

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*June 25, 2017*



*The Gospel passages for today's and next week are from the "Mission Sermon," second of the five great sermons in Matthew's Gospel. What we hear today is prefaced earlier in Chapter 10 with "Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them to thus" (10:5). These words are addressed not only to disciples long ago and far away, but to us, right here and now.*

*Ominous indeed are Jesus' predictions of what faithful disciples will face. Challenging, his expectations of how courageous we should be. Jesus is straightforward about our obligation to bear witness in a dangerous, cynical world. His warning is matched to the first reading from Jeremiah. Whenever the Gospel issue is the cost of discipleship, we hear from that prophet whose life was a testimony to fidelity in the face of rejection and cruelty. Less dramatic, but no less painful, is the experience of anyone who today dares defend Catholic teaching on a wide spectrum of moral or social issues. But our obligation to do so derives from our Baptism, which anoints us to the prophetic office, and from Confirmation, which strengthens us for witnessing by gifts of the Holy Spirit. The "whispers" Jeremiah heard, especially from those he thought were his friends, are familiar to anyone who takes seriously discipleship's call to bear witness.*

*It is important, then, for us to hear another command that Jesus issues three times in this one passage: Do not be afraid! First, the general counsel: "Fear no one" (Matthew 10:26). Then more specifically: "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (10:28). Finally, most comfortingly, Jesus evolves an image particularly apt as spring unfolds to early summer: So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (10:31).*

*God's providential love is evident all around us in the world of nature. If that divine love does not fail to take account of trails that befall the humblest sparrow, "sold for a small coin" (10:29), surely it will fail us, purchased at the price of Christ's precious blood. In fact, if we fear anything, perhaps we ought to be afraid that discipleship has cost most of us very little indeed.*

**Question of the Week**

*If you were to give public witness to God's action in your life, what is the worst that could happen to you? Is it anything that God can't or won't handle?*

**Saturday, June 24, 2017**

**Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – Justin Wilson – Dorothy Maney – Intentions of Miriam Page – James Young – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Nguyen – Alton Lombard

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Melvina Kepp – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary – James St. Charles – Manuel Gouse – Intentions of James Young

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Melvin Thomas, Jr. – Emile Dabaval – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of Madine Freeman – James Young – Miriam Page

**12:00p.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Society – Edward Lassigne, Jr. – Andrew Joseph, III

**Monday, June 26, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Catherine Bertrand – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Joseph Truxillo, Sr. – Waldo Dejan – Joseph Houg – Intentions of James Young

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Intentions of Miriam Page – For all Poor Souls

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of James Young – M. Page

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Thang Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of James Young – M. Page

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Ellsworth McKendall – Mary Tam – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of Miriam Page – Randy Cruell – James Young

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Intentions of James Young – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**Pray For Peace**

**Announcements**

“Dear Lord, I do not ask to see the path. In darkness, in anguish and in fear, I will hang on tightly to Your Hand, and I will close my eyes, so that You know how much Trust I place in You, Spouse of my soul.” ..Blessed Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study theme for the Solemnity of the Holy Spirit is: **He’s Got Your Back!** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Responsorial Psalm: 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Reading II: Romans 5:12-15; Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us in the Center Monday, June 26 at 7:00p.m.

Registration for Our Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, and private 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.



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

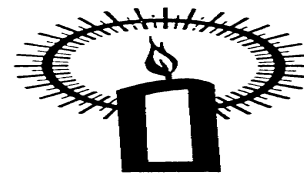
The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) now moves to the period called: **“Life in Christ and the Practice of the Faith”**: During this period, the New Christians continue to deepen their understanding of the mysteries of the faith. They are encouraged to become active in the parish community through interaction with the parish ministries, continue catechesis and participate with all the faithful in devotions and the Sunday Eucharist celebration. The New Christians are now part of Christ’s body (the Church). They must now go forth with the entire faith community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Please continue to support them.

**The Parish Invites Those Who:**

- Have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Are Catholic and would like to know more about their faith?
- Who is married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Please remember the newly Baptized and Confirmed in your prayers as they continue their Journey of Faith and welcome them to parish events and ministries.

For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Byron Martin Sheila Thompson, Dianne Wiltz-Huntley, or any RCIA member or visit the web site at [www.smgola.com](http://www.smgola.com).



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of all our deceased Parishioner. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Harold Broussard, Sr.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, June 26, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dancer Class Center
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

- 12:00p.m. AARP 4550 – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3&4
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- 7:00p.m. Executive Board Meeting - Library

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center
- 5:30p.m. District E Meeting – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Meeting - Library

**Thursday, June 29, 2017**

- 9:00a.m. Altar Society – Center & Kitchen
- 6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, June 30, 2017**

- 6:00p.m. Wedding Rehearsal – Church

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

- 9:00a.m. St. Maria Goretti Altar – Center & Kitchen
- 7:00p.m. Filipino – Prayer Group – Rms 3 & 4

**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

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.

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