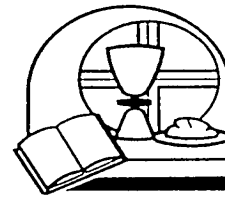


*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 9, 2017*



**Mass  
Intentions  
Of The Week**

*How perfectly Jesus' invitation accords with summer's spirit: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened . . . Take my yoke upon you and learn from me . . . you will find rest" (Matthew 11:28, 29). Yet, as comforting as Jesus' invitation sounds, don't we sometimes wish God would stage a miracle or two to jolt the world out of complacency and unbelief, ushering in the Kingdom with some irrefutable evidence of heavenly power, divine purpose?*

*But would such miracles really accomplish anything? As today's Gospel opens, Jesus praises his Father's odd plan. The "wise and learned," whose theological education and religious observance should have guaranteed their grasp of Jesus' message, and whose prestige could have advanced Jesus' mission, have completely missed the point. Meanwhile, the simple and powerless prove "little" enough to trust Jesus (take his yoke) and open enough to learn from him, Perhaps they understood that as Joseph's one-time apprentice, Jesus the carpenter was referring to the yokes of that time, custom-molded to each animal's shoulders and always made for two, so that animals walking side by side encourage each other.*

*In hidden guise, as Zechariah envisioned, this humble king enters our world still. But those describes as "in the flesh" (i.e., locked into worldly values), a humble kingdom that invites but does not compel is no kingdom at all. A discipleship that goes above and beyond is neither nor light. But we are "in the spirit;" we see with Jesus' eyes, judge by Jesus' standards, delight with Jesus in his Father's plan . . . don't we?*

**Question of the Week**

*What constitutes Jesus' "yoke" in my life? How can I lighten the burden carried by someone I know?*

**Pray For Peace**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Marie & Clarence Gauthreaux – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – Nicky Hayden – Joseph Relf, Sr. – Intentions of Miriam Page – James Young – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Nguyen

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

**Fourteenth 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 – Audrey Porter – Rose Mae Malveaux Broussard – Audrey Porter – Mary Patnett – Rudy Winford – Intentions of James Young

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre – Glenn Gilyot – Olga Darensbourg – Imelda Darensbourg – Pamela Chevalier August - Intentions of 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 – Harold Broussard, Sr.

**Monday, July 10, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Albert R. Pierre – Joseph Houng – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Zelda McKendall

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Keith Bruno – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Gregory Anthony Pierre – All Poor Souls

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Myrtha A. Shields – Albert G. Pierre – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

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

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

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

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Intentions of Kobie & Antoinette Guillory – James Young – Miriam Page – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**Announcements**

“Receive counsel in everything you do, and you don’t be sorry when you’ve done it.” ... St. Benedict. 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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **Need A Break – Try Jesus?** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10; Responsorial Psalm: 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13; Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30.** 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, July 10 at 7:00p.m. **for the Fourth and Final week of vacation bible study entitled: I Can Get Through This If I Know The Truth And Live It! – Don’t Fall For Fake News! This is the conclusion of the study of the First and Second Letters of St. Peter. This week the lesson will be 2 Peter Chapters 1-3.** The Bible Study is based on the First and Second Letters of St. Peter. Study Questions have been posted on the parish website.

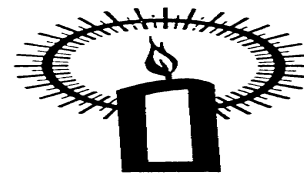
Registration for Our Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$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. For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard or visit the web site at [www.smgola.com](http://www.smgola.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 all our deceased Parishioners. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Darnell Legaux and Spencer J. Knox.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, July 10, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center
- 7:00p.m. 4th Degree Knights – Rms. 3 & 4, Kitchen

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center
- 5:30p.m. District E Meeting – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Spring Lake HOA – Rm. 8
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

- 12:15p.m. Low Impact Exercise Class - Center

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

**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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