

Twenty-Eighth In Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017



Like last Sunday's second group of vineyard tenants, so with the quests who finally make it into this week's wedding banquet. They (we) are not the first invited. As Jesus lists successive groups of invitees, it becomes painfully clear – not only are we not the first, we're not even the best! We get in on the third sweep of "the main roads," i.e., roads separating the Promised Land from unclear Gentile territory. Though Isaiah promised "a feast of rich food and choice wines," the sense we're meant to get is hardly one of gracious dining in the company of elegant guests (25:6). We slipped in only when the sign went up: "Now Open to the Public." Something to remember whenever I gaze around the banquet hall (Sunday Mass) and start sizing up my fellow quests.

Consider too the unfortunate quest not dressed in a wedding garment. When it comes to the Kingdom's wedding feast, getting in does not necessarily guarantee staying in. In fact, being let in is no big deal, since everyone else, "bad and good alike," got in, too (Matthew 22:10). We were rounded up, forcibly packed in until the hall was filled. But being welcome by the King to stay requires a wedding garment, Paul's "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. Romans 13:14), Revelation's "bright, clean linen garment" (19:8).

Put another way: If being baptized is our "admittance ticket" to the Kingdom, then bearing witness to our baptismal covenant in self-sacrificing deeds of practical charity is absolutely required if we wish to remain to partake of the feast.

Question of the Week

What specific threads of "charity in action" are woven together to fashion the "wedding garment" needed for my presence at Jesus' feast? Is it time I got back to work at the proverbial loom?

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth 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 – Miriam Page – Susan Bradshaw Aubert – James Young

Sunday, October 15, 2017

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – James St. Charles – Hurby Oubre – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Round Segura – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr.

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Glenn Gilyot – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Frank Richard, Jr. – Rita and Dennis Washington – Miriam Page – Melvin Thomas – Albert R. Pierre – Maria – Intentions of McKinney family

12:00p.m. Harold Broussard, Sr. – Joseph Simms, Jr. – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, October 16, 2017

8:30a.m. Rose Garnett – Catherine Bertrand - Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Lillian Becker & Family – Miriam page – Mary Alice Thompson – Intentions of Gwendolyn Boulogny – Donya Ralph – Joseph Simms, Jr. – The DeGrasse Family

Tuesday, September 17, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Lori Crowden – Miriam Page – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Faye Clary – Iris Pierre – Joseph Simms, Jr.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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

Thursday, October 19, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Faye Clary – Raymond Schwankhart – Joseph Simms, Jr.

Friday, October 20, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Gullory, Faciane & Balancier Family – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr.

Saturday, October 21, 2017

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

Announcements

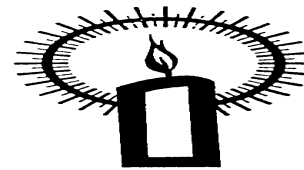
“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourself.” Philippians 2:3.
 Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the **Twenty- 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-Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I; Responsorial Psalm; Reading II; Gospel: .** 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.



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 Wayne Peter Bourgeois and Mary Alice Thompson

In Our Parish 

Monday, October 16, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

- 12:00p.m. AARP 4550 – Rms 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Exercise – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

Thursday, October 19, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 9:00a.m. Boy Scouts Supper – Center & Kitchen

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 1:00p.m. Parish Picnic – Center Area



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) HAS BEGUN. REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH OR BY CONTACTING A RCIA TEAM MEMBER.

This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **Who is God? How has God Revealed Himself?** **Source:** New Catholic Answer Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church. **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, or visit the website smgnola.com.

Respect Life Prayer

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son who lives and reign with the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
 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

Thank you Lord for the Gift of Life.