

# SS. Peter & Paul Church

## Mass Intentions For The Week

- Sunday October 19, 2008**  
7:30 Luigi & Maria Borzoni – Tullio Lenci (**Conc.**)  
8:45 Mario & Theresa Spinetti  
10:15 Angela & Lorenzo Lazio  
11:45 For the Parishioners – Benny Candela  
Lou Baccetti (**Conc.**)  
1:00 Steve & Lena Cuneo  
5:00 Giuseppe D'Ascoli
- Monday October 20, 2008**  
7:30 Elena Angelo, & Delia Serafini –  
Fred Meneghetti (**Conc.**)  
9:00 Francesca di Franco  
12:15 Giuseppe, Fred, & Thomas, & Phyllis Balestreri
- Tuesday October 21, 2008**  
7:30 Felice & Grazia Spingola –  
Pasquale Lucchesi (**Conc.**)  
9:00 Ivo & Elena Cardella  
12:15 Antonio & Matilde Foggiato
- Wednesday October 22, 2008**  
7:30 Vincent & Frances Mazzaferri –  
Int. Maria Corradetti (**Conc.**)  
9:00 Raffaello Serafini  
12:15 Victor & Maria De Martini
- Thursday October 23, 2008**  
7:30 Nathan Mazzaferri  
9:00 Andrea & Genoveffa Sabini  
12:15 Amelia & Albina Parisotto
- Friday October 24, 2008**  
7:30 Guido & Ione Folena –  
Salvatore Mirante (**Conc.**)  
9:00 Yolanda & Aladdin Vanni  
12:15 Renato & Elena Rugani
- Saturday October 25, 2008**  
7:30 Pietro & Maria Barsanti  
9:00 Mary Ardizioia  
5:00 Anton Canepa

### WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Louis, Eugenia, & Raymond Raggio - Mary Vollelunga  
George Vetari - Virginia Sanguinetti - Frank Sanguinetti  
Angelo Sanguinetti - Nicola Sanguinetti - Gabriella Rossi  
Tullio Lenci - In Memory of Dymphna Wong - P.J. Luddy  
Soul of Dymphna Wong - Guido & Bruno Di Giulio  
Birthday Andres T. Velarde - Birthday Christopher De Jesus  
Birthday Jessica Velarde - For the Souls in Purgatory  
Andrew Schott

*For each intention mentioned in the group above, individual Masses will be said in our Parishes, Schools or Missions.*

### Baptisms

Everett Baldi – Christopher Pineda  
Wyatt Baldago

### Marriages

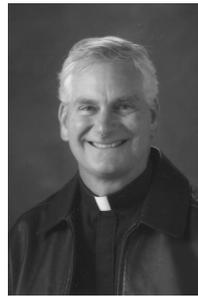
James McFadden & Christina Lazzaretto

### Rest-in-Peace

Giovanni Magoncelli – Elena Vassallo  
Norma d'Angelo – Eloise Ransom – Della Bacchini



## From the Pastor's Desk



In today's gospel the Roman coin has the face of Caesar Tiberius on it. It is pivotal to the response of Jesus to the conniving disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians.

Jesus never really answers the question "It is lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" It's a malicious question, unanswerable, and so Jesus won't really answer it. He can't.

If Jesus says "No," then the Jesus would be siding with the Zealots and so, an enemy of Rome, liable for arrest and trial for rebellion. If Jesus says "Yes," then he would accept taxation from Rome and lose the esteem of the people and support of almost every faction of the Jews, except maybe the Sadducees.

So Jesus cleverly avoids the question with a coin trick. He asks them for a denarius (coin) and they hand it to him. Now he has them! *They are using the coin!* By this simple action Jesus is saying, "Hey, I certainly don't carry these coins to pay the tribute to Tiberius, but you, who seem so worked up about it, do carry and use the coin." Their willingness to use the Roman coin in their business transactions is a tacit (clear) acceptance of Caesar's imperial system. They are using the Roman coin for their own advantage, profit and livelihood. Jesus doesn't have to remind them that by having the coin in their pockets, they have answered their own question with a resounding "Yes."

