

YOU RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST. . . BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING

You walk forward. You hear the words: **“The Body of Christ.”** You respond: **“Amen.”** You receive Holy Communion and return to your place. Everything seems right. But let me ask you something:

After receiving Jesus, do you take a moment to be with Him? You have received the greatest gift Christ left to His Church. Let us look at what can make our reception of Holy Communion more fruitful.



1. YOU RECEIVED... BUT DID YOU PREPARE YOUR HEART?

The Eucharist is not ordinary bread. It is Jesus Christ, truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. That is why receiving Holy Communion calls for proper preparation. Before approaching the altar, ask yourself: Am I properly disposed to receive Him? Have I examined my conscience? The Church teaches that anyone conscious of having committed mortal sin must receive sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. Preparation is not about becoming perfect before approaching Jesus. It is about approaching Him with faith, reverence, and the proper disposition.

2. YOU SAID “AMEN”... BUT DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE SAYING?

When the minister says, “The Body of Christ,” you answer, “Amen.” That little word expresses your faith in what you are receiving. You are affirming that the Eucharist is truly Christ’s Body, not merely a symbol of Him. But your faith should not end with the word you speak. It should shape the way you live. If you profess faith in Christ at Communion, allow that faith to influence your choices, your relationships, your treatment of others, and your response to sin. Your “Amen” at the altar should become a daily “yes” to Jesus Christ.

3. YOU RECEIVED CHRIST... BUT DID YOU THANK HIM?

After receiving Holy Communion, we are encouraged to spend time in personal prayer and thanksgiving. Yet sometimes, as soon as we return to our seats, our minds are already elsewhere. We look around. We think about what awaits us after Mass. We become occupied with everything except the extraordinary gift we have received. A moment of personal thanksgiving can help us become more attentive to Christ’s presence and more open to the grace He offers. You do not need complicated words. Simply pray: “Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself to me.” *“Help me to love You more.” “Let the grace of this Holy Communion bear fruit in my life.”* Do not be in such a hurry to leave the moment that you forget to give thanks for the gift.

4. WHAT, THEN, MAY BE MISSING?

Not Christ. When you receive a validly consecrated Host, the whole Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—is truly present. What may be lacking is our attentiveness, our gratitude, or our willingness to cooperate with the grace we receive. The Eucharist is not magic. Receiving Communion does not automatically make every person holy, eliminate every weakness, or guarantee an immediate emotional experience. The grace of this sacrament strengthens our union with Christ, nourishes our spiritual life, and calls us to grow in holiness.

5. THE MOMENT AFTER COMMUNION MATTERS

You do not need to feel something extraordinary every time you receive Jesus. Some days, you may feel deep consolation. Other days, you may feel distracted, tired, or spiritually dry. That does not automatically mean your Communion was less fruitful. Faith is not measured by emotions. When distractions come, gently return your attention to Christ. Offer Him your struggles, your hopes, your family, your vocation, and the people who need your prayers. Let your thanksgiving become a sincere conversation with the Lord. And remember: the Eucharist is not only a private encounter. It also unites us more deeply to Christ and to His Body, the Church, calling us to live in communion with one another.

NEXT TIME YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, REMEMBER THIS:

Prepare your heart. Receive with faith. Respond with a sincere “Amen.” And when you return to your place, take a moment to thank Jesus. You might simply say:

“My Lord and my God, thank You for giving Yourself to me. Help me to become more like You.”

Because Holy Communion is not merely a moment to complete in the Mass. It is a gift to receive with faith, a communion to cherish, and a grace to live out every day. Let your life show that you belong to Him.



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MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays

8:15am—Monday—Friday

Saturday

8:00am—Italian

4:30pm—Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)

6:00pm—English (Ant Sunday Mass)

Sundays

9:00am—English

10:30am—Italian

6:00pm—English

3:00pm—Albanian—2nd Sun

3:00pm—Filipino—3rd Sun

Baptism—11:45am—Sunday

Confession—8:30-9:00am—Saturday

Adoration—7:00pm—Saturday

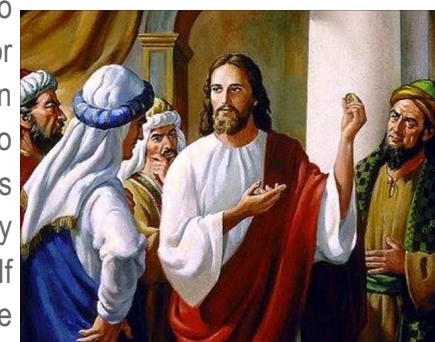


“Jesus Christ is the one who abides the heights of heaven, who walks on the wings of the wind and whose eyes measure the earth. He is God. But he is almost afraid to show it and seems intent to show only his humanity so as to make his clemency known.”

John B. Scalabrini, Pastoral Letter, 16.2.1878

REPAY TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

To the question, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”, Jesus’ reply was, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” Excellent answer. Only Jesus can answer this way. If Jesus said, “Pay your taxes.” He will draw the ire of many Jews.



They hated to pay taxes as mentioned above. If He says, “No.”, He will be under fire from the Roman government. Jesus not only eluded the trap but taught them to be responsible citizens of government and God’s Kingdom!

Jesus pointed out to them that, through the coin which has the image of the Caesar, they were able to transact business. Since the Caesar’s image was on those coins, all the services of those coins are the responsibility of the Caesar. It was but fitting that taxes are collected for those services.

