

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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OPINION
PHARISEES
REGARD
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TAX
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TRUTH
TRUTHFUL

Catechizing Corner!

Today begins a new sequence that spans the next 3 weeks. Rather than posit the teaching of Jesus through the proclamation of parables, the Gospels of the next 3 weeks continue to profess his teaching in the context of confrontations with the religious authorities. These Gospels continue to stress what it means to live according to gospel values in the reign of God. It comes down to a matter of the heart—not the law. When the law is examined from the perspective of how to find the necessary loopholes to circumvent it, then the law serves no purpose. The gospel teaches that what is important comes from the persons heart. The pharisees were not interested in Jesus' answer to their question. They simply asked it in order to trap him. Jesus, however, would not be trapped. He affirmed that we are to give our allegiance and our entire being to God because we belong to him.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook*.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
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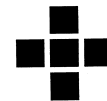
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 22:15-21

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 22: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

Gospel Glossary

The **Pharisees** are Jews who try to remain faithful to Moses' law, even in the smallest acts of daily life. Jesus criticizes them for too severely judging those who don't live like they do.

Herodians were followers of King Herod.

To regard a person's status is to pay attention to whether or not that person is important.

Malice refers to evil desires and plans.

Hypocrites are people who say one thing (usually about how good they are) but do something else.

Caesar was the name given to emperors of Rome .

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."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Teen: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or a group, who helped you in your faith, whom would you write and what would you say?

Adult: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How do you keep those things sacred?

Family: How can we, as a family, be kind to a difficult family member?

Closing Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration, give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen

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