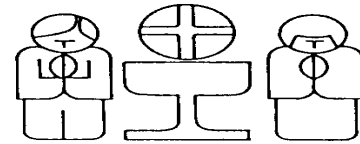


Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017



Today's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaid is unique to Matthew's Gospel. It both intensifies and personalizes the warning tone that recurs throughout Matthew's parables. While not minimizing the parable's unsettling, even ominous tone isn't there something truly poignant, almost heartbreaking in its message? To all appearances, the bridesmaids are alike. All ten bridesmaids have the lamps they were given, interpreted by some commentators as the gift of faith or perhaps the grace of membership in the Church. But only five were wise enough to bring oil, that is, to do their share with what they have been given. Oil represents loving deeds, just actions, faithful witnessing.

Then suddenly, the Bridegroom returns, a decisive moment for those prepared, and even more so for those unprepared. For now the time of repentance has passed, the door is barred, and the feast has begun. Although those unprepared know the bridegroom's true identity – "Lord, Lord" (Matthew 25:11) – the Bridegroom does not recognize them.

What of ourselves? Where would we be if he came right now? Inside or out? Would tomorrow be any better than all of the tomorrows we've already had? What of the Lamp? Recall the fragile, flickering flame bestowed at baptism with the admonition that it be burning brightly. That flame is nourished by Wisdom, the first reading's gracious lady who comes "seeking . . . with all solicitude" those who diligently and vigilantly seek her (Wisdom 6:16). As the "consolation" Paul alludes to in today's second reading consider this: Though today's Gospel portrays the real possibility of an unhappy ending, for those of us still able to hear the warning our ending has not yet been written. God leaves that writing up to us. What are we waiting for?

Question of the Week

What can I do this week to make myself a little more ready for the coming of the Lord?

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Vigil of the Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Corinne Singletary – George Marcell – Leonard Belton – Bruce Gabriel – Richard & Miriam Page – Hurby Oubre – Barbara Drexler – Sgt. Glen Lunsford – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young

Sunday, November 12, 2017

The Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Audrey Porter – Walter Banks, III – James St. Charles – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Melvina Kepp – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Rose Mae Broussard – Melvin & Mary Patnett – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Nguyen

10:30a.m. Lamar and Shirley Smith – Fred and Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Albert R. Pierre – Rita & Dennis Washington - Frank Richard, Jr. - Intentions of Jamie & Marissa Guillory

12:00p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Harold Broussard, Sr. - Joseph Simms, Jr

Monday, November 13, 2017

8:30a.m. Catherine Bertrand – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Maria – Sylvia Armelin – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Joseph Nguyen - Intentions of James and Tamerle Young

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Joseph Nguyen - Intentions Donya Ralph – Joseph Simms, Jr.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 All Saints Day

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Joseph Nguyen - Intentions of James and Tamerle Young

Thursday, November 16, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen - Intentions of Donya Ralph – Joseph Simms, Jr.

Friday, November 17, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen - Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Donya Ralph – James and Tamerle Young

Saturday, November 18, 2017

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



Announcements

“For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to world.” Jn 6:33. Eucharistic Adoration, Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the **Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **“KEEP THE LIGHT ON!” Are we saved by our faith alone? How are we preparing for the end of our lives? Are we living a spiritual life that is already prepared for Jesus’ return?”** This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16; Responsorial Psalm: 63:2, 3-4; 5-6, 7-8; Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at and it can be downloaded for your personal use.

God gave his only son Jesus. Jesus gave his precious blood. What will we give in appreciation for his sacrifice? Let’s give love. All we have to do is love one another because that is all we are asked to do. Be thankful for everything, be kind to everyone and be grateful everyday of your life. God gives us grace and mercy unceasingly and forgives us always. Let us all do the same because we are made in the image of our Lord.



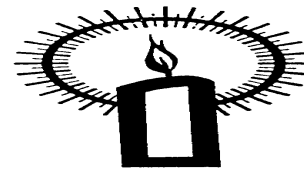
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

RCIA

The St. Maria Goretti (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church or by contacting a RCIA team member.

This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **Why Do Catholics Do That? Why does the Catholic Church have so many rules? Is the Catholic Church Unique? Are all Christians “Saints”? Are Catholics Born Again? Source:** New Catholic Answer Bible: Sections L-4, Q-2, C3, V-2, U-4 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraphs 934-945. **Sessions are every Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m. in the chapel.**

For more information please contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website smgnola.com.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in thanksgiving to St. Jude and St. Anthony. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Eugene and Yolande Ganier and Jerome Rixner, Jr.

In Our Parish

Monday, November 13, 2017

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

7:00p.m. 4th Degree Knights – Rms. 3 & 4

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:00p.m. Excerise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – Library

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Rms. 3-4

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practic - Center

Thursday, November 16, 2017

6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, November 17, 2017

6:00a.m. Voting

Saturday, November 18, 2017

6:00a.m. Voting

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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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