

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 23 2017*

**Masses For The Week**



*Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's "lenience," though "power, whenever you will, attends you" (12: 18). Regarding God's expectations, Wisdom considers one indispensable: "Those who are just must be kind" (12:19). But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world or even the Church suggest a little gardening is long overdue? Well, God is in luck, We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds so clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly.*

*Don't our private reflection sometimes sound like that? Paul, acknowledges, "We do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Rather than praying that we become more like God, we demand that God become more like us, thorough and quick. But God, shrewd householder indeed, knows our zeal but wisely distrusts our discernment. We're zealous, yes, but judgmental too. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment.*

*Moreover, aren't we missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Which are we then? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as zealous and judgmental as we are deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward that slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, after all, includes us.*

**Question of the Week**

*This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?*

**Pray For Peace**

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Blair McDonald – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – Gloria & Lloyd St. Martin – Joseph Relf, Sr. – Chris H. Daillier, Sr. – Nia Robertson – Thanks St. Anthony for favors granted. – Intentions of Miriam Page – James Young – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Nguyen

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

**Sixteenth 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 – Mary Patnett – Joseph Ronald Segura – 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 – Melvin Thomas – Nia Robertson – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Edward Parker, Jr.

**12:00p.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Society – Nia Robertson – Damian P. Skipper – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Charles Leonard Patin, Sr.

**Monday, July 24, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. Charle Winchell, Jr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Albert R. Pierre – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Tolita Buyeera – Denise M. Williams

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Tolita Buyeera – All Poor Souls

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of James Young – Mariam Page – Tolita Buyeera – Waldo Dejan

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

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

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

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

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

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

**Announcements**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10. 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time is: From Roots To Reality! How deep are you rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ?** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Responsorial Psalm: 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Reading II: Romans 8:26-27; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43.**

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 17 at 7:00p.m.

**Special Thanks and congratulations, to all who attended the vacation bible study on the first and second letter of St. Peter.**

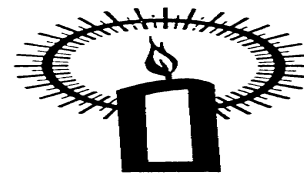
Registration for Our Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$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.smgnola.com](http://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 Theresa Gilyot. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Jesse Hall & Parents and Chris H. Davillier, Sr.

*In Our Parish* 

**Monday, July 24, 2017**

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

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3 & 4  
7:00p.m. Executive Board meeting – Library

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

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

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

12:15p.m. Low Impact Exercise Class – Center  
6:00p.m. Right to Life Set-up – Whole Center Area  
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship - Library

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

5:00p.m. New Orleans Right to Life – Whole Center Area

**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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