

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026

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First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 96: 1,3, 4-5, 7-8,9-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Pick up your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, VisualWord, 1:27 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, HI BIBLE Channel 3:37min.)

3. TALK

Gather with your family or a friend in a comfortable room in your home. One of the adults can lead the conversation by reading the following:

In this Sunday's gospel we hear that people were trying to trap Jesus with a tricky question. The Pharisees ask, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar, or not?" Jesus is aware they are trying to trap him. Jesus responds by requesting that they give him a coin with Caesar's imprint on it. Jesus responds that the coin can rightly be given back to Caesar because it belongs to him.

But he impresses on those listening that what belongs God, must be given back to God.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. We belong to Him. We are loved by God and chosen by Him. He is our one and only true God. He created us for knowing, loving and serving Him in our lives here on earth and one day to be with Him in Heaven.

Ask all who are gathered to take a couple minutes to reflect on the questions provided below. After reflection, initiate a conversation around one or two or all three questions, by asking each person to share their thoughts.

- What is important to keep in mind as we think about this gospel?**
- Do our lives show others that we belong to God?**
- How can we thank God for making us in His image and likeness?**



2. PRAY

As our prayer for this Sunday, we invite you to share this song together and reflect on the beautiful gift of being chosen by God and belonging to Him.

[HERE](#) We Belong to You, Trevor Thomson, YouTube



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