

Twenty-Second In Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017

Today Peter, the Rock, stumbles over Jesus' predicted Passion, prompting Jesus to label Peter as "Satan . . . an obstacle [stumbling block] to me" (Matthew 16:32). Jesus puts Peter and us in our place; literally, "Get behind me," i.e., where disciples belong, following the Master, imitating the Master's self-sacrificing love (16:23). Peter needed to learn, as do Christians in every age, including ours, that professing the faith is just the beginning. "Talking the talk" means nothing without "walking the walk."

Then and now, Jesus does not match the popular concept of "Messiah:" a champion to liberate our world—health, wealth—, and success—obsessed— from conflict and contradiction, pain and suffering, tragedy and waste. Instead, God's Suffering Servant willingly accepts death, absorbs all the physical and emotional pain human beings can inflict upon one another, in order to lead the human heart from within and liberate all humanity for eternal life. Thus, the disciples then and we now need to learn that Jesus' way, our way, must be the way of the Cross.

The price of "not conforming myself to this age" is steep, as Paul and Peter like, Jeremiah and Jesus before them, discovered (cf. Romans 12:2). Losing life to find it. Forfeiting self to profit others. How lonely discipleship's journey would be, were not disciples past and present and Jesus journeying with us! But what indescribable joy, even in the midst of suffering, to be channels for others of God's pardon and peace, the grace and goodness that always finds us when we lose ourselves for others and for God.

Question of the Week

Jesus bids me "deny myself" before "taking up the cross" and "following." What radical shift of values, reordering of priorities, refocusing of vision must take place in my heart as discipleship's non-negotiable Step Number 1?



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – James St. Charles – Leonard Belton – Melvina Kepp – Lehman & Schoenmehl Families – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson – Intentions of – James Young

Sunday, September 3, 2017

The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Bernardine Moore – Hurby Oubre – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary – Mary Patnett – Sylvia James – Martin & Jessica Doherty – Intentions of Donya & Tyrone Ralph – Gyna Joseph

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre – Glenn Gilyot – Alvin Martinez, Sr. – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Intentions of Iris Pierre – Rita Washington – Donya Ralph

12:00p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Charles Leonard Patin, Sr. – Enix Smith – Andrew Joseph, III – Odeline Gutierrez

Monday, September 4, 2017

8:30a.m. Catherine Bertrand – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Clement and Lily Torregano – Albert and Irma Pierre – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Donya Ralph – James Young – Rita Washington

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

8:30a.m. Mary Patnett – Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Blair McDonald – Rita Washington – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Donya Ralph – Iris Pierre – Gyna Joseph - Odeline Gutierrez

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Intentions of Miriam Page – Donya Ralph

Thursday, September 7, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Manuel & Evelyn Gouse – Rita Washington – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Tyrone and Donya Ralph

Friday, September 8, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Rita Washington – Intentions of Melanie and Angela Thomas – Denise Cousin & Family – Donya Ralph – Gyna Geffard Joseph - Odeline Gutierrez

Saturday, September 9, 2017

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

Announcements

“All of us gazing with unveiled faces on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, September 4, 2017.

The Bible Study theme for the **Twenty – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **Don't Be An Obstacle. Is your body an obstacle to a life in Jesus Christ? Is Satan an obstacle that can prevent God's reign?** This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty- Second In Ordinary Times Year A. Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Responsorial Psalm: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Reading II: Romans 12:1-2; Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at smgnola.com/BibleStudy, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Join us in the Center Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM. There will be no Bible on September 4, 2017**

Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School will have parent and student orientation on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 10:00a.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. Late registration for CCD classes will take place after orientation for those who **have not** registered. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. Parish students attending Catholic school at Sacramental grade levels (second and eleventh) who have not registered should do so at this time (sacramental fee only). Birth certificates and baptismal certificates are required at registration. If your child was baptized at Goretti before hurricane Katrina and you need a copy of a certificate, you can contact the Archdiocese Archives at 861-6241.



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) will continue our journey to Faith beginning September 1, 2017. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church.

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 the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, Dianne Wiltz-Huntley or any member of the RCIA Team at (504) 242-7554, or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at <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 thanksgiving to St. Jude and St. Anthony. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Mary Wheeler.

In Our Parish 

- Monday, September 4, 2017**
6:00p.m. Exercise Class - Center
- Tuesday, September 5, 2017**
6:00p.m. Candidate's Form – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017**
9:00a.m. UNTO _ Center & Kitchen
6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. 3rd Degree Knights – Rms. 3 & 4
7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship – Library
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
7:00p.m. Religious Education Teachers Meeting – Library
- Thursday, September 7, 2017**
6:00p.m. Bingo
- Friday, September 8, 2017**
6:00p.m. Rosary For Peace – Chapel
- Saturday, September 9, 2017**
8:00a.m. Holy Name Seminar – Library
10:00a.m. Star Class – Rm. 10
11:00a.m. Just Faith Ministry – Library
12.00p.m. Haiti Partnership Meeting – Library

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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