

Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time November 4, 2018

The faithful scribe only asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” (Mark 12:28). He gets more than he bargained for, as Jesus gives him two. Seen from God’s perspective, the paring makes perfect sense. The human race was created in the image and likeness of God. Indeed, the human race was created from the love of God. So from the divine perspective, everyone is worthy of love. Everyone was made in God’s image. Everyone was made from God’s love. Viewing it from this perspective, we realize how the second commandment flows logically from the first.

We also know that God is in every one of us. If we are to look keenly, the face of Jesus is visible in everyone’s face. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. Thus, loving your neighbor is loving God. And we know from the parable of the Good Samaritan what God is asking of us when we are told to love our neighbor.

The scribe immediately understood why Jesus included the second commandment with the first. He recalls the words of Hosea, “For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice” (Hosea 6:6) when restating Jesus’ words. This is why Jesus tells him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God” (Mark 12:34). But now comes the important part: he needs to put this knowledge into practice. The scribe had the desire to do the will of God, understood the reasoning behind the answer, and expressed the expectation of putting it into action. Unfortunately, we never find out what this anonymous scribe goes on to do. One hopes that he lives the rest of his life according to what he has learned.

Question of the Week

Do I put these two commandments above all others in the way that I live my life? Do I see the face of Jesus in my neighbor?



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Vigil of the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Shelia Lewis – Tu Tran – Audrey Jefferson – Leonard Belton – Danny Jon Singletary – Daniel & Elizabeth Ripoll – Virgil & Mary Duplessis – George Marcell – Elora & Marie Butcher

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Thirty-first 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 – Melvina Kepp – Calvin Tate – Corrine Singletary – Cliff ton Allen – All poor souls

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Paul Beaulieu – Melvin Thomas – Shelia Lewis – Sylvia Green – Albert Pierre – Andrew Joseph, III – Intentions of Stacey Martin – In Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho

12:00p.m. Byron Brooks, Jr. – Gloria Curtis – Forest Buxton – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, November 5, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Tu Tran – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of James Young – Stacey Martin – The Gauthreaux & Comeaux Family – All Poor Souls

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – James & Tamerle Young – Poor Souls in purgatory.

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Leonard Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Stacey Martin – James & Tamerle Young – Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 8, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Coa & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Rita Whitehead – Dale Haydel – Ellsworth McKendall – Deacon Poncho – Janes Young – Benjamin Russ – Melvin Thomas – Elton, Sr. and Jr. , Kevin & Derick Madison

Friday, November 9, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Willie Guillory – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young – Stacey Martin – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – All Poor Souls in purgatory.

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30a.m. Benjamin Henry Russ – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.



**Time
Change**

Announcements

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. –12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00p.m – 3:00pm. Love in Grace and Love so that you live in obedience until the end. The one “who holds out until the end” will see salvation. (Mt. 24:13)

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **Never give up! Never give in!** When we want something badly enough, we tend not to give up in the face of opposition. Despite many in the crowd rebuking Bartimaeus, he continued to call out to Jesus for healing, and received what he wanted—and even more. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Responsorial Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28; Gospel: John 14:14-23.** The Bible Study can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us Monday, evening at 7:00p.m. in the Center.

The Altar Society will be selling Wine and Cheese Raffle Tickets after all Masses November 10 & 11th and November 17th and 18th. The drawing will be Sunday, November 18th after the 12:00 noon Mass.



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

RCIA

Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community. The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins the Period of inquiry. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? **Come and join us.** Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members. The RCIA is in its Period of Inquire. This week we will discuss; How many covenants did God make with us? Why and when did He make them? What is my response? 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 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 Mr. & Mrs. Clement and Lilly Torregano. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Irma Pierre.

In Our Parish **Monday, November 5, 2018**

6:00a.m. Voting – Center

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Wednesday, November 7, 2018

9:00a.m. United Teachers Union – Center Kitchen
5:00p.m. Youth Foundation Tutoring – Rms. 3 – 4
6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting – Library

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, November 9, 2018

8:00a.m. Wise Pearls Senior’s – Kitchen & Center


Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Rms. 3 & 4
Men’s Group
10:00a.m. Spring Lake HOA – Library
12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Meeting – Library

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

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