

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 2019

Abraham addresses God quite boldly in the reading from Genesis. So too does the person who wakes up a friend in the middle of the night to ask for bread. Such boldness may make many of us uncomfortable. But note that there is an ameliorating factor in these stories. In both cases, the petitioner is asking for someone else's benefit, not his own. Abraham makes his plea on behalf of potentially innocent people in Sodom. The disciple asks for a friend who has paid an unexpected visit. Though there is nothing wrong with petitioning God for something for oneself—an egg, our daily bread, forgiveness—both examples of persistence in prayer in today's readings involve selfless petition.

When Abraham bargains with God, it shifts the focus of the story from the sinfulness of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah to the tension between justice and mercy. How can a loving God be the source of both, especially in a case in which innocents may suffer? By going so far, by lowering the bar for mercy six successive times, Abraham reveals that God is always willing to show mercy, no matter how few are worthy.

When we are desperate to obtain or achieve something, we persist. Persistence in prayer indicates the importance we place upon what we pray for. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus prays persistently. From the moment he is baptized to the moment he dies on the cross, Jesus lifts up his voice to his Father. In today's passage, it is the fact that he has just finished praying that leads the disciples to ask him to teach them how to pray. Jesus' persistence in prayer, therefore, has led to a prayer we persist in saying today.

Question of the Week

What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?



Saturday, July 27, 2019

Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Clarence F. Hebert, Jr. – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – Carmen Hicks – James Young

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Jerome Lomba – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Intentions of Theodore Willis – Tamerle Young – Marilyn DeGrasse – Chester Staes

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Anthony Route – Anna Trena Guillaume – Theresa Cousins – McKinney Family

12:00p.m. Diana Hale – Maxine Gwendolyn Johnson – Intention of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, July 29, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Rose Garnett – John Albano – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Theodore Willis – Robert Britsch – Gianna Northern – Haley and Krissy Thomas – Brandon, Alana and Aiden Mitchell

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – John Albano – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Theodore Willis – Alton and Jerry Lombard – Ryan Thomas

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Memory Britsch – John Albano – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Thomas and Rita Bennett – Malcolm and Joy Rodriguez – Ralph and Fay Clary – Jerome & Gilda Thibeaux – Kenneth and Gilda Boyd

Thursday, August 1, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – John Albano – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Van and Giselle Smith, Sr. – Van and Kionna Smith Jr. – Theodore Willis – Fr. Cyril Buyeere – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Jarandon, Kristy, Jalen and Kolby Adams

Friday, August 2, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Albert G. Pierre – Memory Britsch – John Albano – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Theodore Willis – Jalen Adams

Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:30a.m. John Albano – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“Remember that the Christian life is one of action not of speech and daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

The Bible Study for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Reading I: Genesis 18:20-32; Responsorial Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Reading II: Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel Luke 11:1-13



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

School of Religion Education

Registration for the St. Maria Goretti Parish School of Religion Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacramental fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, private, and charter schools, at Sacramental grade levels (second and eleventh) must register for and attend classes in our religious education program as sacramental preparation is the responsibility of the parish. Birth certificates and baptismal certificates are required at registration.

RCIA

Give the gift that keeps on giving. Invite someone to a life in Jesus Christ. St. Maria Goretti Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. These sessions will focus on the Bible, the teachings and experiences of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information contact Deacon Terrel Broussard tbroussard@smgnola.com or visit the website at 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 in memory of Deacon Poncho Deleon. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Msgr. Henry Englebrecht and Msgr. Green



The Week Ahead

Monday, July 29, 2019

- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Lakewood East – Rm. 9

Tuesday July 30, 2019

- 9:00a.m. United Health Care – Whole Center
- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3-4

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 6:30p.m. Zumba Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

Thursday, August 1, 2019

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, August 2, 2019

- 7:00p.m. Filipino Minstry – Rms. 3-4
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Saturday, August 3, 2019

- 8:15a.m. Life Screening – Center Area
- 7:00p.m. Family Movie Nigt – Center

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 storm less eternity awaits us. Amen