

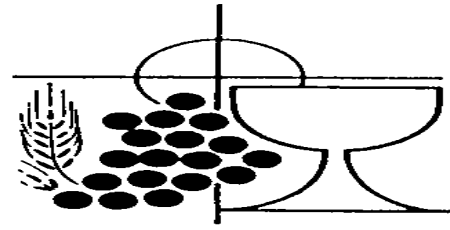
Twenty-Ninth In Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar?” (Matthew 22:17). For a faithful Jew whose Promise Land was occupied by Gentile Rome, this was really several questions in one. Since God prohibits graven images, was it lawful to traffic in coins that bore the image of an emperor who claimed divine status, to acknowledge the emperor’s authority, to fund the emperor’s projects? If Jesus agreed with the tax, he’d scandalize the devout by failing to champion God’s sovereignty. If Jesus opposed the tax, he’d be considered an anti-Roman revolutionary.

Jesus’ response is sometimes interpreted as having it both ways. But that’s precisely what Jesus is not doing. Jesus refuses to split life into two discrete compartments, independent of each other, God getting one part of me, the “real world” where I live and work, getting the other. Caesar must be given what is Caesar’s says Jesus. But what is Caesar’s? “The coin that pays the census tax” Matthew 22:19). What is God’s? Everything else – our heart, soul, values, moral judgments, our ultimate allegiance.

For someone who belongs wholly to God, no part of life is strictly “sacred” or “secular.” Everything, everyone is God’s, who calls even the pagan King Cyrus “my anointed . . . though you know me not”) Isaiah 45:1, 4). A nation’s most loyal citizens are those who, enlightened by Jesus’ gospel, are at once loving critics of the political system in which they live and critical lovers – affirming the good wherever it is found, calling evil by its name, witnessing prophetically and when necessary, heroically.

Question of the Week
How am I already exercising faithful, responsible citizenship? Is it time for me to join or initiate a concrete outreach to identify and address specific needs in my community?



Saturday, October 21, 2017

Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth 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 – Dorothy Maney – Intentions of James Young
Sunday, October 22, 2017

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Annette Bostic McHenry – Walter Banks, III – JoAnn Smith – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Mary Alice Thompson

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

12:00p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish and Joseph Simms, Jr

Monday, October 23, 2017

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacob, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Maria – Miriam page – Mary Alice Thompson – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Joseph Simms, Jr. – The DeGrasse Family – James and T. J. Young

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita and Dennis Washington – Richard and Miriam Page – Alton Madison – Intentions of Tyrone and Donya Ralph – Faye Clary – Iris Pierre – Joseph Simms, Jr. – Kathleen Gordon

Wednesday, October 25, 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. – Tyrone and Donya Ralph – James and T. J. Young

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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

Friday, October 27, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Guillory, Faciane & Balancier Family – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Donya Ralph – James and T. J. Young

Saturday, October 28, 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-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **“GIVE GOD WHAT IS HIS!” What talents and assets has God given us? Should we not give them back to Him to use us?** This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty- Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A. Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Responsorial Psalm: 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21.** 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.



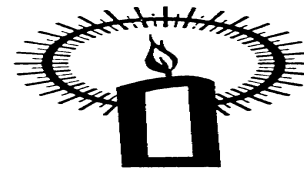
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

RCIA

The St. Maria Goretti (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: **Is Jesus God’s? How Is Jesus A Teacher? What Is The Holy Trinity?** **Source:** New Catholic Answer Bible, C1 and M1 and Catechism of the Catholic Church. Paragraphs 202, 272. **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.



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 Eugenie Gabriel and Mary Alice Thompson

In Our Parish 

Monday, October 23, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Holy Name Radio Rosary – Rms. 3 & 4

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

- 7:00a.m. Boy Scout Banquet – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Holy Name Executive Board – Library
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

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

Thursday, October 26, 2017

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, October 27, 2017

- 6:30p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3 & 4 -Kitchen

Saturday, October 28, 2017

- 8:00a.m. Zumbaton – Center & Kitchen

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.