

tThirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

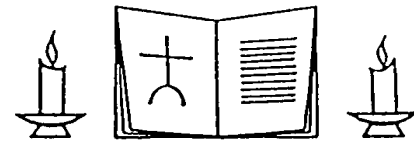
Wise and foolish investments, books, even interest rates – today’s parables permits no escape from life in the real world or from the fact that it will one day end. Those planning to be ready for the Lord’s return can’t just hang around waiting. Again, today’s Old Testament illumines the Gospel. Proverbs’ worthy wife is praised neither for good looks nor gracious manners, but for her industry, skill, conscientious development of God-given gifts, and generosity in serving others with them. The contrast with the parable’s cautious servant could hardly be more striking. Thus, Proverbs’ wife confirms the first two servants’ resourcefulness in developing their “talents.”

Note that while “talent” in Proverbs means what we mean by the word, Matthew’s “talent” refers to an astronomical sum of money, equivalent to twenty years’ wages! Today, when so much hard-earned, carefully invested money has evaporated, our true wealth is more clearly defined by Proverbs’ “talents:” our abilities, natural or acquired, skills studiously perfected, generously shared.

Lest we, like the lazy servant, think our Master too demanding, note that there is no mention of the Master taking back the sum entrusted to the first two servants or the profit they made with it. Rather, the cautious servant’s fate serves to jolt us out of the “peace and security” complacency Paul warns against (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Rather than caution, the Christian community and individual disciples must undertake creative, even daring initiatives for the Kingdom, take a chance on the wealth the Master has invested in us, and encourage others to do the same.

Question of the Week

How am I investing those talents entrusted to me by the Master?



Saturday, November 18, 2017

Vigil of the Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Corinne Singletary – George Marcell – Leonard Belton – Bruce Gabriel – Miriam Page – Dorothy Maney – Daniel and Elizabeth Ripoll – Virgil and Mary Duplessis – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young
Sunday, November 19, 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 – Cleotha Broussard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Melvina Kepp – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Joseph Nguyen – Rita DeCuir – Intentions of Dr. Harry Gabriel – Maude DeGrasse – Yvonne & Jeff Guerin

10:30a.m. Lamar and Shirley Smith – Fred and Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Villere & Wilma Encalade – Rita Washington – Eugene and Yolanda Ganier

12:00p.m. Enix Smith, Jr. – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, November 20, 2017

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

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Joseph Nguyen – Jerome Rixner, Jr. – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Maude DeGrasse – Yvonne & Jeff Guerin

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 All Saints Day

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Jerome Rixner, Jr. – Miriam Page – Joseph Nguyen – Jerome Rixner, Jr. – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young – Maude DeGrasse

Thursday, November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Norma and Eldridge Monette – Waldo Dejan James St. Charles – Raymond Armelin – Pierre Family – Hurby Oubre – Dennis & Rita Washington – Intentions of Yvonne and Jeff Guerin – Joseph Simms, Jr. – Maude DeGrasse – Blair McDonald James Young

Friday, November 24, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Cloter Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Yvonne and Jeff Guerin – James Young – Maude DeGrasse

Saturday, November 25, 2017

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



Announcements

“When Jesus see us, He is filled with an over-abundance of tenderness, mercy, love and affection.” WAU. **No Eucharistic Adoration November 18 through 25.** Adoration resumes on the 27. 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-third Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **“Blessed are the risk takers!” What talents or gifts have we been given by God? What are we doing with the talent and resources that God has given us? What happens if we don’t use them?”** This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Thirty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at and it can be downloaded for your personal use.



Happy Thanksgiving



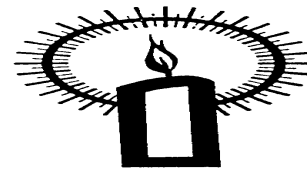
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

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: **Do Catholics study and read the Bible? What are the Books of the Church? What is the Lectionary? Do Catholics use the Roman Missal? If Catholics believe in the Word of God and the Bible, why do they have a Catechism? 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 20, 2017

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

6:00p.m. Lakewood East – Rm. 9

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

6:00p.m. Holy Name Radio Rosary – Center

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

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Closed – No Bingo

Friday, November 24, 2017

Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2017

7:00a.m. CYO Christmas Boutique – Rms. 3& 4

The Masses for Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:30a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12 noon.

PREPARE THE WAY

The St. Maria Goretti Catholic Men’s Fellowship present- *Prepare the Way, An Advent Program for Men.* Join us as we read and discuss scripture, pray with each other and for each other in preparation of the birth of our Savior. The program will meet weekly beginning on December 2, 2017 from 7:00- 7:45 am in the Monsignor Gauthreaux center. The program is free and is open to any man ages 12 and older. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the entrance of the church.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Maria Altar Society will hosting a Day of Prayer on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at The Cenacle Retreat House. Please contact Mrs. Miriam Jones at 504-481-9081 for more information.

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