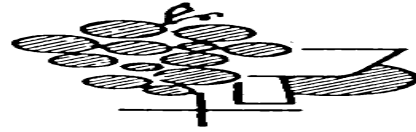


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019



Blessing and curses. The first half of this pair is always wonderful; the second half is worrisome. Many times it is obvious why God curses someone or something: the serpent encourages Eve to disobey, the fig tree will not bear fruit, the wicked lead others astray. But why curse those who trust in other people, those who have plenty, or those who laugh? It is important to see the context. In Jeremiah, God is not cursing a husband who trusts his spouse or a child who trusts in her parent. Those who are cursed are those who turn away from the Lord and put their trust in fallible creatures. Jesus notices that some have more than enough while others suffer from want. Some turn a blind eye to other's misery. These people will have difficult futures.

Jesus turns the world upside down. Those enjoying riches, happiness, and fame will have their success crumble. Those suffering from hunger, poverty, and derision will be rewarded in the end. This is the paradoxical nature of the kingdom of God. After all, this is the kingdom that Saint Paul refers to in the second reading, the kingdom to which Jesus ascended in the greatest reversal of all: by dying as a criminal on the cross, he was raised to eternal glory.

Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus all call us to transform our lives. We can do this by changing our perspective. To use Paul's words, we are called not for this life only, but for eternal life with God.

Question of the Week

How can I change the way I live my life in accordance with the Beatitudes? What can I do to receive the blessings of God and to help others receive those blessings as well.

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Charles Le Sassier – Leonard Belton – Frances and Hall Families – Richard Page – Intentions of Jourdain, Owens and Casmier Families – In thanksgiving for favors granted – In thanksgiving to St. Jude, and St. Anthony

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Nep Tran – Calvin and Troby Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Leonard Gauthreaux – Joseph Simms

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Leonard Gauthreaux – Joseph Simms

12:00p.m. Anna Trena Guillaume – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, February 18, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Tamerle and James Young – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Leonard Gauthreaux – Joseph Simms

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Bret Morgan, Sr. – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Leonard Gauthreaux – Joseph Simms

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Irma Pierre – Deacon Poncho – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Joseph Simms – Tamerle Young

Thursday, February 21, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht

Friday, February 22, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Stacey Martin – James Young – Fr. Henry Engelbrecht – Leonard Gauthreaux – Joseph Simms

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:30a.m. Jasper Price, Jr. – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

“No matter what.... Trust God.” “You say.... Nobody loves me. God says....I love you.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The theme for **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Don't be Frustrated – Trust God?** “Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of belonging to God.” Bible Study celebration will be based on the readings for the: [Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Responsorial Psalm: 1:1-2, 3-4, 6; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26.](#) Bible study is every Monday evening at **7:00p.m. in the center.**

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

RCIA

Our society is becoming increasingly divided along racial, economic, political and religious lines. Sundays, the day of worship for Christians, is said to be the most segregated day of the week. The segregation is based increasingly on the use of the Word of God to justify the separation based on wealth, race and ethnicity. We discover the presence of God's kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on "level ground." Are your children still Catholic? Do they practice their faith? Do you know enough about your faith to help them?

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 RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? This week we continue our focus on the Sacraments. The topic is: The Sacramental Way of Life. The Eucharist – “The Lamb’s Supper.” The Biblical Source of the Mass.

For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team 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 in thanksgiving to St. Anthony and St. Jude.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Memory Britsch and Lynn Smith

*This Week in our Parish***Monday, February 18, 2019**

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

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

6:00p.m. N. Kemilworth HOA – Rm. 7

6:00p.m. Edgelake HOA – Rm. 9

6:00p.m. Villa Sites – Rm. 8

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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

6:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – Library

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Class – Center

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm 10

Thursday, February 21, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, February 22, 2019

6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3–4, Kitchen

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:00a.m. LTMTTP – Rms. 3 – 4

11:00a.m. Star Project – Rm. 10

5:30p.m. Knights of Columbus Lecture Series – Center

God of Mercy and Love we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us. Fr. Jim Goode, OFM