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Caesar vs. God: A Christian Perspective on Citizenship

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s”

(See Matthew 22:15-21)



When Jesus gave that pronouncement, it was a dismissive answer. The Pharisees had set a trap for Jesus—any answer He gave would have been the wrong one in their twisted judgement. So Jesus simply said, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and give to God what is God’s.” It was like saying, “I see a trap here, let’s just move on...” just to cleverly silence his opponents.

I wonder whether people hear that saying of Jesus and make the mistake of considering it having the same force or importance as one of the Ten Commandments or a Beatitude. I wonder whether people mistakenly think that Jesus was saying, “Divide your life into two compartments, one for Caesar, and one for God—Fifty-fifty, but don’t ever let the two overlap!” We need to keep Jesus’ saying in the context of the circumstances of when and why He said it.

Clearly, Jesus does remind us that we have two passports in our pockets, one to citizenship in the world, and another to citizenship in Heaven. If we really think about it, God and Caesar are not equals. Who created the universe—and us—out of nothing? Who gave each of us the gift of life, with a particular personality and soul, and unique DNA? Who baptized us making us members of the Church, anointed us with the Holy Spirit, and feeds us with His Body and Blood? Who gives us the promise of eternal life? Not Caesar! You see, everything is God’s! Everything!

But because we have two citizenships, there are responsibilities toward both:

God, and Caesar. The letter of Peter states “Have reverence for God and respect the emperor.”

(I Peter 2:17)
Paul tells the Christians in Rome, “Be subordinate to the higher authorities... Pay to all their

dues, taxes to whom taxes are due... respect to whom respect is due.” (Romans 13:1-7)
Over a millennium later, St. Thomas Aquinas stated, (to paraphrase) that being a good citizen flows from one’s charity, that is one’s love of neighbor.

But what happens when our dual citizenship leads us into a conflict situation between God and Caesar, or our faith and our country? As a case in point, take Franz Jaeggerstatter, an Austrian who lived prior to World War II. He opposed Adolph Hitler when he marched into Austria and held a mock vote of the people to show that they approved of his action. He was the only person in his village to publicly voice his refusal to cooperate with Hitler’s evil. Refusing to serve in Hitler’s army, even as a non-combatant, he was later arrested and executed by the Nazi military. Jaeggerstatter had to be faithful to God, his primary obligation. Could we say that we would do the same, in keeping God first no matter the price?

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Thomas Jefferson, our third President, composed a prayer over two hundred years ago, but its words are still so relevant today:

*Almighty God,
You have given us this good
land as our heritage...*

*Bless our land...
Save us from violence, and
from every evil way.
Defend our liberties....*

*Endow with the Spirit of
Wisdom those to whom in
your name
We entrust the authority of
government....*

*In time of prosperity fill our
hearts with thankfulness,
And in the day of trouble
Do not let our trust in you
to fail.*

Article adapted from Fr. Mike’s homily on Sunday, October 18, 2020, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A. Some excerpts are taken from Fr. Mark Link, SJ.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2020 ISSUE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
Please email information to: crysti.esper@monroevicariate.com. Thank you!



St. Anthony Catholic Church



► St. Anthony Knights of Columbus World-famous Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, November 8, 2020. CARRY OUT ONLY

Serving will take place from **8:30 AM till 11:30 AM.** (or until we run out!) at St. Anthony Kenna Hall, 4635 St. Anthony Road, Temperance, MI 48182. You may choose a meal for adults for \$8; or a meal for children for \$5.

ADULT MEAL: 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of french toast, a scoop of scrambled eggs, a scoop of hash browns and 3 sausage links. Packet of syrup, a fruit cup, a butter pat as well as utensils, a napkin and seasonings will be supplied. **CHILD'S MEAL** will be the same items but in smaller portions.

CARRY OUT PICK UP: Please approach Kenna Hall from the driveway that loops around past the side of the convent. You may order, pay-for, and pick up your meal at the side entrance of Kenna Hall without even exiting your car. One of our team of friendly Knights will be there to assist you.

This event supports our mission of charitable endeavors! If you have any questions, please contact the St. Anthony Parish Office: 734-854-1143 or stanthony@bex.net

► St. Anthony Catholic Church Fall Rummage Sale

Wednesday, November 4: 9am - 7pm

Tuesday, November 3: 5-9pm – Early Bird Sale!
\$5.00 Admission

Thursday, November 5: 9am - 7pm; \$2.00 Bag Day!

