# Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2026



The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,for you do not regard a person's status.Tell us, then, what is your opinion:Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said,"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."At that he said to them,"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." --Matthew 22:15-21

## We Are All Called to Catholic Mission

We celebrate World Mission Sunday by acknowledging our personal responsibility to Catholic Mission. The Gospel reading reminds us of how, like the Pharisees, we too can easily lose sight of our call to contribute to Jesus' kingdom on earth and to assist others to their heavenly home. Everything we have is given by God and it all should be used with gratitude to further his loving purposes. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926 at the request of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, World Mission Sunday sets aside the second-to-last Sunday of October for Catholics everywhere to pray, reflect and give for the Church's missionary work. Pope Leo XIV has chosen "One in Christ, united in mission" as the theme for its centenary. For Archbishop Sheen, World Mission Sunday was never simply an annual collection. During his 16 years as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States, he helped teach American Catholics that the missions belonged to them — not because everyone could travel overseas, but because every baptized person shares in Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.His extraordinary success did more than raise money.It helped make America missionary.What is World Mission Sunday? World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's annual worldwide day of prayer and giving for the missions.Pope Leo XIV has described it as a day that, for a century, has been devoted to prayer, reflection and financial support for evangelization, particularly where the Gospel is only beginning to take root and where local Churches remain young.The offerings collected around the world support missionary dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies.But the day is about more than fundraising.In his 2026 message, Pope Leo writes that mission flows from union with Christ and communion with one another. "The more united we are in Christ," he says, "the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us." That vision would have been immediately recognizable to Archbishop Sheen.

In November 1950, Monsignor Sheen left his long career at The Catholic University of America to become national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.He was already one of America's best-known Catholic preachers.But the new assignment gave his gifts a particular purpose: helping Catholics in the United States see the Church beyond the boundaries of their own parish, diocese and country.At the time, the Society operated from a brownstone on East 38th Street in Manhattan, where about 30 employees worked in offices crowded together with a chapel and living quarters. Monsignor Sheen moved into an apartment in the same-

Cont…building. From there, he began an extraordinary campaign of preaching, writing, broadcasting, traveling and fundraising.He used nearly every opportunity to speak about missionaries and the communities they served. His appeals reached Catholics through parish pulpits, radio, television and the mail — and the response could be overwhelming.At the height of his fundraising work, more than 10,000 letters a day sometimes arrived at the national office. They contained everything from significant checks to coins sent by children. Some gifts even came from non-Catholics moved by the missionary needs Bishop Sheen described. During Bishop Sheen's tenure from 1950 to 1966, he oversaw the raising of more than $200 million for the missions. and by the end of his tenure Catholics in the United States were providing close to 60 percent of worldwide missionary funding through the Society.Much of that support was connected to World Mission Sunday, whose annual collection Bishop Sheen promoted nationwide. But his aim was larger than producing one successful Sunday each October.He wanted Catholics to develop a missionary conscience.Missionary generosity, in his vision, was not simply philanthropy. It was an expression of belonging to the Body of Christ.Christians suffering or evangelizing on another continent were not strangers They were family.Bishop Sheen renamed and redesigned Mission publication using stories and photographs to help people to connect to the missions. Around the world.Readers could see the priest building a parish, the religious sister treating the sick, the catechist walking from village to village, or the children encountering the Gospel for the first time.Bishop Sheen also created one of the Society's most enduring devotional tools: the World Mission Rosary. allowing Catholics to pray intentionally for the Church on every continent.The rosary captured something essential about Bishop Sheen's missionary vision. Not everyone could travel to Africa, Asia, Oceania or Latin America. Everyone could pray. And prayer itself was missionary work. His staff experienced that conviction firsthand. Former employees remembered pausing during the workday to pray together and being introduced to visiting missionaries so that the people behind the letters, appeals and donations would never become abstractions. Mission had faces.What did Fulton Sheen teach about the responsibility of every Catholic? Bishop Sheen repeatedly presented the missions as part of the ordinary Christian vocation.

