

Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018



We tend to think of wars and conflicts as inevitable in the world today, whether among countries, groups, or individuals. But Saint James would not say so. “Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?” he asks rhetorically. They come from our passions, he says – passions that drive us to desire what is not ours to have, passions so strong that we are willing to take those things anyway. This viewpoint puts the source of war and conflict within ourselves. As Christians, we are called to resist these passions, overcome them, and, ideally, replace them with generosity and empathy. In this way, we can cultivate peace, not conflict.

The disciples play a prominent role in Mark’s Gospel, but they were not depicted in the most flattering light. Mark consistently emphasized how the disciples misunderstood and disappointed Jesus. We just heard Jesus tell Peter in last week’s Gospel, after he first told the disciples what he was facing, “Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Mark 9:34).

As Jesus is telling the disciples about the ultimate selfless act that he is facing, they are immersed in a most self-centered discussion. But, patiently, he teaches them again: you must be willing to serve all, especially the least among you. He uses a child because a child best represents this position. A child has no standing in society and is totally dependent on adults.

Question of the Week

What do I want that I do not have? What do I feel that I should have if life were fair? How can I redirect my passions toward selflessness rather than selfishness?

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Vigil of the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 23, 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 – Lorraine Sayes Adams – Cherry Romain Legaux

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Dominique Bachemin – Tu Tran – Paul Beaulieu – Sylvia Green – Marion Uzee – Victoria Bercey Collins – Jeanne Wise Lee – Intentions of the McKinny Family – In Thanksgiving for Deacon Poncho

12:00p.m. Charles L. Patin, Sr. – Cherry Legaux – Danny Singletary Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, September 24, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Sr. – Maria Pham – Tu Tran – Joseph Cong Cao – John and Melba Fletcher – Sylvia Green – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Memory Britch

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 26, 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 27, 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 – Memory Britch – All poor soul in purgatory.

Friday, September 28, 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 – Memory Britch – All sick and home bound – All poor souls in purgatory.

Saturday, September 29, 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is: **Strength to serve!** By asking the disciples to extend hospitality (“to welcome”) a child, a creature of low status in their culture, Jesus further shames these grown men. Hospitality is extended to complete strangers to guarantee safe transit in unfamiliar and hostile territory. To extend hospitality to children (“to welcome them”) would be a laugh to everyone else in the culture. Jesus teaches that life is full of surprises. It takes grace and spiritual strength to overcome these surprises. True honor can be found in the most unlikely places. The Bible Study is based on the readings for the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 6-8; Reading II: James 3:16---4:3; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website at: [smgnola.com/Bible Study](http://smgnola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use.

Parish Picnic

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our parish picnic Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. There will be plate dinners, hamburger, hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, snowball, beer and lots of fun. Just bring yourself and your family to the Msgr. Gauthreaux Center for a good time.

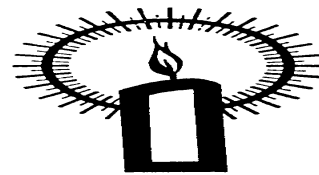


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

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. Week two! September 17: **Mary Wife of Cleopas and Mary of Jerusalem; What can they tell us today? 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 Irvin Hingle.
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Doris Seruntine and Bryon Brooks, Jr.

In Our Parish **Monday, September 24, 2018**

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
6:00p.m. H N Radio Rosary – Rms. 3 & 4
6:00p.m. Lakewood HOA – Rm.8

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

12:00a.m. AARP – Rms. 3 & 4
6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3 & 4
7:00p.m. Expecutive Board Met - Library
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, September 28, 2018

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

Saturday, September 29, 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.