

## Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

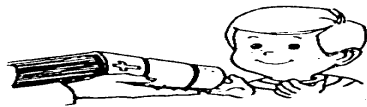
Wisdom invites us to a better life in today's reading. She invites us to a life that is transformed from one of ignorance and foolishness to one of knowledge and understanding. She appeals to our desire to learn, to grow in knowledge, to advance in understanding. Wisdom calls people from all over to partake in her banquet, even sending our emissaries to places far and wide. People are free to accept or decline her invitation, but those who accept will gain wisdom. In other words. Wisdom is freely giving herself to anyone who accepts her invitation, her invitation "that you may live" (Proverbs 9:6).

Jesus does the same in today's Gospel. He freely gives himself to all who accepts his invitation to partake in the Eucharist. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood and remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56). As Wisdom invited us to a better life, Jesus does as well, promising that "whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58), inviting us to eternal life. Just as with Wisdom, all are invited; in this passage, he is speaking to the crowds. Also like Wisdom, he sent out emissaries, his disciples, far and wide.

When we come together on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, we gather at two tables: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. In the Word, we are nourished with knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. In the Eucharist, we are nourished with the Lord, uniting us to the one body of Christ. Together, the tables satisfy our hunger for meaning and for life.

### Question of the week

What can I do to show others that I have advanced in understanding and that Jesus remains in me?



### 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.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 18, 2018

#### Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Audrey Jefferson – Levi and Gwendolyn Bouligny – Melba Fletcher – Ellsworth McKendall – Tu Tran – Leonard Belton

### Sunday, August 19, 2018

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**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. – Maria Pham – Beverly Wilkerson – Dominique Bachemin – Calvin Tate – Dinh Tran – Tu Tran – Jimmy Kirkland – Audrey Porter – Joseph Cong Cao

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Dominique Bachemin – Leontine Coleman – Tu Tran – Audrey Porter – Paul Beaulieu – Deacon Poncho – Sylvia Green – Marjorie Valteau – Intentions of Wendy Banquet

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

### Monday, August 20, 2018

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Simba and Levi Bouligny

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Blaire McDonald

### Wednesday, August 22, 2018

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Deacon Poncho – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Fr. Timothy Pieris

### Thursday, August 23, 2018

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

### Friday, August 24, 2018

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Stacey Martin

### Saturday, August 25, 2018

**8:30a.m.** Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Dinh Tran – Sylvia Green – 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.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study theme for **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: Bible Study theme for the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **We Are What We Eat!** Jesus does not mince words! “The Jews quarreled” because Jesus says he gives his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. And he also promises “eternal life” to those who so eat and drink. Neither should we mince the way we live what Jesus says. We who eat his flesh and drink his blood are to live his life to the fullest. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6; Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel: John 6:51-58** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: [smgnola.com/BibleStudy](http://smgnola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Bible Study is held in the Center on Monday, August 13, 2018 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 and 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. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members. **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@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 Leonard Gauthreaux. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Sylvia Green and Paul Beaulieu.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, August 20, 2018**

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

6:00p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rms. 3 & 4

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

6:00p.m. Edge Lake HOA – RM. 7

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting – Library

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

**Friday, August 24, 2018**

6:00p.m. Holy Name Radio Rosary – Rm. 3 & 4

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

9:30a.m. Religious Education Registerstation 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.

**Pray For Peace**