

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 2, 2017*



Today's Gospel culminates the missionary discourse from which we heard a passage last week. Matthew wants to make clear to the followers of Jesus that the cross is central to discipleship. For a community such as Matthew's that had already experienced persecution, this teaching was critically important. Related to this sense of solidarity between disciple and Master was the notion that one honors the presence, of the Master in the disciple. This viewpoint was common in the culture of the time, but Matthew gives it theological weight by typing in the notion of reward for those who honor one of Christ's disciples. The simplest act of practical kindness, "a cup of cool water" given to a disciple, is cause for a reward (Matthew 10:42).

The first reading from the second Book of Kings prepares for this idea of a reward for one who honors a disciple. The woman who has prepared a place for Elisha to stay whenever he passes through is rewarded by Elisha's promise of a baby son.

The Christian idea that Jesus is present in his disciples can also be seen in today's second reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul is teaching about Baptism. His use of prepositions is highly suggestive: "baptized into . . . buried with . . . died with . . . live with . . . living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:3, 4, 8, 11). Paul evokes the experience of Baptism and links it to Jesus' experience of going down into the earth in his tomb, only to rise up out of the earth "in newness of life" (6:4). His point is to emphasize the solidarity that exists between Master and disciples.

**Question of the Week**

In reflecting on the sacrifices and rewards of Christian discipleship, what sacrifice do you think God is asking of you today? What reward do you think will make it worthwhile.

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

**Vigil of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – Justin Wilson – St. Maria Goretti – Intentions of Miriam Page – James Young – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Nguyen

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Melvina Kepp – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary – Travis M. Williams, Jr. – Intentions of James Young

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre – Shannon Armelin Taylor – Phyllis D. Armelin – James C. Armelin, Sr. – Clara Faciane – Travis M. Williams, Jr. – Olga Darensbourg – Imelda Darensbourg – Pamela Chevalier August - Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**12:00p.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Society – Edward Lassigne, Jr. – Andrew Joseph, III – Harold Broussard, Sr.

**Monday, July 3, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Rose Garnett – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**Wednesday, July 5, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Verna A Francis – Intentions of James Young – Mariam Page

**Thursday, July 6, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**Friday, July 7, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Intentions of James Young – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**Pray For Peace**

**REMEMBER**  
**THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.** 

**Announcements**

“He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinners for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.”... St. Maria Goretti. No Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, July 1 thru July 4, it will resume on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study theme for the Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **Show Me That You Love Me.** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Thirteen Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.** **Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Responsorial Psalm: 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us in the Center Monday, June 26 at 7:00p.m.

Registration for Our Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, and private schools, at Sacramental grade levels (second and eleventh) must register for and attend classes in our religious education program as sacramental preparation is the responsibility of the parish. Birth certificates and baptismal certificates are required at registration.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) now moves to the period called: **“Life in Christ and the Practice of the Faith”**: During this period, the New Christians continue to deepen their understanding of the mysteries of the faith. They are encouraged to become active in the parish community through interaction with the parish ministries, continue catechesis and participate with all the faithful in devotions and the Sunday Eucharist celebration. The New Christians are now part of Christ’s body (the Church). They must now go forth with the entire faith community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Please continue to support them.

**The Parish Invites Those Who:**

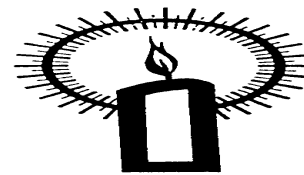
- Have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Are Catholic and would like to know more about their faith?
- Who is married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Please remember the newly Baptized and Confirmed in your prayers as they continue their Journey of Faith and welcome them to parish events and ministries.

For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Byron Martin, Sheila Thompson, Dianne Wiltz-Huntley, or any RCIA member or visit the web site at

[www.smgnota.com](http://www.smgnota.com).

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of all our deceased Parishioners. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Harold Broussard, Sr.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, July 3, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dancer Class Center
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

- Closed Happy Fourth of July

**Wednesday, July 5, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center
- 5:30p.m. District E Meeting – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
- 7:00p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights – Rms 3& 4 -Kitchen

**Thursday, July 6, 2017**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, July 7, 2017**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

- 12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Committee – Library
- 3:00p.m. Family Movie Martinee – Center

**Prayer for Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

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Happy Fourth of July!

