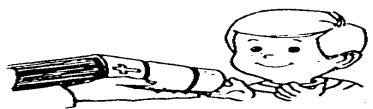


**Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**August 12, 2018**

Persistence. That is what the angel of the Lord needs when visiting Elijah in the desert. Notice that one visit was not enough. In the account from the first book of kings, the angel brought food and water to Elijah and nudged him to get up and eat. Elijah obeys, but then he lies down again. So the angel has to return, touch him again, and order him to get up, eat, and begin his journey. This does the trick, as after this second meal Elijah finally resumes his walk across the desert. Like a parent trying to get his child up for school, one attempt is not enough.

How should we treat one another? Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians sums it up in two verses: Remove "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting . . . reviling . . . (and) malice. "Instead, be kind . . . compassionate, (and) forgiving" (Ephesians 4:32-32). Eliminate the negative and choose the positive. This is not always as easy as it sounds. It helps to see the goodness, or the potential for goodness, in everyone. "Be imitators of God," in other words (Ephesians 5:1).

The bread that the angle brought Elijah sustained him on a forty-day journey through the desert to Mt. Horeb, a place where he could encounter God. The bread that Jesus gives us, the very bread of life that Jesus is, is meant to sustain us on our journey to God. We may not be prophets like Elijah, but we all have different periods on our journey through life. Jesus, the Bread of Life, can sustain us during these times.



**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.



**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Audrey Jefferson – Leonard Belton – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Melba Fletcher – Charles Patin, Sr.

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**Nineteenth 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 – Poncho De Leon – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – Calvin Tate – Manuel & Evelyn Gouse – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Memory Britsch

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Marjorie Valteau – Dinh Tran – Tu Tran – Leontine Coleman – Jimmy Kirkland – Dominique Bachemin – Latoya Keelen – William Dockett – Clothide Harris – Glenn Gains – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho De Leon

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

**Monday, August 13, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katherine Bertrand – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – Dinh Tran – Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho Intentions of the Martin Family – Memory Britsch –

**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Lilly Pierre – Memory Britsch

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Rita & Dennis Washington – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Ingrid Simon

**12:00a.m.** Deacon Poncho – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Lilly Pierre – Iris Pierre – Memory Britsch – Ingrid Simon

**6:00p.m.** Deacon Poncho – All Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – Dinh Tran – Intentions of Lilly Pierre – Stacey Martin – Memory Britsch – Ingrid Simon

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Memory Britsch

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Maria Pham – Dinh Tran – 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 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **When a little is enough!** The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time: Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Responsorial Psalm: 145; 6 Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel: John 6:15.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: [www.smgmola.com/BibleStudy](http://www.smgmola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Bible Study will resume Monday, August 6, in the Center at 7:00p.m.

**Health Fair**

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to our annual health fair on Sunday, August 19th, 9:30am-2:00pm in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. Wellness screenings and healthy food samples will be available. Sign up for the blood drive which will be held on August 26th. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food bank.

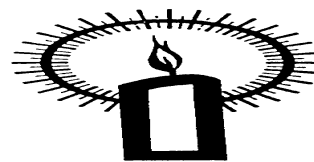


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**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. **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 August 14, 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](mailto:tbroussard@smgmola.com), or visit the website at [www@smgmola.com](http://www@smgmola.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 in Memory of Paul O. Beaulieu  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Hall and Gautreaux families.

*In Our Parish*

- Monday, August 13, 2018**  
 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- Tuesday, August 14, 2018**  
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center  
 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10  
 7:00p.m. Knight of Columbus #2921 – Rms. 3 & 4
- Wednesday, August 15, 2018**  
 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center  
 7:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – Library
- Thursday, August 16, 2018**  
 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center
- Friday, August 17, 2017**  
 6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3 & 4
- Saturday, August 18, 2018**  
 7:00a.m. CYO – Center 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 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.

