

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

The gospel from Matthew this week poses the question, “what do we owe God and our neighbor.” The coin referenced in the reading is stamped with the likeness of Caesar, so in principle it belongs to Caesar. But we are “stamped” with the image and likeness of God. Therefore, we owe to God our entire being. Everything we are comes from God. If you love Jesus, then give everyone else what is owed them, but give to God yourselves because you are wonderfully made in His image and likeness. We should live and love our life and love all people as we love God. Even when our life is hard, we can be like Paul and see our trials as graces from God. He saw in Jesus’ followers the Holy Spirit, so he always gave thanks to God for them and prayed for their continued hope and endurance. We should also continue to pray for our neighbor and love everyone as God loves us.

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