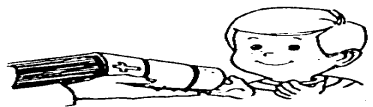


Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 8, 2018

In Mark's Gospel faith is a prerequisite for healing. Jesus does not heal to make people believe; he heals those whose faith is strong. Last week Jesus healed two people whose faith was strong. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus tells the woman who has been ill for twelve years (Mark 5:34). But in today's Gospel, "he was not able to perform any mighty deed" among his own kin because of "their lack of faith" (Mark 6:5-6). Our faith aids our receptivity to God's grace.

Saint Paul found wisdom in the way he faced challenges. He begged the Lord to remove "a thorn in the flesh," but accepted God's grace as a response. He realized that the work he did despite his difficulty revealed the power of Christ more than work he could do easily. In his weakness, the strength of God was made manifest.

Sometimes the real reason a prophet is rejected is because the people find the message to be too challenging. God warned Ezekiel that the people would be "obstinate of heart." Ezekiel would be telling them that it was due to their sins that they were living in exile and that Jerusalem would soon be destroyed. Certainly this was not what they would want to hear. Mark does not tell us what Jesus said in the synagogue, but Luke does: "he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). Perhaps most of those in attendance felt themselves better than "the poor" and did not appreciate that they were excluded from the "glad tidings."



Religious Education

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.



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Vigil of the Fourteenth 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 – Marie and Clarence Gautreaux – Ruth Cornwell – Tu Tran
Sunday, July 8, 2018

Fourteenth 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. – Beverly Wilkerson – Maria Pham – Jesse Gibson – Tu Tran – James St. Charles – Intentions of Memory Britsch

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Charles Valteau – Cinque Stallworth – Gina Greenlee – Tu Tran – Damian Skipper – Intentions of the McKinney Family

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

Monday, July 9, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Rose Garnett – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of the Martin Family – Memory Britsch

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Albert R. Pierre – Cinque Stallworth – Intentions of Todd and Marcy Guillory – Stacey Martin – Patricia Casmire – Memory Britsch

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Gregory Pierre – Stacey Martin

Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Albert G. Pierre – Tu Tran – Intentions of Myrtha A. Shields – Stacey Martin – Memory Britsch

Friday, July 13, 2018

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

Saturday, July 14, 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.

Commission to Spread the Community of Love

The Bible Study theme for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **Failure is not fatal!** The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time: Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Responsorial Psalm: 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: <http://www.smgmola.com/BibleStudy>, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Bible Study is held in the Center on Monday's at 7:00p.m.

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 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

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. The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the catholic faith. Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members. Have 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 deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ by studying Sacred Scripture and the Teachings of the Church?** Who are married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. Would like to be a sponsor for a candidate for The Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism.

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 July 17, 2018 at 7:00 in the Chapel. For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgmola.com, or visit the website at <http://www.smgmola.com>.



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, July 9, 2018

10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

7:00p.m. KC #2921 Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship Meeting – Library

Thursday, July 12, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, July 13, 2017

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

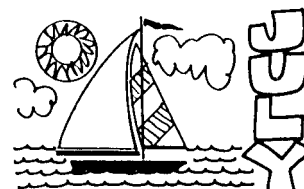
Saturday, July 14, 2018

12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership – Library
6:00p.m. Family Movie Night – 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.



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.