

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2019

Who are you more likely to believe: someone who tells you something quite plausible but who is often dishonest, or someone who is always honest but tells you something seemingly impossible? We know whom Abraham would believe. As Hebrews says, Abraham put his faith in God, not because what God said was sensible or likely, but because God was trustworthy. Abraham trusted God enough to leave his homeland, remain with his apparently infertile wife, and even be willing to sacrifice their son. His faith and trust enabled him to learn that nothing—no matter how implausible—was impossible for God.

We hope to surround ourselves with people who are worthy of our trust. These are the people with whom we can feel comfortable, in whom we can confide. Those who break promises, who betray that trust, whether politicians, employers, family members, or friends, have a very difficult time ever reestablishing that trust.

The Gospel passage we hear today is similar to ones we generally hear at the end of the year, when we are reminded to prepare for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Since the lesson Jesus is teaching his disciples is to be prepared always and because one cannot know when the hour will come, it is perfectly appropriate to read and reflect on this passage at any time of the year. The hour could come for us, any of us, at any time. We would do well to be ready to be of service at any time, like the servants who will be rewarded

Question of the Week

Considering that the end may come at any time, am I prepared? What can I do to prepare myself for my end time?



Saturday, August 10, 2019

Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Diana Villavaso – Clarence Hebert, Jr. – Hilda Thomatis McKay – Gertrude St. Amant – Calvin Casmier – Ellsworth McKendall

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Hilda Thomatis McKay – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Intention of Tamerle Young

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Anna Trena Guillaume – Hilda Thomatis McKay – Robert Roussell and Family – Anthony Route – Theresa Cousins – Pamela Chevalier August – Intentions of the McKinney Family – Stacey Martin

12:00p.m. Diana Hale – Maxine Gwendolyn Johnson – Pamela Chevalier August – Intention of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, August 12, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Mr. & Mrs. Winschell, Sr. – Intentions of Stacy Martin

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Memory Britsch – Cathy Craigie – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Thursday, August 15, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – John Albano – Intentions of the Gauthreaux and Buyeera Families – Holy Name Societies

Friday, August 16, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Altar Society

Saturday, August 17, 2019

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

Announcements

No Eucharistic Adoration August 15, 2019. Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

The Bible Study Theme for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time? Readings: Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9; Responsorial Psalm: 33:1, 12, 18-22; Reading II: Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Gospel: Luke 12:32-48, or 12:35-40.



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

School of Religion 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 25, 2019 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.

RCIA

Give the gift that keeps on giving. Invite someone to a life in Jesus Christ. St. Maria Goretti Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. These sessions will focus on the Bible, the teachings and experiences of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information contact Deacon Terrel Broussard tbroussard@smgnola.com or visit the website at 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 in memory of Calvin Casmier. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Charles Valteau and Gwendolyn Valteau.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 12, 2019

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. 2921 Council Meeting – Rms. 3-4

Tuesday August 13, 2019

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA –Rm. 9
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Meeting – Library

Thursday, August 15, 2019

6:00p.m. BINGO

Friday, August 16, 2019

6:30p.m. Holy Name Social – Center

Sunday, August 17, 2019

8:00a.m. Lay Carmelites Day of Celebration – Center Area
10:00a.m. First Place Class – Rm. 6

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 storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen