

## Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 1, 2018

We know that we were made in the image of God. But what does this imply? One thing this implies, as we hear in the first reading today, is that God made humans to live forever. After all, God lives forever. Unfortunately, death was brought into the world when Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation and disobeyed God. “God did not make death” (Wisdom 1:13). So, we have an ally against death. Our God is the God of life. Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel.

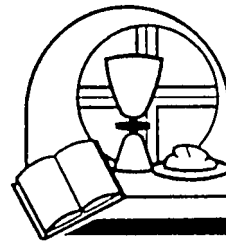
There is a marked difference between the way Jairus and the woman approached Jesus. Jairus is a synagogue official and he approached Jesus directly. The woman who had been ill for twelve years approached him surreptitiously, merely reaching out and touching his cloak. Most likely she did so because she was considered unclean and would have made Jesus unclean as well. But both she and Jairus’s daughter were cured. Though they approached him in different ways. What is important is that they each approached him in faith.

“Talitha koum,” Jesus said to Jairus’s daughter, a girl thought to be dead, and she arose. These words, meaning “Little girl, I say to you, arise,” resonate beyond this Gospel passage (Mark 5:41) An organization of women religious that works to fight human trafficking and minister to its victims took the name Talitha Koum based on this passage, as many victims are girls and young women similar in age to Jairus’s daughter. Pope Francis, who has repeatedly spoken out against human trafficking, visited a house operated by Talitha Koum while visiting Colombia last year. Let us never forget that with God’s grace people have the power to bring life back to someone who is abducted and exploited.

### Question of the Week

How does knowing that God is the God of life, not death, affect the way I live my life? Am I courageous enough to stand up to those who do not respect the basic human right to life?

Pray unceasingly for God’s is listening.



## Mass Intentions Of The Week

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Tu Tran – Ruth Bass Cornwell – Damian Skipper Intentions of Willis Family

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

**Thirteenth 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. – Paul and Doris Andoh – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Leontine Coleman Intentions of Stacey Martin and Family – Joseph Armant – Nancy Fitzsimmons

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Damian Skipper – Gina Greenlee – Tu Tran – Malcolm & Mary Clement – Intentions of Jalen Adams – Deacon Foster – Joseph Armant – McKinney Family

**12:00p.m.** Charles L. Patin – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Elysian Fields St. Joseph Altar

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Clara Faciane – All poor souls – Intentions of the Martin and Family – Sharon A. Taylor

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Martin Family – Deacon Foster

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – All souls in purgatory – Intentions of the Martin Family – Verna A. Frances – Patricia Casmire and Family

**Friday, July 6, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Rita Whitehead – Intentions of the Martin Family – Patricia Casmire – Blaire McDonald – Nancy Fitzsimmons

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

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

Announcements

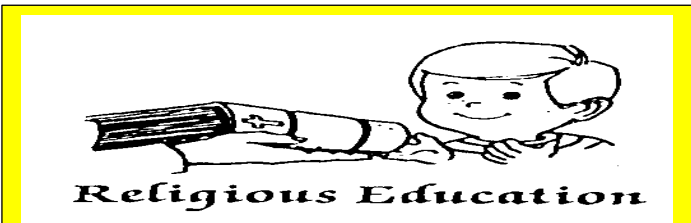
Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. No Adoration Wednesday, July 4, 2018.

**Commissioned To Spread The Community Of Love**  
 The Bible Study theme for Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time is: Just have Faith! Is faith without works dead? The Bible Study is based on the readings for the Thirteen Sunday In Ordinary Time: Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Responsorial Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43. The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: <http://www.smgnota.com/BibleStudy>, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us Monday at 7:00pm.

The Annual St. Maria Goretti Gospel Concert for Haiti will take place on July 15, 2018 from 3:30 - 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.



Registration for the St. Maria Goretti Parish School of Religion Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacramental fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, private, and charter 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.

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 Helen Cheatham  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Jesse Gibson and Tu Tran.

*In Our Parish*

- Monday, July 2, 2018**  
 9:00a.m. Altar Society Cookie Bake Preparations – Kitchen  
 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- Tuesday, July 3, 2018**  
 9:00a.m. Altar Society Cookie Bake Preparations – Rms. 3 & 4 & Kitchen  
 6:30p.m. KC Council Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4, 9  
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Rm. 10
- Wednesday, July 4, 2018**  
 Closed
- Thursday, July 5, 2018**  
 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center
- Friday, July 6, 2017**  
 9:00a.m. Altar Society Cookie Bake Preparations – Rms. 3 & 4 & Kitchen  
 12:15p.m. Low Impact Exercise Class – Center  
 6:00p.m. Catholic Men’s rosary for peace – Chapel
- Saturday, July 7, 2018**  
 8:00a.m. Feast Day Celebration - Entire Center  
 7:00p.m. Fatima Prayer Group – Rms. 3& 4

**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 the 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.

