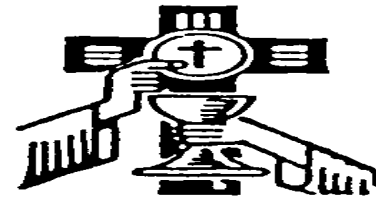


## Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time June 17, 2018



Trust in the Lord underlies all of today's readings. Ezekiel prophesied during the time of Israel's exile. Many had lost faith that God would care for them. Ezekiel assured them that God would "lift high the lowly tree . . . make the withered tree bloom" (Ezekiel 17:24). The message: keep trusting in God. Saint Paul says we should "walk by faith, not by sight," trusting in the Lord's vision (2 Corinthians 5:7). Finally, Jesus speaks to the crowd about seeds planted in the earth. We cannot see what is happening in the soil, but we trust that they will grow. Sure enough, eventually they sprout and flourish and become grain to be harvested or shelter for the birds. Trust in the Lord.

Jesus tells two parables about how the kingdom of God grows, each involving seeds planted in the earth. We can think of these seeds taking root internally, in ourselves. How many seeds have been planted within us during our lives that we are not aware of anymore? Something our dad said when we were growing up? An insight from a mentor or a boss? Something that we heard just last week at Mass? Then one day we encounter someone or something new and we recall what we heard. Now it has a chance to bloom, to flower.

We can also think of these seeds taking root outside ourselves, out in the world. Where might these seed be germinating right now where we would not notice them sprouting? Among the poor and improvised? With those who are shunned or neglected? Again and again in scripture we learn that the Kingdom of God is built in unexpected places. Why would it be any different now?

### Question of the Week

How can I be fertile soil in which the seed God sows may grow? Where can I help the kingdom of God flourish in the world? When do I need to let go and trust in the Lord?

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Daniel and Elizabeth Ripoll – Virgil and Mary Duplessis – Ellsworth McKendall – Eddie, Kirby and Larry Gautreaux – Louis Isidore – Tu Tran

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Hurby Oubre – Joseph Williams – Edgar Morgan, Jr. – Bret Morgan, Sr. – Moses Faciane – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Maria Pham – Jesse Gibson – James St. Charles – Pierre, Thomas and DeGrasse Families – Tu Tran

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Charles Valteau – Cinque Stallworth – Willie Guillory – Moses Faciane – Richard Page – Dennis Washington – Gina Greenlee – Joseph Truscello – Tu Tran – Intentions of John Guillory

**12:00p.m.** Gina Greenlee – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Elysian Fields St. Joseph Altar

**Monday, June 18, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Maria Pham – All unborn babies – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Mitchell Family

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Maria – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Patricia Casmire

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Maria – Peter – Xoan Nguyen – Tu Tran

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Maria Nguyen – Willie Guillory – All souls – Tu Tran

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Alphonse De Grasse – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“You must refuse nothing you recognize to be GOD’s will.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

**Commission to spread the community of Love**  
 The Bible Study theme for The Eleventh Sunday of ordinary Time is: **Let It GO!** The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B: Reading I: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Gospel: Mark 4:26-34** The bible study can be found on our parish website [smgnola.com/Bible Study](http://smgnola.com/Bible Study), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Bible will resume June 11, 2018 in the Center at 7:00p.m. **Come and be warmed by the word of God.**

The Annual St. Maria Goretti Gospel Concert for Haiti will take place on July 15, 2018 from 3:00 - 5:00p.m. in the Church. Tickets are \$10 and will be available after all weekend masses beginning June 10, 2018 until the concert. All proceeds are dedicated to rebuilding our partner in Haiti, St. Threse De L’Enfant Jesus and supporting the parish school.



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

**RCIA**  
 The Bible Study theme for the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ conclude the Easter Season. They remind us how deeply God loves us. We live in the family of God, who has revealed Himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (2 Peter 1:4). During Ordinary Time, we live our great commission to bring others into God’s community of love called His Church. In gratitude for that great love, we embrace the need to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (PS 22:26-27). The RCIA will commence its summer schedule and will meet on June 12, and July 19, 2018 at 7:00 in the Chapel. For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, or any member by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at <http://www.smgnola.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 for the intentions of Memory Britsch  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Ruth Cornwell and Herman Mitchell.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, June 18, 2018**

- 9:00a.m. Altar Society Cookie Bake Preparations – Center
- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

- 6:00p.m. Edge Lake HOA – Rm. 7
- 6:00p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA – Rm. 8
- 6:00p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

**Friday, June 22, 2017**

- 7:30a.m. Council on Aging – Center & Kitchen
- 6:30p.m. KC Council Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4 & Kitchen

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**

- 9:00a.m. Altar Society Cookie Bake Preparations – Center & Kitchen

**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.

