



Notre Dame Catholic Church

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Notre Dame Catholic Church is addressing the spiritual and the material needs of the people in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie area. The church provides services to all regardless of race, gender, color, or religion. Notre Dame Catholic Church is a family rooted in faith, hope and love. We are trying to follow the Lord's example of the Christian stewardship: gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us, and shared these gifts with all people.

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Rev. Yves Geffrard: Administrator

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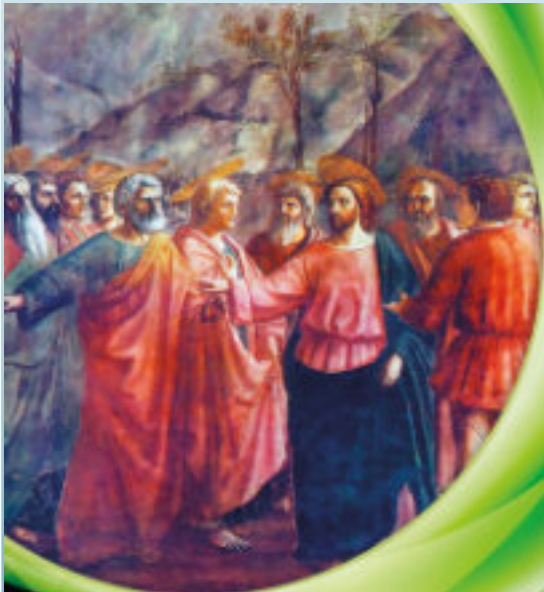
Patrick Boney: Human Resource Manager

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Pauline Jean Simon: Pastoral Council Chairwoman

October 18, 2026



29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21



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Parish Programs & Schedule

Mass Schedule / Orèmèsyo

English Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM & Saturday 5 PM

Sunday English 9:30 AM from December - April
On Holidays, all English Services are at 9:30 AM

Creole Mass : Sunday 11:00 AM

Every Tuesday: 7:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament: every first Sunday
after the 11:00 AM Creole Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

By appointment

Church Office Hours : (772) 466-9617

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Friday 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Outreach Program: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Monday 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM only by phone

Dried Food Assistance Tuesday 9:30 to 12:00 PM

Program nan Pawas la ak Orè Sèvis yo

Orè Mès yo

Mès Anglè: Dimanch 8:00 AM Mès Samdi 5:00 PM

Mès Anglè Dimanch 9:30 AM Desanm rive Avril

Nan jou fèt, tout sèvis Anglè toujou fèt a 9:30 AM

Mès Kreyòl : Dimanch 11:00 AM & Madi 7:30 PM

Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman:

Chak Premye Dimanch après Mès 11è

Konfesyon : Samdi 4:00-4:30 PM sou Randevou

Orè Biwo administrasyon Leglizla: (772) 466-9617

Lendi rive Vandredi 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen: Vandredi 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Program Asistans: St Vincent de Paul (772) 465-4551

Lendi 9:30 AM rive 12:00 PM sou telefòn sèlman

Asistans manje kri : Madi 9:30 AM rive 12:00 PM

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , A

My brothers and sisters,

If Jesus had to take an examination in school today, he would not pass. He never answers a question, at least not directly. Some people are like that. You ask them, "How are you?" and they answer, "Thank you for asking." That is not an answer. In today's Gospel Jesus was asked whether it was lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not. A simple yes or no would have answered the question. Instead Jesus made his adversaries show him a Roman coin and then demanded that they reach their own conclusion. Of course, Jesus had a good reason in this incident for not giving a direct answer since his questioners were not sincere; they were trying to trap him in his speech. If he were to answer, "Yes, it is lawful to pay tax," the Pharisees would have accused him of betraying his own Jewish countrymen. On the other hand to answer "No", could have exposed him to arrest by the Romans. The surprise is not that Jesus, from the lesson of the coin, told them that they should give to Caesar what is Caesar's. Rather the surprise, or even the shock, is that Jesus added, "But give to God what is God's. What is the challenge to us? Do we give to God what belongs to God? If we proclaim ourselves to be followers of Jesus Christ, then everything we do, say and think must somehow be governed by our relationship with Him. As Christians, we cannot separate our faith from our citizenship. We do not live within two different worlds. We cannot serve God and man. We can only serve one. When governmental values or laws conflict with our Christian values, we must always side with God's kingdom, not man's. Can we be worthy of Saint Paul's commendation of the Thessalonians: "We constantly are mindful... of the way you are proving your faith, and laboring in love, and showing constancy in hope in our Lord Jesus Christ"? Proving our faith: that could mean living in such a way that people know we are Catholics who take our religion seriously and are willing to be different. Laboring in love: that could be realized in us when we go out of our way to be kind to one another, when we volunteer to visit the sick or to go shopping for shut-ins. Showing constancy in hope in Christ: that challenge is to live in such a way that our lives would not make sense if God did not exist because we obviously are motivated by eternal and not merely temporary values.

