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*This image for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows Jesus lifting the coin and asking a question that reaches beyond taxes. It invites us to think about where our true allegiance lies. We carry the image of God, not Caesar.*

**Reading:** [Isaiah 45:1, 4-6](#)

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Psalm 96](#)

**Second Reading:** [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b](#)

**Gospel:** [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

**Key Theme:** God rules over every power

**Focus:** Trust and faithful living

**Summary:** God works through all people and nations. Faith, love, and hope shape how we live. Our hearts belong to God.

**Challenge:** Fulfill your duties with honesty and sincerity. Trust God above every earthly power.

**Action Step:** Complete one daily responsibility faithfully and offer it to God.

Verse to Remember: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights God's power, faithfulness, and wisdom. The readings show how God works through people, even those who do not know Him, and how faith should shape our actions.

- **God's Control Over History:** God used Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God guides events and can use anyone to fulfill His plan.
- **Faith in Action:** Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith, love, and hope. True faith leads to action and is seen in the way people live.
- **God and Government:** Jesus tells the Pharisees to give Caesar what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God. This teaches that people have duties to both their country and to God.
- **Sincerity in Worship:** The Pharisees questioned Jesus with bad intentions. Worship and faith should come from a sincere heart, not for show or to trap others.
- **The Power of the Gospel:** Paul says the gospel came not only with words but with the Holy Spirit. The message of Jesus changes lives when people truly receive it.
- **Recognizing the One True God:** God reminds Israel that He alone is God. People should put their trust in Him, not in earthly power.

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God is in control, and faith should guide daily life. The readings encourage people to trust God, live sincerely, and give Him what is due. Faith is not just about words or appearances—it is about action and sincerity. These readings remind people to live their beliefs daily, trust in God's plan, and make Him their highest priority. God sees beyond outward actions and looks at the heart. These reflections encourage people to ask themselves if they are truly giving to God what belongs to Him.

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Matthew 22:21

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#### Prayer

Lord, help me to live my faith with honesty and love.  
Give me the wisdom to balance my responsibilities in the world with my duty to You.  
Teach me to trust in Your plan and follow Your ways.  
May my actions reflect my belief in You.  
I give myself to You with a sincere heart.  
Amen.

