

Thirtieth In Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017



Last Sunday's question about taxes sought to trap Jesus into dividing life into sacred and secular compartments. Instead, Jesus answered that everything that we have comes from God, so all that we are is God's. There can never be a circumstance or issue to which we do not respond as believers. Today's question – "Which commandment . . . is the greatest?" – seeks to trap Jesus into dividing the Law into essential and unimportant commands (Matthew 22:36). Jesus again avoids the trap and makes it impossible for us to avoid the all-embracing nature of our baptismal commitment.

Jesus declares love of God as "the greatest and first commandment." But because that love engages the whole person – heart, soul, and mind – it requires a practical, visible expression not simply equal to the first commandment but identical to it: love of neighbor. The Torah's two hundred forty-eight positive and three hundred sixty-five negative prescriptions depend as a coherent, convincing, seamlessly holy way of life on this two-fold love.

"Be careful what god you worship," warns an ancient proverb, "for you will come to look like him." We have "turned to God from idols," Paul asserts (1 Thessalonians 1:9), and Exodus describes what that looks like: "You shall not . . . oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves . . . If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it . . . before sunset" (22:20,25). Even the coat that doubles as my neighbor's sleeping bag is subject to the Great Commandment. What an eye for detail God has when the little and lowly are at stake!

Question of the Week

Because we only love God as much as the neighbor we love the least, whom do I need to look at differently this week if I hope to look more like God?

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Vigil of the Thirtieth 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 – Chris Davillier, Sr. – Intentions of James Tamerle Young

Sunday, October 29, 2017

The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Viola Malveaux Catalon – Walter Banks, III – Leola Malveaux – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Melvina Kepp – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Intentions of Helen Masion – Madrona Masion Brown – In Thanksgiving.

10:30a.m. Lamar and Shirley Smith – Fred and Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Glenn Gilyot – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Kevin David Smith – 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 30, 2017

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Maria – Sylvia Armelin – Mary Alice Thompson – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Joseph Simms, Jr. – The DeGrasse Family – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young

Tuesday, October 31, 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 – Jarandon & Kristy Adams – Joseph Simms, Jr.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 All Saints Day

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – James St. Charles – Manual & Evelyn Gouse – Pierre Family – James and Tamerle Young

12:00 Dennis & Rita Washington – Eddie & Ora Hills – James C & Phillis Armelin – Eugene & Anne Delasbour – Mable & Joseph Williams – Pierre/Champagne Family – Dale Haydel – Joseph C. Morse – Nellie, Pernetta and Clarence Delasbour Peggy & Ronald Hill – Joyce Jones – Melvin & Mary Patnett

6:00p.m. Jacquelyn Williams – Joseph Jr. and Antonia Simon – Ruby Jackson – Tamia James Young – Chris Davillier, Sr. – Virgie Short – Daisy Bell Aubry Hicks – Nautilus Aubry

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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

Friday, November 3, 2017

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

Saturday, November 4, 2017

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

Announcements

“Live in Grace and Love so that you will live in Obedience until the end. The one “who hold out until the end is the one who will see salvation. (Mt. 24:13) Eucharistic Adoration, Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. There will be no Adoration on Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the **Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time** is: **“It’s All About Love!” Should we welcome and shelter the homeless, the prisoner and the immigrant in our community? Should our parish be a Sanctuary for the poor, the homeless, the prisoner and the immigrant?”** This Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A**, **Exodus 22:20-26; Responsorial Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at and it can be downloaded for your personal use.

Happy Halloween



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

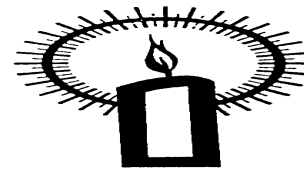
RCIA

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: **Why Do Catholics Do That? Do Catholics Worship Saints? What is the meaning of “Communion of Saints” in the creed? Aren’t Statutes a form of Idolatry? What does the Church teach about Work on Sundays? What is the First Commandment?** **Source:** New Catholic Answer Bible: Sections C2, C3 and G-3, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraphs 946-953. **Sessions are every Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m. 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.

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 Eugenie Gabriel and Mary Alice Thompson

In Our Parish 

Monday, October 30, 2017

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

6:00p.m. Halloween Mash – Whole Center

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Closed All Saints Day

Thursday, November 2, 2017

6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, November 3, 2017

6:00p.m. Men’s Rosary for Peace – Chapel

Saturday, November 4, 2017

10:00a.m. Star Class – Rm. 10

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

7:00p.m. Fatima Prayer Group – Rms. 3 & 4

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.



Pray for Peace