- Face Masks are MANDATORY
- Hand sanitizers at each entrance
- Limited capacity
- Ages Jr. High and up only, please

St. Anthony Kenna Hall, 4635 St. Anthony Road, Temperance (between Secor & Whiteford Road).

For more information, please call the Parish Office 734-854-1143 or go to our website: stanthonytemperance.org

IHM Motherhouse

► World AIDS Day Prayer 2020

All are welcome to come join us at our prayer service – World AIDS Day Prayer 2020, **Healing of Our Every Ill** on **Tuesday, December 1 at 3:30 pm, livestream on the Sister Servants, Immaculate Heart of Mary website – ihmsisters.org.**

We come together to pray for those who are suffering with HIV/AIDS, Coronavirus or any other chronic illness, their families, the researchers and those professionals who work with people afflicted with these conditions.

This year's Prayer is in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic, another Coronavirus. Research for HIV/Aids has given a start for the treatment and search for a vaccine for COVID-19.



Peace & Justice

Disability Etiquette: Interacting With People Who Look Different

Although people who look different are not necessarily disabled, oftentimes people who are not limited in their life activities are treated as if they have a disability because of their appearance. Differences in appearance include, but are not limited to:

- (1) People with facial differences, such as cleft lip or palate, cranio-facial disfigurement, or a skin condition,
- (2) People who are above or below the average height or weight, or
- (3) People who may display visible effects of medication, such as a tremor. People who look different often have the frequent experience of finding people staring at them, looking away from them, or looking through them as if they are invisible.

People who are stigmatized develop poor-esteem that negates the opportunity for a positive self-image as well as full societal participation. Please treat people who look different with respect and human dignity through greeting them and including them in conversations and church activities.

If your parish provides resources and / or accommodations for people with disabilities, please contact Valerie Tyldesley, valerie.tyldesley@gmail.com, so the information can be published in the Monroe Vicariate Bulletin.

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center

Despite the pandemic, the 2020-2021 retreat season has resumed for both men and women. Things will look and feel different this year in an effort to keep all as safe as possible.

In response to the recommendations of the CDC and the guidelines provided to us by the State of Michigan, the following protocols will be observed at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center.

- Masks are required to be worn by all visitors during the duration of their visit. Masks are not required outside. Masks can be removed when receiving Holy Communion.
- Hand-sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the Center.
- Capacity is 35 retreatants. Overnight guests will have their temperature taken and will be asked CDC screening questions upon their arrival.
- Room assignments will be scattered through the center for social distancing safety. Requests for the handicap accessible room should be made prior to arrival.
- Retreatants will receive three name cards upon arrival. They will choose a chair/pew in the conference room, dining room and chapel and use that same spot for the entire weekend.
- Main conference talks will take place in St. Gemma Hall
- Public restrooms in the lobby are only available to guests without assigned bedrooms.
- Gatherings in the Assembly Room will not be permitted.
- Only two people will be seated at each table in the dining room.
- Meals will be served to guests (no self-service buffet.) A glass will be placed at each place setting in which guests can place their mask during the meal.
- Pews will be marked to indicate where guests should sit.
- Guests are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Confessions (behind the screen) will be available in the confessionals as usual.
- Face-to-face Reconciliation as well as Spiritual Direction/ Counseling will take place in offices with six-foot spacing.



Please visit the website or email Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org with questions or for registration.

COVID-19 RELIEF FISH FRY



Friday, November 6, 2020

DRIVE THRU ONLY

3:00 pm -while supplies last
\$10.00 small combo dinner
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St. Anne is looking to hire a part-time maintenance person. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish office for an application at 734-289-2910, x21

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DEACON KEN (ST. JOSEPH, ERIE) AND SHARON TRABBIC ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 30TH SEASON OF GROWING PUMPKINS ON THEIR FAMILY FARM IN ERIE. (PHOTO BY LAURIE BERTKE)



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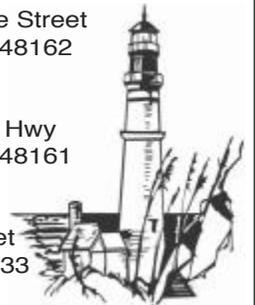
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