

Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time September 2, 2018

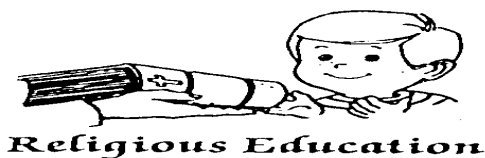
We learn more about another person by watching what they do than by listening to what they say. So James is clear in saying that it is not enough to listen to God's word, one must put it into action. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only," he admonishes (James 1:22). Specifically, he encourages the early Christians to care for the most vulnerable among them. This is what he refers to as living out their faith, "pure and undefiled" (James 1:27). Putting faith into action

Jesus sees through the Pharisees and the scribes at once, calling them out as hypocrites because they follow the letter of the law and not the spirit. In the previous chapter of Mark, Jesus had sent out the disciples two by two and they preached the word of God, drove out demons, and healed the sick. But they eat with unclean hands, and this is all the Pharisees choose to see. It is easy to judge based on the letter of the law; it takes time and wisdom to judge on the spirit of the law. When we are quick to judgment, we may be making the same error the Pharisees do.

Moses tells the people that other nations will envy them for observing the commandments because they will conclude that no other nation "has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call" (Deuteronomy 4:7). How fortunate we are, then, that we have a God who is incarnate in the world. How fortunate we are to have a God whom we receive in the Eucharist. How fortunate we are to have a God who moves among us, lives within us, and is revealed to others when we do God's work in the world.

Question of the Week

How can I avoid hypocrisy and embrace the spirit of God's commands? Am I merely fulfilling my Sunday obligation or am I a "doer of the word," putting God's word into action?



Religious Education for Elementary, Middle, and High School Parent and Student Orientation / Late Registration

The Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School will have parent and student orientation on Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 10:00am- 11:00am 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. 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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1, 2018

Vigil of the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Audrey Jefferson – Jesse Hall & Parents – Melba Fletcher – Ellsworth McKendall – Tu Tran – Leonard Belton – Rita Whitehead – Harold & Dot Dolese

Sunday, September 2, 2018

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8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Maria Pham – Hurby Oubre – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran –

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Dominique Bachemin – Tu Tran – In Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho – Paul Beaulieu – Sylvia Green – Marion Uzee – Rita Washington

12:00p.m. Charles L. Patin – Melba Fletcher – Byron Brooks – Byron Brooks – Betty Faciane – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Elysian Fields St. Joseph Altar

Monday, September 3, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs Ernest Jacobs – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Melba Fletcher – Deacon Poncho

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Blaire McDonald

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Sylvia Green – Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – The sick, elderly and home bound.

Thursday, September 6, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin & Family

Friday, September 7, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Sylvia Green – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Our elderly and home bound.

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:30a.m. Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Sylvia Green – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **Don't Give Me Lip Service!** Central to this gospel is the question, where does the heart lie? Jesus teaches that observance of the Law and tradition is not an end in itself but an indication of where the heart lies. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2 , 6-8; Responsorial Psalm: 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: smgnola.com/BibleStudy, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Bible Study is held every Monday, evening at 7:00p.m. in the Center.

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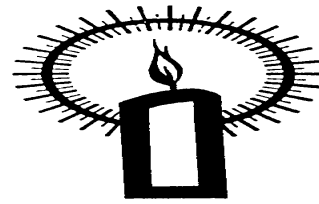
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

RCIA

Let us get out of the pews and into the community and demonstrate the wonderful work God is doing in us. The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the catholic faith. Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RCIA team members.

The RCIA will commence its summer schedule and will meet on August 28, 2018 at 7:00 in the Chapel For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team 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 memory of Rose Marie Robinson. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Jeanne Lee and Victoria Collins

In Our Parish 

Monday, September 3, 2018

6:00p.m. **NO Zumba Exercise Class**

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

9:00p.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen
6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. CCD Teacher's Meeting – Library
7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, September 7, 2018

Saturday, September 8, 2018

11:00a.m. Just Faith Meeting – Library
12:00a.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.