So Jesus says "Give to Caesar" as they are already doing, but Jesus adds, "give to God what belongs to God." What Matthew is saying is that what really counts is that the disciples of Jesus should love to God and neighbor (Next week's gospel).

But this has to be done in the context of the society in which they live. For Jesus it is in the context of Roman domination of the known world. For Matthew it is in the context of Jewish diaspora and separation from Jewish formalism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. And for us? We live in the context of a modern post-modern world that doesn't have a center and is based not on a Christian morality but on a perceived individual right to do whatever I want. And so we have a culture of death with abortion, assisted suicide, and same-sex marriage. Human survival and the common good have been replaced by individual choice.

A culture of life means utter devotion to God and a radical love of neighbor. This is what we are called to do and to be.

—Fr. John Itzaina, SDB

## 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21.** In today's first reading we heard Isaiah declaring that the God of Israel is the one and only God. In the second reading, Paul gives thanks for those who have listened to him and now follow Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus showed that there does not have to be a conflict between loyalty to God and observance of obligations.

### Particular Items

**Second Collection:** This week's second collection will be for our Archdiocesan Appeal.

**World Mission Sunday: Today is World Mission Sunday.** On World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's Missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Walk:** Our parish SVdP will be passing out blankets to the homeless this and next Sunday nights. To help, meet on the church steps at 8:30 PM. Call 434-1528.

**Sisters Centennial Celebration Meeting:** The next meeting of the Centennial Committee will be Tuesday, October 28, at 6PM in the parish center.



**Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour:** Every Wednesday, we have Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 PM. This will be followed by Bible Study, beginning at 8:00 PM in the rectory. All are invited and the parking lot will be open.

**Choose Life:** *"We are called to participate in the civic process as a means of witnessing the Gospel values of love compassion and respect for all life. If we do this, the world will be a better place for all. That is why our Church has taken such a strong position on the upcoming state ballot measure that will decide how marriage is defined in California. Like St. Paul, our care and concern extend beyond our existing Catholic communities. This is where the true importance of Proposition 8 lies—in the precedent it would set for society. With the validation of law, this new definition of marriage will take root in our society, undermining God's plan for creation."* —Bishop Gerald Barnes, San Bernardino, CA.

### Domenica 29<sup>a</sup> del Tempo Ordinario

*Le tentazioni di dare dimensione religiosa alla strutture di potere è ricorrente, come frequente è il tentativo di escludere Dio dalla vita sociale. Le due realtà sono distinte, ma nondistanti. Il protagonista è Dio, che sa piegare le forze fisiche e umane perché concorrano a realizzare i suoi progetti. Dio però è Padre di ogni uomo, al quale l'autorità civile deve garantire la libertà, in nome del bene comune.*

**Marriage Matters to Kids!** Listen to Catholic bishops and priests, (including a charming episode with SSPP's own Fr. Armand Oliveri!) marriage counselors, lawyers, and people just like you, describe what marriage means and why we are called to protect it. Visit [www.MarriageMattersToKids.org](http://www.MarriageMattersToKids.org) A number of SSPP Parishioners were involved in this project.

**Year of Paul!** Pope Benedict has called us to the "Year of Paul" celebrating the 2000th Anniversary of his birth. At SS Peter and Paul we hope to learn more about St. Paul by offering trivia questions in the Bulletin on a weekly basis (hopefully). Last week's question: *What are some of Paul's spiritual gifts from God referred to in the New Testament?* Paul had many spiritual gifts – he understood prophecy and could explain it. God also granted him visions and other revelations (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). By the hands of Paul God worked miracles (Acts 14:8-10; 16:18; 19:11-12; 28:8-9). Paul raised a young man to life after he had died in a fall (Acts 20:9-12). Paul himself was unharmed by a bite from a venomous snake (Acts 28:3-6). Paul felt his greatest and dearest gift was his call from God (Acts 9:15). He reported in Corinthians that he had seen the resurrected Christ (1 Corinthians 15:8). Next week's question *Why is St. Paul called the "apostle to the gentiles"?*