Rev. Yves Geffrard

VENTNEVYÈM DIMANCH ÒDINÈ, ANE A

Frè m ak sè m yo,

Si Jezi ta gen pou-l pase yon egzamen nan lekòl kounyè-a, Li pa t-ap pase. Li pa janm reponn yon kesyon, ou dimwens pa

dirèkteman. Gen kèk moun ki konsa. Ou mande yo, "kòman ou ye?" epi yo reponn, mèsè paske ou mande sa. Sa se pa yon repons. Nan Evanjil Jodi-a, yo te mande Jezi èske se lalwa oubyen non pou yon moun peye Anperè-a taks. Yon senp repons wi ou non te ka-b reponn kesyon sa-a. Olye de sa, Jezi fè youn nan advèsè-l yo montre-l yon pyès monnen Romen epi li fè yo fè pròp konklizyon pa yo. Se sa menm, Jezi te genyen yon bon rezon pou-l pat ba yo yon repons dirèk pwiske moun ki te poze kesyon-an pat sensè. Yo t-ap eseye pran Jezi nan pyèj sou repons li ta pral bay. Si li te reponn, "Wi, se dapre lalwa pou moun peye tax," Farizyen yo t-ap akize li ke li trayi konpatryòt Jwif li yo ki sot menm kote avè-l. Yon lòt fason tou, si-l te reponn "Non" yo te kab fè Romen yo arete-l. Sipriz la se pa ke Jezi, apati de pyès monnen-an, di ke yo dwe bay Seza sa ki pou Seza. Sipriz la oubyen chòk la sèke Jezi ajoute, li di: " Men bay Bondye sa ki pou Bondye." Kisa ki defi-a pou nou ? Èske nou bay Bondye sa ki pou Bondye? Si nou proklame tèt nou ke nou se patizan Jezi Kri, kidonk tout sa n-ap fè, di ak panse dwe nan yon fason ou yon lòt gen yon relasyon avèk Li. Antan ke Kreyen, nou paka mete lafwa nou yon bò epi sitwayènte nou yon lot bò. Nou pa'p viv nan 2 mond diferan. Nou pa k-ab sèvi Bondye epi lòm an menm tan. Nou kapab sèlman sèvi youn. Lè gen konfli ant valè gouvènmantral yo oubyen Lalwa ak valè Kreyèn yo, nou dwe mete nou bò kote royòm Bondye-a e non pa bò kote lèzòm. Èske nou diy de rekomandasyon Sen Pòl la nan Lèt li ekri Tesalonisyen yo: " Nou konsyan nèt ale... nan fason ke ou bay temwanyaj lafwa ou, nan fason ou travay nan lanmou epi jan ou bay nèt ale nan lespwa pou Senyè nou Jezi Kri"? Prouve lafwa nou: sa dwe sinifi ke n'ap viv nan yon fason ke moun konnen ke nou se Katolik ki pran relijyon nou oserye epi ki vle diferan de lòt yo. Tavay nan lanmou: sa ka reyalize lè nou move chemen n'ap viv la pou nou viv byen youn ak lòt, lè nou volontè pou nou vizite malad yo oubyen lè n'al achete kichòy pou sila yo ki pa ka sòti deyò. Montre konstans nan lesperans nou gen nan Kris la: defi sa-a se viv nan yon fason ke si Bondye pat egziste ke lavi nou pa tap gen okenn sans, paske nou motive pou yon valè etènèl yo non pa sila yo ki tanporè.

Pè Yves Geffrard

READING FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026**Sunday****Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday**Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14;



Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48**Thursday** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
Lk 12:49-53**Friday** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59**Saturday** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9**Sunday** **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40**MASS INTENTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS****Mass Intentions**

Thanksgiving Mass for Bob and Sandy Benson in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations on your milestone!

