

Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018

In this passage from his Gospel, Mark is very detailed in his description of where Jesus travels. The cities and districts he mentions are in Gentile territory. Mark wants to emphasize that Jesus' mission was to all the world, to Jews and Gentiles alike. Last week we heard Mark report Jesus saying, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person" in reference to the Judaic practice of ritual handwashing (Mark 7:15). Now Jesus travels outside Jewish territory and preforms miracles to great acclaim among foreigners. Jesus values those who are outside, travels to them, and reaches out to them in mercy and love. There is no outsider, no foreigner, to God.

James picks up on this theme in his letter. "Show no partiality," he insists (James 2:1). He condemns those who would regard a visitor in shabby clothes as beneath them, for "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world?" (James 2:5). The least we can do is accept those who are poor in the world's eyes and avoid making judgments.

Mark chose to keep the word Ephphatha in its original Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, rather than translate it into Greek. "Be opened!" Jesus said to the deaf man regarding his ears. Perhaps Mark did so because he is also suggesting that Jesus asks us to be open to those who are outside our own communities who speak a different language. Perhaps Mark is also asking us to be open to listening for God's word. After all, the first words the formerly deaf man heard after his ears were opened were the proclamations of the crowd of the wonders that Jesus has done.

Question of the Week

How have I failed to be open to those who were outside my present community? How can I welcome those who are outsiders?

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.



Saturday, September 8, 2018

Vigil of the Twenty-third 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 – Ellsworth McKendall – Tu Tran – Leonard Belton

Sunday, September 9, 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 – Hurby Oubre – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran – James St Charles – Manuel & Evelyn Gouse – Ernest Richardson

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 – John and Melba Fletcher – Byron Brooks – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Elysian Fields St. Joseph Altar

Monday, September 10, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 12, 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 – Carolyn Morgan – Intentions of Stacey Martin – All poor souls in purgatory

Thursday, September 13, 2018

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

Friday, September 14, 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 – Our elderly and home bound.

Saturday, September 15, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **Don't Give Me Lip Service** "Be opened!" Jesus commands the deaf-mute man as he heals him. This encounter, however, is more than a matter of physical healing. It is a sign of salvation: God's superabundant life breaking open the closed human condition. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time year B**. **Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7, 9-10; Reading II: James 2:1-5; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37.** 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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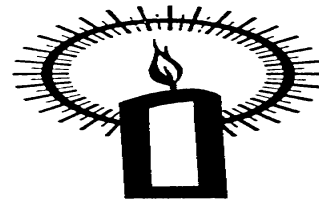


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

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 Lorraine Sayes Adams.
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Rose Marie Robinson and Victoria Collins

In Our Parish **Monday, September 10, 2018**

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

7 :00p.m. Knights of Columbus – Rms. 3 & 4

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA – Rm. 8

Thursday, September 13, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, September 14, 2018**Saturday, September 15, 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.