The main message was in the second part of Jesus’ answer, “Repay... to God what belongs to God.” How can we repay God? What is the relation between paying Caesar and paying God? Going back to Jesus’ response by asking for a coin which has the image of the Caesar, we ask, which or who has God’s image? A true Jew, and I can also say, a true Christian should be able to answer it. The Book of Genesis has the answer. It is a basic teaching in the Christian Faith. “God created man in His image; in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them.” In each and everyone of us is God’s image. Thus, God owns us. We repay God’s goodness with our whole person.

The Caesar is a person. God’s image is in him too. Thus, he himself belongs to God. In the end, we are commanded to be responsible citizens. More importantly, we ought to be responsible creation of God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading — Is 45:1, 4-6

From the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

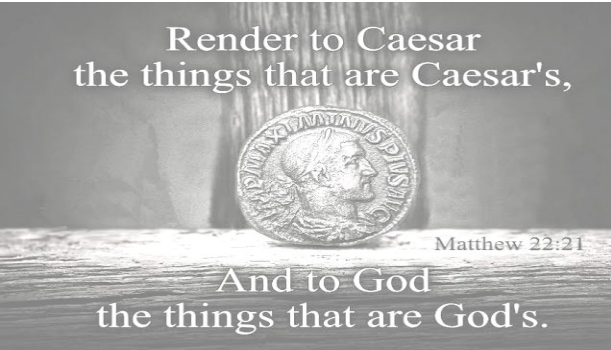
R: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’ He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.



2nd Reading — 1Thess 4: 12-14,19-20

From the First letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mt 22: 15-21

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

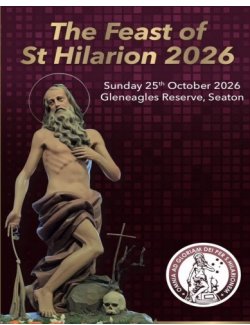
ARCHDIOCESE NOTICE



We are delighted to share with you that the dates for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (“Eucharist28”) have now been confirmed. Eucharist28 will be held in Sydney from 24 September to 1 October 2028, preceded by a Theological Symposium from 20 to 22 September 2028. Eucharist28 is a special opportunity for the Church. The coming years of prayer and preparation offer us a significant opportunity to deepen devotion to the Eucharist, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and help people rediscover the joy and transforming power of Christ’s presence among us.

PARISH NOTICE

MESSA ANNUALE PER I DEFUNTI AL CIMITERO DI CHELTENHAM NEL POMERIGGIO DI LUNEDI' 2 NOVEMBRE 2:30 pm.



The Feast of San Hilarion is on October 25, 2026 at Gleneagles Reserve, Seaton. There will be Triduum Masses at 7pm on October 19, 20 & 21 at Mater Christi Parish Church. The Feast Day will commence with a Solemn Procession from Mater Christi Parking to Gleneagles at 10am. Mass is at 10:30am.

The Solemn Mass for the Feast of San Teodoro Martire will be on November 8, 2026 at 10:30am at Mater Christi Church. Procession around the parish compound will begin at 10am. Triduum Masses will be on Nov 4, 5 & 6 at 7pm. For Luncheon Ticket pls contact Frank Coluccio (0419821155).

50th Golden Jubilee Feast of S. TEODORO MARTIRE

Sunday, 8 November 2026

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 17/10	4:30 PM	Mass in Spanish
	6:00 PM	English MAss
Sun 18/10	9:00 AM	+Nikoll Ducaj, +Immaculada Postrano, +Nerina Secchiaroli, +Tony Borrello
	10:30 AM	+Gustavo Baggio, +Angelo & +Gelsomino Penna, +Franic & +Rocco Panuccio & DMF Panuccio
	3:00 PM	Filipino Mass
	6:00 PM	English MAss
Mon 19/10	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Day 1 Triduum (Feast of San Hilarion) Fr Angelo Cagna, cs—Presider
Tue 20/10	8:15 AM	Italian Mass
	7:00 PM	Day 2 Triduum (Feast of San Hilarion) Archbishop Patrick O'Regan—Presider
Wed 21/10	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Day 3 Triduum (Feast of San Hilarion) Fr Franco Lacanaria, cs—Presider
Thu 22/10	8:15 AM	English Mass
Fri 23/10	8:15 AM	English Mass
Sat 24/10	8:00 AM	Italian Mass Honouring St Raphael

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Oct 18, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Cherry Icamen Niniane Ortiz	Jenny DeGennaro Fil Della-Pietra
9:00am	Loel Ojerio Christine George	Francesca Boffo Frank Ienari
10:30am Italian	Nicholas Farinola Anthony Farinola	Cecillia Mazzone G & L Farinola
6:00pm	Marigold Maine Rietta Corkin	John Scarfo Teresa Cimmino

Oct 25, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Reanne Macalincag Rozelle Macalincag	Rosa Mazzone Tomas Jimenea
9:00am	Maria Boccassio Lucita Cabangal	Rosa Brunello Charles Zammit
10:30am Italian	Michele Giglio Fenisia Giglio	T. Pecaj, N. Santo Franca Colangelo
6:00pm	May Anne Cirera Daniel Guglielmin	Rosemary Velardo Mimma Adami

COLLECTION (011/10/26)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	S. Collection	Total
\$2,300.00	\$1,921.00		\$4,221.00