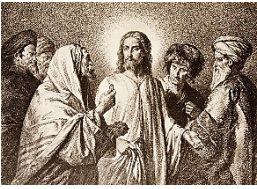


Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2026



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 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 Propagation of the Faith

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah: 45:1, 4-6

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1 Exodus 22:20-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

FINANCE

1st Collection: \$2,943

- This week's 2nd Collection is for World Mission Sunday

- No 2nd Collection Next Week

AMA 2026 Goal: \$21,000

Gifts Received: \$23,561

Parish Rebate: \$2,561



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 and Barbara Masterson
St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm +Carlos Duarte Hernandez & Maximo Espitia
Gutierrez 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/ **NO** Confession Sacred Heart Church
7.00 pm **NO MASS** Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, October 22

7:30 am Int. Allan & Fiona Wilson St. Joseph Church
***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 +Pat Rider Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Conchita Cacho St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Wilma D'Sa y Familia, Rosemary Murphy, Eliana Omey, Pat Rider, Duane David, Thanh Strelow, Sally-Ann Thomas, Chaz Desoteau, Nagee Ellis, Theresa Martin, Linda Brown Jackeline Williams, Diane Kerr, Karla Kincade, Tammie Startare, Gary Agajanian, Eliot Cabreon, Michael Arnold, Lynn Agajanian, Hatsue Riecke, Cinzia Pinamonti

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Omar Espitia, Diane Shaddix, Colleen Cruz, Joe Thompson, Dennis y Gina Costa, Stella Reyes, Mary Walsh, Rolly Luzame, Brenda Zwiefelhofer, Louise Y. Russo, Tony Siström, Bernadette Chapman, Saturnina Tetrault, Marie Giampaolo, Marilyn Zibilich, Diacono Frank Weber, Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez, My-Hieu Venema, Avira Agata Concepta Gomes, Colby Arnett, Lorraine Cooney, Chris Scott, Sharon Omey, Jim Cruz, Deacon Jim Hercher, Susan Bonomini

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

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

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.

Elsie Berti, long time parishioner at Sacred Heart

Celebration of Life Elsie Passed in Mountain home, Arkansas on September 26th, 2026. She moved there in 2021 to be closer to her daughter Bernadine Brinkmeier. She is survived by her daughter and her son John (Linda) Carsner as well as other family members. Elsie had been very active in the Sacred Heart community for many years. A celebration of life will be held in her former home at 1911 Quaker st., Eureka at 2:00pm on October 23rd. All are welcome.

- Upcoming Events -

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!

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.

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->

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.