**Speaking of the Year of Paul:** Over at St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church, Fr. David Pettengill will be presenting a five-week series of lectures "Let Paul Speak to the Nations!" The remaining lectures will be on October 21, and 28. The evenings begin with a snack at 6:30 PM, and the lectures are from 7:15-9PM. Registration is \$25, and may be paid at the door. For more information, call 468-3434

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

常年期第29主日(甲年)

人人都擁有各種不同的身分關係：我們屬於天主，屬於一個家庭，屬於某個團體、社區；有著不同的個人與團體的友誼關係，包括興趣小組、關社組或活動小組等等。有時，關係與關係之間，似有矛盾衝突；尤其當責任與義務糾纏其中，那就更難叫人辨解了。

今日福音的選段卻與上述的情況不同。正如耶穌注意到的，提問的人假裝純情，實則別有用心。他們詢問責任的問題，其實不是想尋求真理、光照或忠告，而是想引耶穌跌進政治或宗教的圈套。耶穌明智的答辯，避過了來者的惡意，而基督徒更奉耶穌的答話為金句，以助辨識對世俗權勢和對天主的責任問題。就這樣，這金句亦同時挑戰我們去答覆許多問題：究竟甚麼是屬於「凱撒」的（國家、民族、政府、權勢）？甚麼是「屬於」天主的？一切既由天主所造，又有甚麼不是屬於祂的？

基督徒不是生活在社會以外，教會是當今世界的一部分，是融入其中的。我可如何與社會中人、與天主一起生活，互不衝突？

請眾讚美天主的聖名。各民族，各家各戶，請將光榮與威能歸於上主，將主名的光榮歸於祂。請進入祂的庭院奉獻祭物，因為上主為王，治理天下！（請參閱今天的答唱詠）

## 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### *Ambassadors for Christ*

The Holy Father has declared 2008-2009 to be the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the birth of St. Paul, the co-patron of our parish. As we all know, Paul was the "Apostle to the Gentiles." In keeping with this, we will highlight members of our parish family who are "Ambassadors for Christ." Today, we profile:



**Joe and Stella Riccio:** Joe & Stella met in 1950. Joe came over to San Francisco from Martinez one day to visit friends, and he met Stella Romeo. They fell in love and were married the next year at Saints Peter and Paul by Fr. Joseph Costanzo. (It turns out

their families came from the exact same towns in Italy!) Joe and Stella have three children: Evelyn, Carla, & John, and 5 grandchildren. All the children were baptized at SSPP, and Carla & Evelyn were married here. (John was married in Sonoma, but by a Salesian, Fr. David Purdy!) For many years Joe was the manager of Bank of America in North Beach, and he retired as an Assistant Vice President. He has been a member of the Finance Committee since its inception, as well as a Salesian Cooperator and a former Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club Board Member. Stella was baptized and made her First Holy Communion right here at SSPP. *God Bless them!*

**Mass for those Affected by Crime, Abuse, or Violence:** Our good Archbishop George Niederauer will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday, October 26 at 3:30PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is for those of all ages who have been victimized through crime, abuse, or violence, as well as their families & friends. All are invited and a reception will follow.

**Catechism Teachers Needed!** If anyone is interested in teaching religion to our CCD students, please contact Sister Kathleen at 421-7354 or Gibbons at 421-0809. This important ministry meets every Sunday from 10 to 11 AM.

### Liturgical Calendar

Sunday	19	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	20	Paul of the Cross; Priest
Tues-Wed	21-22	Weekdays in Ordinary time
Thursday	23	John of Capistrano; Priest
Friday	24	Anthony Mary Claret; Bishop
Saturday	25	Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	26	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week's result of your faithful and generous stewardship:

First Collection: \$2,837.

Second Collection (AAA): \$367.

*Thank You! Your parish appreciates your continued support!*