Requiem Mass for Horace Emilus requested by Mr Yves Emilus

Weekly Offertory CollectionThe offertory collection for the weekend ending October 11th was \$3,274.05 and the second collection for the World Mission Sunday totaled \$646. Thank you for your generosity.**The Annual Budget Report ended June, 2027 is available**

The annual budget for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 is approved. A copy of the budget is available from the Parish bookkeeper's office.

Notre Dame Soup Kitchen - Every Friday at 4:30 PM

Notre Dame Soup kitchen distribute hot meal to the needies every Friday, starting at 4:30 PM. We need more volunteers.

The DMI Survey will be available this Thursday, October 15

Our Bishop Emmanuel Rodriguez de Jesus encourages all parishioners to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. As announced in the past weeks, the DMI survey will be available this week, precisely on Thursday, October 15, 2026. It is mandatory for all parishioners to take it. The survey is anonymous and your answers will help the Pastoral center to better understand how our church is evolving, how the community is growing in faith, and what improvement need to be made.

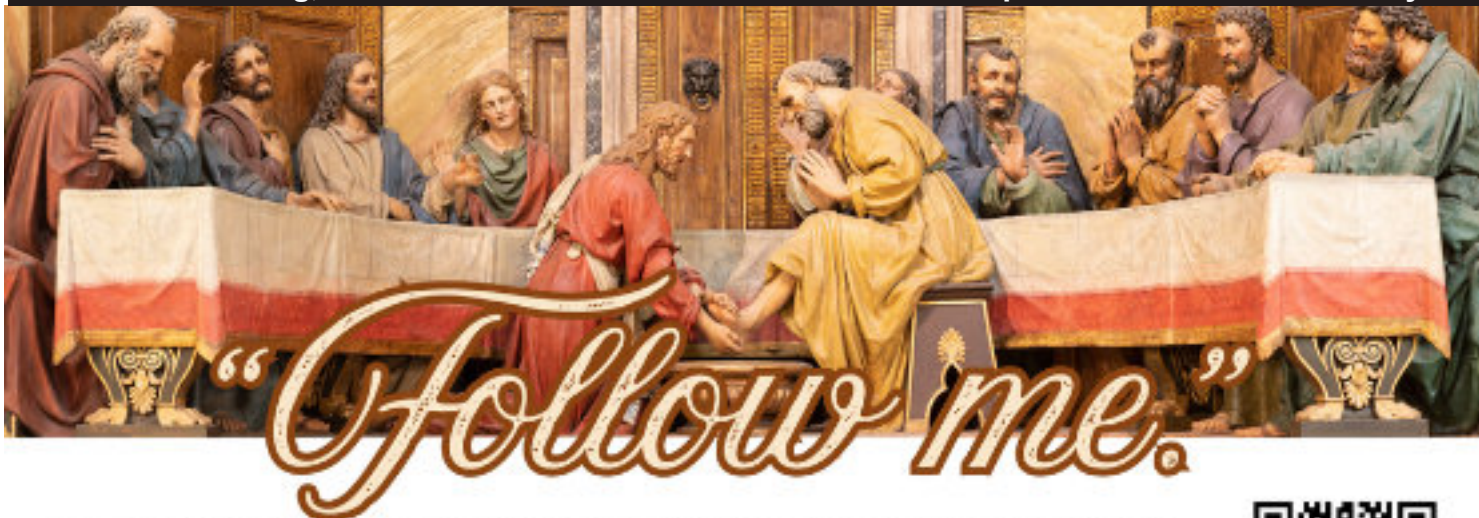
For easy access, please scan this **QR** code any day between **October 15 through November 24, 2026** to start the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey**.



You can also go to the front page of the church website and click on **take the DMI survey button** to start the survey from your computer, tablet, or your phone when it is open.

Renew, Maintain, and Enhance (RME) Program

Remember the monthly RME 2nd Collection held every 4th weekend of the month. The funds collected help the church finances several projects and unexpected expenses such as, A/C and electrical problems and many other important maintenance issues.

Tired of reading, scan the QR code below for a short video explanation of the DMI Survey

In mid-October, all parishioners will have an opportunity to offer their feedback as part of a consultation to aid Bishop Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez in his leadership of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Part of the process is the Disciple Maker Index (DMI), which will seek to give Bishop Manuel a snapshot of Catholic life here, who the parishioners are, and what is working well or needs attention in parishes. As the bishop explains in a video promoting the DMI, the survey will be available from Oct. 15 to Nov. 24, 2026.



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