

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

October 22, 2017

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 + Thessalonians 1:1-5b + Matthew 22:15-21



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Half of any mail I receive, technologically or by our letter carrier, is requests for "donations." To which requests should I "render?" These scripture readings call me to apply the directions that true faith calls us to. Look for the *image* that is present in the request I am receiving. This is not just in my mail, but in my daily life. Take seriously what is being asked for, be it money, time, talent or whatever. Stay focused on the needs of our times and invest what we are given in response to those needs. The Prophets and the Disciples of Jesus were called and sent to bring what they were given to respond to these kinds of needs.

As we move forward in our faith journey, our images change. We are called to be aware of what drives these changes. We can't let it be about emotion, fatigue or other superficial drives. Jesus calls us to ground ourselves in compassion and care for each other. We are in a political time where there is so much animosity and images of domination and intolerance that are driving violence and injustice, which blinds us to the support and care that our world needs. Our responses are called to be driven by a deep contemplative awareness and trust that as God provided the support and guidance for all those He chose to *render care*, so He will be with us as we respond to His call.

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