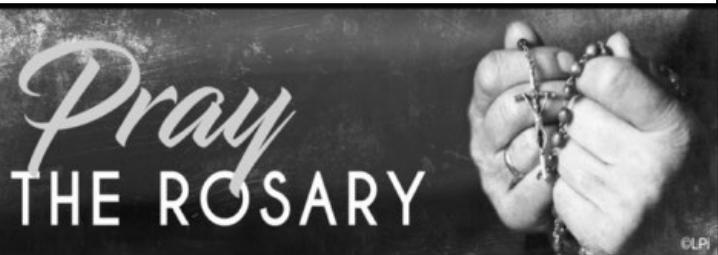
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First Fridays:
following the
9:00 a.m. Mass to
11:30 p.m.

Important Notice:

The Religious Education class, and Life Teen Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 31 have been moved to November 1. All student and their families must attend our All Saint's Day Mass at 6:00 p.m. on November 1st.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Mon: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thu: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

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

Sat: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

MEDITATION

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— Father John Muir

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Thank you for your generosity!	Week ending 10/8/2023	Week ending 10/15/2023
Offerings	\$4,739	\$5,740
Online Giving	\$1,200	\$1,060
Total	\$5,939	\$6,800

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21st, 2023	†deceased
5:00 p.m. †Ralph Gutierrez	
†Ramona Roberts	
<i>Health:</i> Rhina de Jimenez	
<i>Safe travel:</i> Beatriz Stapleton	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Fr. Edson Elizarraras, Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey	
Sunday, October 22nd, 2023	
7:00 a.m. †George Limoges	
†Eleanore Palotay	
†Joe Palotay	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
†Ramona Roberts	
For an end to gun violence	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey	
9:00 a.m. †Edward Altamirano	
†Rosemarie Trepaczka	
†George Trepaczka	
†Roberto Enriquez	
†Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Health:</i> Rhina de Jimenez	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey	
11:00 a.m. †Roberto Enriquez	
†Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Bienestar:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intenciones:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez, Neil and Maureen McCaffrey	
<i>Cumpleaños:</i> Serenity Gamino, Juan Samuel Gamino, Elodia Vazquez	
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023	
12:00 p.m. †Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Health:</i> Rhina de Jimenez	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez	
Wednesday, October 25th, 2023	
9:00 a.m. †Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez	
<i>Birthday:</i> Carmen Anderson	
Thursday, October 26th, 2023	
12:00 p.m. †Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez	
Friday, October 27th, 2023	
9:00 a.m. †Ramona Roberts	
†Ralph Gutierrez	
<i>Well-being:</i> Leonard Roberts	
<i>Intentions:</i> Reuben Nuñez, Dcn. Angel Gonzalez	

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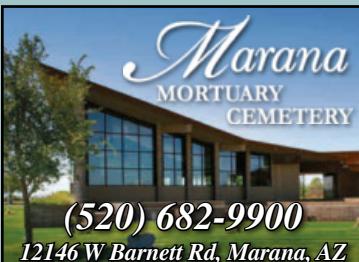


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