

Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018

“The Lord is my help,” Isaiah says twice in today’s first reading (Isaiah 50:7, 9). But in what way? Isaiah does not turn to God in this passage for help in defeating his enemies. Nor does he look to God to help put an end to his suffering. He “set (his) face like flint” to accept it. No, Isaiah looks to God in confidence that he is doing God’s will. He knows that he is in the right because he is doing the will of God. He looks to God for strength to endure the abuse he receives, knowing that his sacrifice is worth it.

This is the same basic passage from Isaiah that we hear every year on Palm Sunday. It is easy to see why it would be paired with a reading of the Passion, as Isaiah is Christ-like in the way that he accepts the abuse he receives from those who oppose God’s will. But this passage prepares us for this Gospel as well, as Jesus is preparing his disciples for his death. That does not go well, as it ends with Jesus reprimanding Peter, “Get behind me, Satan” (Mark 8:33).

Peter had just identified Jesus as the Christ (the Messiah, in Hebrew). However, Jesus knows that he is not the Messiah that everyone expects, one who would lead the people to victory over the Roman government. Instead, he is the Messiah that Isaiah describes in the first reading. He is the one who will suffer on behalf of all people. He will be the one who will need to resist the temptation to let this cup pass. No wonder he refers to Peter as Satan. Peter’s way of thinking is a temptation like Satan’s was in the desert.

Question of the Week

How am I denying myself? What is the cross I am bearing at this point in my life? With the grace of God. Am I willing to carry it?



Saturday, September 15, 2018

Vigil of the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Audrey Jefferson – John and Melba Fletcher – Tu Tran Lloyd Menendez – Leonard Belton – Michael Schumaker

Sunday, September 16, 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 – Maria Pham – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran – Miriam Page – Lorraine Sayes Adams

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Dominique Bachemin – Tu Tran – Paul Beaulieu – Sylvia Green – Marion Uzee – Victoria Collins – Intentions of John Guillory – In Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho

12:00p.m. Charles L. Patin – Cherry Legaux – Byron Brooks – Miriam Page – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, September 17, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katherine Bertrand – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – John and Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 19, 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 – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – All poor souls in purgatory

Thursday, September 20, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin and Family – All poor soul in purgatory.

Friday, September 21, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Cong Cao – Sylvia Green – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin and family – All of the sick and home bound – All poor soul in purgatory.

Saturday, September 22, 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: No Cross, No Crown! Hearing Jesus' teaching about taking up his cross to follow him can cause us to recoil as did Peter. But we live on the other side of the resurrection. We know that death brings risen life. This assurance of new life is what gives us the courage to "take up [our] cross, and follow" Jesus. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; Responsorial Psalm: 116:1-2, 3-4, 8-9; Reading II: James 2:14-18; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35.** 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.

Bible Study two Mondays in September – Autumn Breeze, or Quiet Storm? A Look at Four Apostolic Women from Scripture. Week One, September 10: Peter's Wife and Phoebe, Deacon of Cencreae. Week Two, September 17: Mary Wife of Cleopas and Mary of Jerusalem; What can they tell us today?
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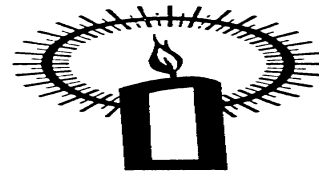


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

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. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (PS. 22:26-27). This week we will discuss Evangelization: - the obligation of the parish. 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 Lillian Williams.
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Danny Jon Singletary and Victoria Collins

In Our Parish **Monday, September 17, 2018**

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
6:00p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rm. 9
7:00p.m. Spring HOA - Library

Tuesday, September 18 2018

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
6:00p.m. Edgelake Rm. 7
7:00p.m. Catholic Mens Fellowship – Library

Thursday, September 20, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, September 21, 2018

6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3 & 4

Saturday, September 22, 2018

8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Rms. 3 & 4
Men's Group

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.