

*Twenty-Sixth In Ordinary Time*  
*October 1, 2017*

*Oh, when the saints go marching in, I want to be in that number!" And there's no season quite like autumn, with nature dying in stages before our very eyes, to remind us that sooner or later, we all have to march in that parade. How close to the front do we expect to be? Remember Jesus' challenge at the beginning of Ordinary Time way back last winter? "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). The danger comes when we begin to perceive ourselves as somehow eminently suited to a front-row seat, divinely destined to lead the parade. After all, we are among the few who always try to say yes to God in a world where so many say no.*

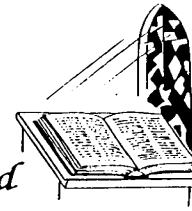
*But with Jesus, saying yes is not enough. Impressive words mean nothing apart from actual deeds. In Jesus' kingdom of "amazing grace," anyone from tax collectors and prostitutes to less exciting sinners like us, can change. Though they may have said no, they can feel sorry, start over, begin anew, and finally do what the Father asked. In Jesus' kingdom, competition must give way to cooperation, factions to unanimity, and self-centeredness to self-sacrifice on behalf of others.*

*If only we "have in [us] the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Dramatically described by Paul as having "emptied himself" (Philippians 2:5, 7). In the end, God who is not only fair but Fairness itself, as Ezekiel declares, does not impose judgment, but respecting our freedom, lets us judge ourselves, then lets our judgments stand.*

**Question of the Week**

*If at times I've been the one who said no, what would my saying yes to God look like in my life this week?*

*Liturgy*  
*Of The Word*



**Saturday, September 31, 2017**

**Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Corinne Singletary – George Marcell – Leonard Belton – Bruce Gabriel – Intentions of Monica Lodge – James & Tamerle Young

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – James St. Charles – Rose Mae Malveaux – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Mary Patnett – Bruce Gabriel – Melvina Kepp – Joyce Billy Augustine – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Leona Dawson – Intentions of Marilyn DeGrasse

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Glenn Gilyot – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Frank Richard, Jr. – Rita Washington – Olga Darnesbourg – Emelda Darnesbourg – Albert R. Pierre – Intentions of the McKinney Family

**12:00p.m.** Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Odeline Gutierrez

**Monday, October 2, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Charles Winchell, Jr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Tyrone and Donya Ralph – James and Tamerle Young – Faye Clary

**Tuesday, September 3, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Tyrone & Donya Ralph – Faye Clary – Beverly Williams – Vivian Beguile

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

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

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Intentions of James & Tamerle Young – Donya Ralph – Faye Clary – Wilma Bruno

**Friday, October 6, 2017**

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

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

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

**Announcements**

“O my Strength, it is you to whom I turn, for you, O God, are my stronghold, the God who shows me love.” 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 **Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **“It’s Time For a Makeover!” What do you know about your Catholic Faith? Can you explain, with clarity and conviction, what you believe to someone else? Does our conduct reflect what we believe?**

This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Join us on Monday’s in the Center at 7p.m.**

**Don't Forget The Picnic!**



We are looking forward to seeing EVERYONE at our parish picnic Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 1:00p.m. till 5:00p.m. There will be plate dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, snowballs, popcorn, soft drinks, beer, and lots of fun. Just bring yourself and your family to Msgr. Gauthreaux Center for a good time.



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

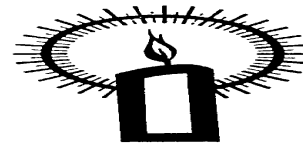
**RCIA**

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) **will begin the period of evangelization and pre-catechumen on September 26, 2017.**

This week’s Session is entitled: **Do Catholics Study the Bible? What is the role of Sacred Scripture in the Catholic Faith? Do Catholics believe that Scripture alone is the ultimate authority for Christian faith and life?**

**Source:** New Catholic Answer Bible, Catholic Catechism. **Sessions are every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the chapel.**

For more information please contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website [smgnola.com](http://smgnola.com).



**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 Miriam Page and Chris H. Davillier

**In Our Parish** 

**Monday, October 2, 2017**

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

9:00a.m. UTNO – Center - Kitchen

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship - Library

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, October 6, 2017**

6:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship Rosary - Chapel

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

6:00a.m. Picnic Preparation –Whole Center

2:00p.m. Altar Society- Rms. 3 & 4

5:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Reception – Center

5:30p.m. Fatima Prayer Group - Chapel

**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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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

**Pray for Peace in our World**