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October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.



WEEKDAY MASSES/MISA DIARIA(EN INGLES)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7:00AM / LUNES A VIERNES 7:00AM

WEEKEND MASSES/MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

SATURDAY MASSES:

**8:00AM (English)
4:00PM (English)
6:00PM (Spanish)**

SUNDAY MASSES:

**8:30AM (English)
10:00AM (Italian)
11:30AM (English)
1:00PM (Spanish)**

**SATURDAY 8:00PM NEO-CATECHUMENAL MASS IN
CHURCH & LOWER CHURCH**

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DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIONES

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION/
MONDAY 5:30 PM

LITURGY OF THE WORD/ (LOWER
CHURCH) TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
8:00 PM

SPANISH ROSARY/MONDAY 8:00 PM
PRAYER GROUP/FRIDAY 7:30- 9:30 PM

SACRAMENTS/ SACRAMENTOS

CONFESSION / SATURDAY
2:45 PM -3:45 PM

-BAPTISM .
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 17, 2026

8:00AM Stefano Valente by Carol Colangelo Provenzano & Family
4:00PM Carmine & Annette Lovallo by Family
6:00PM (Sp) Jose Saco by Family / Fabricio Torres by Family / Rosario Nima Guerrero by Family

Sunday October 18, 2026

8:30AM Fiore Bria by Bria Family
10:00AM Albert, Sal, Maria, Rita Recchia Cucco & deceased of Cucco Family by Theresa Conetta
11:30AM Raffaele Conte, Maria, Giovanni & Pasquale Conte by Maria Conte
1:00PM (Sp) Gedelson Tolentino by Larissa Valdez / Esequiel Macano Lemus by Family /
Ivan Antonio Rios Gutierrez by Maria Ines Villa

**FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 TO OCTOBER 24, 2026
THE LAMP IN MEMORY OF MARIA ROMERO BY HUSBAND & SON**

Monday October 19, 2026

7:00AM Giuseppe Stramandinoli by Family

Tuesday October 20, 2026

7:00AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Wednesday October 21, 2026

7:00AM Florence DeCaro by Family

Thursday October 22, 2026

7:00AM Maria Romero one year RIP by Husband

Friday October 23, 2026

7:00AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Saturday October 24, 2026

8:00AM Clyde Cataylo by Mom Brenda Cataylo
4:00PM Giovanni & Salvatore Marena by Teresa Marena / Frank R. Vartuli by the Tarzia cousins
6:00PM (Sp) For the Intentions of Our Parishioners by Maria Zezima

Sunday October 25, 2026

8:30AM Fiore Bria by Bria family
10:00AM Caterina Mariangela & Olimpia Napoli by Ernesto & Raffaella Napoli
11:30AM Rosino Zezima, Antonia & Celestino DePreta by Maria Zezima
1:00PM (Sp) Blessings for Christopher Games Gonzales B'Day by Mother / Claudio Bonilla,
Efrain Pelaez, Marina Tazaca by Pelaez Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Collection week of 10/10 & 10/11 all masses \$5,941

**ILL OF PARISH: We pray for Crystal Campos
FOR THE DECEASED:**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Monday 5:30 – 6:45 pm

(A brief silence for adoration precedes the Novena)



**NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Monday 6:30 pm**



**“I AM THE BREAD
OF LIFE”**

**“WHOEVER COMES TO ME
SHALL NOT HUNGER”**

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COMMEMORATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 11th. In the morning at 10 am, we had a bilingual mass in Italian and in English. The attendance was great. It was the usual Sunday mass focusing on the readings of the day, mentioning something about our Italian background and culture. After the mass, we went to Columbus Park, where there is a statue of Christopher Columbus. There, we had a meeting with Unico, members of our Parish Sacred Heart, and others who were there for the Columbus Day event. The mayor of Stamford, Caroline Simmons, was there, also Connecticut State Senator Ryan Fazio. It was a beautiful moment of coming together on this special day to remember our Italian heritage. Thank you also for the speeches made by Dr. Alfred Fusco, a real defender of our Italian heritage and culture, and John Cassone, president of the Unico Society.



DR. ALFRED FUSCO
Defender of Heritage



MAYOR CAROLINE SIMMONS,
Stamford Mayor



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(MATTHEW 11:28)



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Inicio: Lunes, 5 de octubre
Horario: Todos los lunes, de 6:15 p. m. a 7:30 p. m.
Lugar: Sacred Heart Church,
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OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER, THE ROSARY WILL
BE RECITED PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER WEEKEND MASSES.

A BELATED 'THANK YOU' TO THOSE WHO RECITED THE
ROSARY IN MAY, IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:
Barbara Cerull / Madeline Kwan | Toni D'Agostino | Maria D'Onofrio
Alessandra Joyce | Lou Sileo | Rachel Vonella

Father Picone / Rosary Society

PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners:

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús y los líderes religiosos en Jerusalén continúan su tenso intercambio de preguntas y desafíos. En este punto, los discípulos de los fariseos, junto con los herodianos, intentan atrapar a Jesús con su pregunta sobre el pago de impuestos.

Mateo presenta una alianza inusual entre los fariseos y los herodianos. Los herodianos eran partidarios de Herodes Antipas, un líder político judío que colaboraba con los romanos. Tal colaboración habría requerido una observancia comprometida de la Ley Mosaica.

Los fariseos, por otro lado, enseñaban una observancia rigurosa de la Ley Mosaica y se oponían a la ocupación romana. Los herodianos favorecían el pago de impuestos; los fariseos se oponían a él. Los herodianos y los fariseos se acercan a Jesús, pidiéndole que tome partido en su disputa. Si Jesús responde con los fariseos, demuestra ser un enemigo de Roma. Si responde con los herodianos, ofende las sensibilidades religiosas populares judías.

La respuesta de Jesús a este intento de atraparlo expone la astucia de quienes lo cuestionan. Desde sus primeras palabras hacia ellos, Jesús demuestra que es muy consciente de lo que intentan hacer.

Pide ver una moneda romana, la cual le entregan de inmediato. Puede haber venido de la mano de un herodiano, pero los fariseos demuestran estar

bastante dispuestos a aceptar este compromiso. Jesús ya ha expuesto a los fariseos como hipócritas.

Jesús lleva su respuesta un paso más allá. Pide que sus interlocutores examinen la moneda. Al coincidir en que la imagen de la moneda es la del César, Jesús les dice que debe pertenecer al César. Evitando por completo la cuestión de la legalidad, Jesús responde a su pregunta con simple lógica. Luego, yendo aún más lejos, Jesús les dice que su obligación es dar a Dios lo que le pertenece a Dios.

La respuesta de Jesús a los herodianos y fariseos sugiere la ética que los cristianos deberían adoptar. Nos recuerda la importancia de mantener las cosas en su perspectiva adecuada. ¿Nos apegamos a las cosas terrenales a expensas del amor y el honor que le debemos a Dios?



God bless you and your families!!

Fr. Alfonso Picone, Pastor



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