Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time **Matthew 22:15-21**

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees (some of the religious leaders of Jesus' time) try to trick Jesus into saying something that will get Him in trouble with the government leaders. The Pharisees send some people to see if they can get Jesus to complain or refuse to pay taxes. Jesus, being the Son of God, knows exactly what is going on and tells them to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Being a good Catholic also means being a good citizen.

Money-wise, we pay taxes to the government, and we contribute to the support of the Church. We call this "tithing," or giving ten percent of our money to God and His Church. But being a good Catholic isn't just giving money to the Church. As children of God, our Heavenly Father asks us to love Him with our whole mind, body, and heart, and to show our love by how we live our lives.

Activities:

- How can you tithe your time, talent, and treasure? We can do this individually (yes, even kids!) and as a family.
- Do you follow the rules of your school, country, and family? How can you be more faithful to them?
- What is your family doing to love God by how you live your life? What can you do to love Him more deeply?