Archbishop Sheen was beatified on Sept. 24. Today, less than four weeks later, Catholics will celebrate the centenary of World Mission Sunday on Oct. 18 .Pope Leo XIV, who has said that he himself was a "witness of [Archbishop Sheen's] evangelization when I was growing up," has called 2026 a year "rich in missionary milestones" and has invited Catholics to live an authentic spirituality of missionary unity centered on Christ.-Society for the Propogation of the Faith

## Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1:Isaiah: 45:1, 4-6
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 1:1-5a
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

## Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1 Exodus 22:20-26
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

## Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

**Saturday, October 17**
3:15 pm Confessions — St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mass for the People — St. Joseph Church

**Sunday, October 18**
7:30 am Int. John Jr. — St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Peggy Kirkpatrick — Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Brad Masterson, and Barbara Masterson — St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm +Carlos Duarte Hernardez & Maximo Espitia Gutierez — Sacred Heart Church

**Monday, October 19**
12:15 pm +Kathleen Stringer — St. Bernard Church

**Tuesday, October 20**
7:30 am Int. Allan & Fiona Wilson — St. Joseph Church

**Wednesday, October 21**
12:15 pm +David Treat — St. Bernard Church
6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession — Sacred Heart Church
7.00 pm No Intention (Sp) — Sacred Heart Church

**Thursday, October 22**
7:30 am Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson — St. Joseph Ch
***11:30 am NO MASS** — St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

**Friday,October 23**
12:15 pm +Paul Windham — St. Bernard Church
1:00-2:00 pm Confessions — St. Bernard Church

**Saturday, October 24**
3:15 pm Confessions — St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Alma Bonino — St. Joseph Church

**Sunday, October 25**
7:30 am +Kathleen Stringer — St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People — Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Conchita Cacho — St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention — Sacred Heart Church

**Please Pray For:** Domingo Mendes Da Costa**,** Ashley Dennis, Maricela and Baby, Greg Bacigalubi, Rob Arkley, Ken White, Maria Santos, Basil, Bosco, Mario, Pio, and Mariano Mainus,_Sylvia Clark, Martin Fosnaugh,Jean DeSimone, Marie Ruchards,Jim Hogue and Family, Kimberly Ennis,Terri, Marian Griffin, Johnny, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion,Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin &,Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers,Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson,Dottie Barrett,Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Massimo Matteoli, & Gary Cormier

**Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed**:
Judy Navrocki, Bernadine Giannini Resso, Lloyd Page, Delores Long, Leonard Guglielmina, Glen Schmidt, Helen Saunders, Lena Machado, Obdulia Walters, Derick Wyatt, Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, Lucy Sokolow,Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierek, Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, & Camille Regli

**St. Bernard Rosary Totals** You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 13,856!**
Rosaries prayed last week =86 Cumulative= 13,856

## FINANCE

**Regular =$2,893**
**Building & Maintenance=$1,080**
**This week's 2nd Collection=World Mission Sunday**
**Next 2nd Collection= Annual Ministry Appeal**
AMA 2026 Goal=$34,900 Pledges=$24,694 **Rec'd=$22,679**

**You are invited to celebrate All Saints' Day** and join the entire community of Sacred Heart, St. Bernard and St. Joseph on November 1,2026 after the 12:15 Spanish Mass. Guests are invited to share their favorite dish and bring your dish to the Sacred Shed. In celebration of the Saints, we invite children and parents to come, dressed as a Saint optional.Praise God for his saints!

**All priests will be attending a Diocesan Retreat with Bishop Vasa this week, October 19-23. As a result there will be some mass, adoration and confession changes. Please check the schedule**

**Marriage and Family - A Beautiful Vocation** Among the many blessings that God has showered upon us in Christ is the blessing of marriage, a gift bestowed by the Creator from the creation of the human race.It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life. Indeed, as Pope John Paul II never tired of reminding us, the future of humanity depends on marriage and the family." https://srdiocese.org/marriage-and-family-life–

## ALL SOULS DAY/ MONTH INTENTIONS



There are All Souls Day envelopes on the table by the side entrance. If you would like to have loved ones remembered at the Holy Mass please fill out the All Souls Day envelopes with their names. If you wish please include a donation and place the envelope in the collection basket.They will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.

## INVITATION TO MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

**WHO:** young Catholic men 18-36
**WHAT:** The monks of New Clairvaux invite you to an experience of their prayer, silence, and work. Come learn to pray, live, and desire deeply. Welcome!
*Abbey of New Clairvaux, 26240 7th St. Vina, CA 96092*
*godseeking@newclairvaux.org.*

**J Rolphe- Free Ultrasounds, Help and Support**
J ROPHE MEDICAL provides no-cost limited obstetrical ultrasounds to patients between 7-16 weeks pregnant in a confidential and professional setting, where each client is treated holistically with the utmost care and respect. All services are free. Open from 10 to 4 Mon--Thurs, Call 707-444-0423 for an appt.

**The Pregnancy Care Center** offers compassion, direction, and hope to those facing life decisions. All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAl. 24/7 Option line: 800-712-4357 Open Mon, Tues, Th, Fri 10-3 707-442-2345

*Pregnancy testing — *Ongoing support
*Prenatal education — *Childbirth education - Maternity and baby clothing — * Community referrals
*Equipment and supplies — * Parenting education
*Healthy relationships education — *Prenatal vitamins