

*Have a Blessed Birthday!*



*For a list of students who have birthdays this week, see a copy of the printed bulletin.  
Best wishes!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
<b>This Sun</b>	Is 45:1, 4-6, 1 Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22:15-21
<b>M</b>	Eph 2:1-10, Lk 12:13-21
<b>T</b>	Eph 2:12-22, Lk 12:35-38
<b>W</b>	Eph 3:2-12, Lk 12:39-48
<b>TH</b>	Eph 3:14-21, Lk 12:49-53
<b>F</b>	Eph 4:1-6, Lk 12:54-59
<b>S</b>	Eph 4:7-16, Lk 13:1-9
<b>Sun</b>	Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1:5c-10, Mt 22:34-40

**Weekly University Liturgies**

- Sunday Masses: 11:00 a.m. St. Vincent's Chapel  
4:00 p.m. Crypt Church, Basilica  
9:00 p.m. St. Vincent's Chapel
- Daily Masses (M-F) 12:10 Law School Chapel  
12:15 Caldwell Chapel
- House Mass 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday
- Praise & Worship Adoration 9:00 p.m. Wednesday Caldwell Chapel
- Confessions 10:00 p.m. Confessions-Caldwell Chapel
- Solemn Adoration 9:00 p.m. Thursday Caldwell Chapel



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**•October 19-25, 2008**

God has a plan for your life!!

This week in the Book of Isaiah, God anoints Cyrus. This is rare, because when Kings are anointed in the Bible, they are usually Kings of Israel. As the King of Persia, this is not the case with Cyrus. More importantly, Cyrus is pagan. Nevertheless, God says, "I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." (Isaiah 45:4) God will later use Cyrus to free the Babylonians. Cyrus was worshiping idols and still the Lord called him to do His will.

Paul has a story similar to Cyrus, in the sense that he was not a follower of Christ, but still was chosen to be an Apostle. In the second reading, Paul shares this idea with the Thessalonians as he says, "Brothers and sisters, loved by God...you were chosen." (1 Thessalonians. 1:4) At the end of the letter Paul says that the gospel does not only come in word but also in power. It is from the Lord that we receive the power and strength to accomplish the tasks he wills for us. Without Him, nothing would be attainable.

In the Gospel, Jesus is questioned by the Herodians and the Pharisees about taxes in an attempt to get him into trouble. Jesus responds by saying, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21). Success, fame, money, beauty are all aspirations that humans have. When we give those things to God, it doesn't make sense, because those things are not of Him. What "belongs to God" then? (Matthew 22:21) Because we are uniquely created in His image, it is our lives that belong to God. In the Gospel, we are given the challenge to live our lives totally for Him.

We could be a Cyrus, worshiping things above God, but still God has "called us by name" with a plan for our life. We could be a Paul, persecuting the Church, but God calls us to guide others to Him. It doesn't matter how broken the person is, the Lord loves and can use them to bring others closer to him. For he says, "It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun men may know that there is none besides me." (Isaiah 45:6)

## Announcements

**Thank you!!! The Ho-Co Dance** was a great success! We are grateful for the generous support to everyone who attended the charity ball and helped us plan the event! The proceeds to go the poor in Tanzania.

### Ever gotten lost in a cornfield?

This Friday is your chance as we bring back the popular fall event---the Corn Maze. Meet at The House at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 to catch the bus ride to the Field of Screams in Olney, Maryland. Buy your \$5 tickets at the Pryz. Questions or concerns contact Joshua at [42baum@cua.edu](mailto:42baum@cua.edu) or call x5578

### CUA on Tap

It's time again for another CUA on Tap! On Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, CUA's very own Dr. Stephen Schneck will speak about the Catholic Social Teachings and how they relate to voting. Also be sure to come early to check out the open mic night beginning at 7:00 PM. If you're 21, don't forget your ID and a few dollars! If you are interested in participating in the open mic, please contact Sarah Hayes [55hayes@cua.edu](mailto:55hayes@cua.edu).

### Be a part of Advent Committee

Liturgical Planning Committee will begin meeting for preparations for Advent on Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Campus Ministry Lounge. Meetings will continue every Monday until Advent. Whatever your skills whether it is decorating or organizing – we can use your help! If you have any questions, contact Jessica at [deprizio@cua.edu](mailto:deprizio@cua.edu).

### Help Make Halloween Fun and Safe for Brookland's

**Children** Join the CUA Community in welcoming the children of Brookland into Curley Court for a night of Trick-or-Treating and Halloween fun on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. Donations of Halloween candy can be dropped off at the Campus Ministry Office. Please contact Campus Ministry at x5575 with any questions.

**Men's Discernment –Tuesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:15 pm** Join Fr. Bob, Fr. John Foster and a guest speaker for Mass, dinner and reflection on Tuesday evening at 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. in Caldwell Chapel and the Happel Room. Email Fr. Bob if you will attend [Schlageter@cua.edu](mailto:Schlageter@cua.edu).

## Faithful Citizenship

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. The Church calls for political engagement shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation's future. We bring a consistent moral framework—drawn from basic human reason that is illuminated by Scripture and the teaching of the Church—for assessing issues, political platforms, and campaigns. We also bring broad experience in serving those in need—educating the young, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, helping women who face difficult pregnancies, feeding the hungry, welcoming immigrants and refugees, reaching out in global solidarity, and pursuing peace. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good."

-USCCB "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"  
([www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org))

### Pax Christi Corner - A Student's Perspective By Chase Nordengren, Treasurer

At this month's Synod on the Word in Rome, Pope Benedict responded to the international economic crisis by recognizing the temporary nature of this world's wealth: "This money disappears; it is nothing -- and in the same way, all these things, which lack a true reality to depend on, and are elements of a second order. The word of God is the basis of everything, it is the true reality. And to be realists, we should count on this reality." The impact of our leadership, the face of Caesar, marks our economy as much as it did in the time of Jesus. Christ reminds us in the Gospel that such a second order, a false reality, is not a true object for our devotion and will not be the force which delivers our salvation. As Cyrus learns in today's first reading, we are utterly dependent upon God in our living and our dying.

The economic crisis will impact people throughout our nation and world, many of whom do not deserve it. It is important that each of us who lives in financial security approach our brethren in a spirit of humble generosity, conscious of our joint dependence on and hope in the God who saves us. This generosity is based in what the Holy Father calls the true reality, the word of God which tells us to give without counting the costs. As the works of Caesar seem to turn to dust around us, may we always take comfort in what we render to God, our obligation of devotion to Him and generosity to His children.

Pax Christi meets each Thursday at 8:30 in Pryz 342. We share conversation, food and fellowship together and would love for you to join us.

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