

Twenty-sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 30, 2018



Masses For The Week

What a vivid image James uses of the hearts of the rich being fattened for slaughter! Normally one thinks of animals being fattened for slaughter – animals that will provide food on our plates. But James is talking about people who foolishly and greedily hoard their wealth. Their hearts are not animated by a desire to share with those in need. In fact, they are impoverishing the very people who do the work to increase their profit. This leaves their hearts as bloated as their wallets. Their wealth is not eligible for eternal life

God does not diminish anyone's own gifts when spreading those gifts among a wider population. Did Moses' ability to prophesy weaken after dozens of elders received the same ability? No. Were Jesus' exorcisms less effective because others were doing the same thing in his name? Of course not. God's grace is not a limited resource that can only stretch so far. We cannot put a limit on the gifts God gives.

Moses' wish that ends the first reading – "Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!" – does not go unfulfilled (Numbers 11:29). The Lord has indeed bestowed the Holy Spirit on us all. In baptism we all receive exactly what Moses hoped for. We all have the ability to prophesy – to speak the word of God to those we encounter. From time to time we need to be reminded of that gift – and that duty. We are obligated by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us to preach hope to the hopeless and conversion to those whose hearts are in the wrong place.

Question of the Week

How do I put too much faith in those impermanent things that bring me wealth and comfort? How can I express the Spirit who I receive in baptism to others?

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Vigil of the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Audrey Jefferson – John & Melba Fletcher – Tu Tran – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – Intention of the Parishioners of St. Therese De L'Enfant Jesus in Darbonne, Haiti

Sunday, September 30, 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 – Maria Pham – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran – Lorraine Adams – James St. Charles

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Dominique Bachemin – Tu Tran – Paul Beaulieu – Sylvia Green – V. Vigne Richard – Joanne Lee – Rose Marie Robinson – Intentions of the McKinney Family – Gina Bush – In Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho

12:00p.m. Charles L. Patin, Sr. – Byron Brooks, Jr. – Forest Buxton – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, October 1, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Charles Mitchell, Jr. – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – John and Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – Shirley Marshall – Intentions of Memory Britch

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Stacey Martin and Family – Memory Britch – Blair McDonald – Leonard Gauthreaux

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Gina Bush – All souls in purgatory

Thursday, October 4, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin and Family – Memory Britch – Randy Cruell – Leonard Gauthreaux

Friday, October 5, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Sylvia Green – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin and family – Memory Britch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Tammie Cruell – All sick and home bound – All poor souls in purgatory.

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8:30a.m. Maria Pham – Tu 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 **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: Who Invited You? What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? It means doing good works “in [his] name.” It means receiving all others who do good “in [his] name.” It means cutting off from ourselves any behaviors that keep us or others from living “in [his] name.” It means, then, taking on both Jesus’ single-minded focus (his willingness to pay any price for the sake of the kingdom) and his open-minded acceptance of all the good works and all the good people who are bringing this kingdom about. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29; Responsorial Psalm: 19:8, 12,-13, 14; Reading II: James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.** The Bible Study can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us Monday, evening at 7:00p.m. in the Center.

Parish Picnic

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our parish picnic Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. There will be plate dinners, hamburger, hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, snowball, beer and lots of fun. Just bring yourself and your family to the Msgr. Gauthreaux Center for a good time.

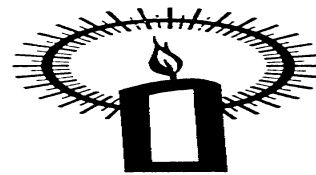


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

RCIA

Let us get out of the pews and into the community and demonstrate the wonderful work God is doing in us. 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 is in its Period of Inquire. This week we will discuss **Why Does Evil Exist: Can you become Catholic and remain Catholic in the midst of scandal? 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, 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 memory of Roland Gordon. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Doris Seruntine and Bryon Brooks, Jr.

In Our Parish 

Monday, October 1, 2018

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6:00p.m.

7:00p.m.

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

9:00a.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

7:00p.m. Catholic Mens Fellowship – Library

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Thursday, October 4, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, October 5, 2018

6:00p.m. Men’s Rosary for Peace – Chapel

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Rms. 3 & 4
Men’s Group

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.