

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday October 23rd (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
St. John of Capistrano, Priest.
 Reading 1: **Romans 4: 20-25**
 Responsorial Psalm: **P S. LK. 1: 69-75**
 Gospel: **LUKE 12: 13-21**

Tuesday October 24th
St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop.
 Reading 1: **ROMANS 5: 12,15,17-21**
 Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 40: 7-10,17**
 Gospel: **LUKE 12: 35-38**

Wednesday October 25th
 Reading 1: **ROMANS 6: 12-18**
 Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 124: 1-8**
 Gospel: **LUKE 12: 39-48**

Thursday October 26th
 Reading 1: **ROMANS 6: 19-23**
 Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 1: 1-4,6**
 Gospel: **LUKE 12: 49-53**

Friday October 27th
 Reading 1: **ROMANS 7: 18-25**
 Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 119: 66,68,76-77,93-94**
 Gospel: **LUKE 12: 54-59**

Saturday October 28th
Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles.
 Reading 1: **EPHESIANS 2: 19-22**
 Responsorial Psalm: **PS. 19: 2-5**
 Gospel: **LUKE 6: 12-16**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. The Fundraising Committee meets after Mass.
4. Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.
5. Please take in your funeral programmes by the 29th October. Leave with Fr. Award or Deacon Gordon.
6. Children's Mass - next Sunday, October 29, 2017
7. CHURCH CAKE SALE:- NEXT SUDAY. Donations will be accepted. Please support!!!!!!!!!!!!
8. ST. E'S CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION DAY - NEXT SUNDAY
9. We implore your conscientious generosity for the 2nd collection (St. Vincent de Paul) - next Sunday. In support of the destruction caused by the recent Hurricanes in our region.
10. ALL SOULS DAY - November 02, 2017, Commemoration of all the faithful departed. Why not place a memorial for your departed loved ones in the October Issue of the Catholic Opinion which will be published on October 29, 2019. Please see notice board for details.
11. The CWL of the Archdiocese of Kingston will be hosting MASS ON THE RIVER on Sunday, November 18, 2017 @ Turtle River Park in St. Ann. See members of the CWL for more details.
12. Our annual Pre Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Cost is \$1,400.00. Tickets will be out shortly.

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic
 Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
 "A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"*



Mission

Sunday

October 22, 2017

Theme: The God of History.

Today's readings insist that we must be aware that God is at work even in politicians and in those who govern countries. God is truly almighty and is able to bring about good in every situation—even when we or those who govern resist His Word. Always we are called by the Scriptures to acknowledge that God is truly God and all powerful and in charge of all that happens. Such a view of our world does not leave out our own self will by which we choose either to follow the word of God or to reject that word.

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. This passage tells of the presence of the God of Israel in the life of Cyrus. There are many references to Cyrus in the Old Testament because it was under Cyrus that the Babylonian Captivity came to an end and the Jewish people were able to return to their own land and rebuild the temple. What is important in this reading is that it is God who is acting through Cyrus. Even non-Jewish—and later even non-Christian—rulers can be and are used by the Lord God to bring about His will and His plans.

The second reading is from the beginning of the First Letter to the Thessalonians. We can look again at the sentence: "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." The Gospel—the Good News of Jesus Christ—always comes to us in people, not just in words, but in deeds. There are some people who are able to read the Scriptures and be converted, but most of us are baptized into the Church by our families or we convert because of the example of someone. When we meet a person who is on fire with faith and who is able to speak clearly and correctly about the Scriptures, we meet the kind of person that Saint Paul wants to bring the Gospel to others. You and I should be that kind of person: able to speak about our faith and believing so deeply in the Lord Jesus that His presence radiates out of us.

Of course we might not be that way all of the time, but it is a goal because in that way the Gospel is brought to people and people are brought to Jesus Christ and His Church. Today's Gospel from Saint Matthew brings us back to the challenge of living in a world that is not Christian and learning how to live with politicians and civil governors. The Gospel gives us the account of the Herodians trying to trap Jesus by having Him be against the government. Instead, Jesus goes right around their arguments and simply tells them that civil government has to be obeyed insofar as it is not a Church matter.

Today in many countries, civil governments are beginning to make laws that will make Christians have to live against the law. In the areas of sexuality, sexual identity, marriage, abortion and euthanasia, the civil governments are moving in directions completely against the teachings of our Lord. And there is very little civil discourse about these matters. Societies are being polarized and Christians who want to be faithful are being seen as old fashioned, out of date and against others. We can give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but we cannot give to Caesar that which belongs to God.

So we are called today to prepare ourselves for conflict and for being judged badly and for being seen as old-fashioned. In fact, we might even have to suffer for our beliefs. Let us trust that God will always give us the strength to be faithful to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Let us walk the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 323 "Praise The Lord, My Soul"*

Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

{Henry Pratt}

Responsorial Psalm: 95{96}: 1, 3-5,7-10

Response: Give the Lord glory and honor.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

{Maurice Tyson}

Gospel Acclamation: Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 20 "All Things Bright And Beautiful"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 379 "Take My Life, My Lord"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *"Come Lets Share"*

Meditation: *"Go Ye Therefore And Teach All Nations"*

Sending Forth: *No. 124 "God's Spirit Is In My Heart"*