

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

In early November Americans will have the opportunity to express their political voice through the vote. Some will go to the polls on Election Day while others will have voted earlier by mail. The method of how we vote, however, is not the important reality, although much has been said and written about this particular aspect of the political process during election seasons. What is most important is that we never take for granted that privilege to make political decisions, a privilege not available for citizens of many of the nations of the world.

Politics and voting, of course, are secular realities. However, our Catholic Church emphasizes the importance of involvement in the political process, potentially by participation in political parties and significantly by voting. Again, it is of course a secular process and we as Christians hopefully recognize that “our citizenship is in heaven,” as sacred scripture emphasizes. But the Church also emphasizes that all Christians have a responsibility in determining secular leadership and governance. We do that in many ways, but especially in our participation in the electoral process. We do so as humans, to be sure, but importantly as humans redeemed in Christ. Catholics are challenged to address political questions through the development of a “well-formed conscience” based on Sacred Scripture and the magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church. We are challenged to “see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose . . . political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest.”

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops’ pamphlet, “*The Challenge of Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship*,” stresses important realities for Catholics as we prepare to vote. The Bishops stress our obligation “to participate in shaping the moral character of society.” That is, as Christian citizens we have not only the right but the responsibility to participate in the political life of our nation. How involved you are depends on personal inclination, but all who are eligible should vote.

As you prepare to vote, you may find it helpful to visit the USCCB website (www.usccb.org) to review the basic principles of informed citizenship. The Bishops stress: “We do not tell Catholics how to vote. The responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience.” Thus, neither the US Bishops nor any authentic Catholic voice announces that any one secular political party has God’s approval. We do not elect political parties, but people who are chosen to guide our nation according to the God’s wisdom. Claim your natural right and vote!

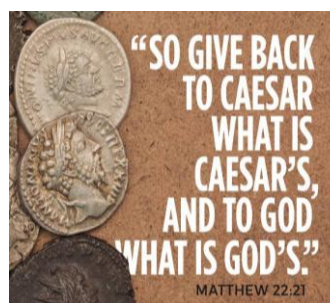
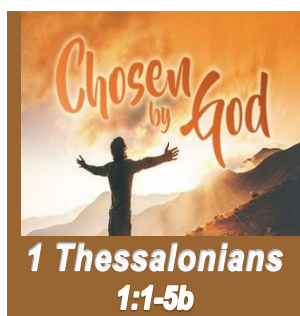
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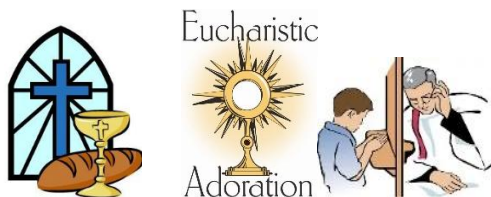
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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 29th Week in Ordinary time is upon us. In the first reading this week from Isaiah, God emphasizes his divinity by stating "I am the Lord, and there is no other". St. Paul encourages believers, in his letter to the Thessalonians, to retain hope in the resurrection and reminds them that they were chosen by God. In the Gospel reading the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus. Seeing their insincerity, He answers them by saying: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"



Chapel Worship Opportunities



Daily Masses	9:00 AM Monday through Friday
Morning Prayers	Monday through Friday
Liturgy of the Word	8:30 AM
Evening Prayers	
Divine Mercy	Monday through Friday
Chaplet	3:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word	
Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 AM Wednesday 9:30 AM Friday
Catholic Bible Study	1:30 PM Thursday Chapel Building Video Room
Confessions	Friday 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM After Mass & Adoration
Pray the Rosary in October	Saturday 4:30 PM before Mass Sunday 9:30 AM before Mass
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday Mass	10:00 AM



SFV Carnival	FREE ADMISSION
Saturday	<u>Open to the Public – invite your friends!</u>
Oct. 24th	10 AM to 4 PM

Pope Leo recently stressed the importance of the Holy Rosary noting that it is greatly cherished in the Catholic tradition. The Pope reminded us that Mary is a sure refuge amid the difficulties of life. He encouraged devotion to the Holy Rosary as a path of contemplation, conversion, and the strengthening of Faith. May we renew our devotion to the Rosary during October, the month devoted to the Rosary. **Join us in the Chapel to pray the Rosary during weekend Masses on Saturdays at 4:30 PM and Sundays at 9:30 AM.**



*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson*

Mass Intentions	
Oct. 18, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
Oct. 19, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Gerry Lepine By Mike & Doris Pierson
Oct. 20, 2026	Father Bob Strittmatter
Oct. 21, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Elsie Parker By Cheryl & James Christianson
Oct. 22, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jack Parkhurst By Patty Parkhurst
Oct. 23, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Karen McCreary By Joseph McCreary
Oct. 24, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Harold Gomez By Audrey Gomez (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)