

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2019

Once again, Jesus refuses take the side of a sibling who's upset. Two weeks ago, it was Martha, asking Jesus to tell her sister to help her. Now this person in the crowd asks Jesus to tell his brother to share the inheritance. He figures Jesus will come down on his side. It's only fair to share, right? But Jesus shifts the focus. Don't focus on possessions, which can inspire greed; focus on what matters to God.

Today's parable of the rich man and the bountiful harvest is similar to Jesus' comparison of the wealthy person and heaven to a camel and the eye of a needle. Both may teach the same lesson, but today's parable implies a second. Note that Jesus' warning in the last line regards "all who store up treasure for themselves" (Luke 12:21). Imagine how the ending would differ if the rich man, upon seeing he had more grain than storage space, decided to give the bounty to the poor and hungry. It is his selfishness that is completely opposed to what matters to God.

We naturally tend to accumulate possessions. We come into this world with nothing, but as young children we become very possessive of what is "mine." The appropriateness of sharing can be a difficult lesson. As we accumulate possessions, many people—children and adults—find it even more difficult to share. We feel we deserve what we have. Saint Paul would say that all these things are "what is on earth," as opposed to "what is above" (Colossians 3:2). We are called to become a "new self," putting to death the "old self," which accumulates earthly possessions (Colossians 3:9–10).

Question of the Week

Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?



Saturday, August 3, 2019

Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – Calvin Casmire

Sunday, August 4, 2019

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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 James and Tamerla Young

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Anna Trena Guillaume – Peter Burnett – Anthony Route – Theresa Cousins – Fred Luter, Sr. – Intentions of Stacy Martin

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

Monday, August 5, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – John Albano – Catherine Bertrand – Cathy Craigie – Peter Burnett – Eva Roussell – Intentions of Tonii Dean – Stacy Martin – Greg and Rose Pierre

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Diana Hale – John Albano – Peter Burnett – Albert R. Pierre – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Stacey Martin – June T. Pierre

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – John Albano – Cathy Craigie – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Greg and June Jones

Thursday, August 8, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – John Albano – Cathy Craigie – Intentions of John and Sandra Guillory – Louis and Mina TraHart – Stacey Martin

Friday, August 9, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Irma C. Pierre – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – John Albano – Cathy Craigie – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Saturday, August 10, 2019

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

Announcements

“We fix our hearts on Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and encounter Jesus personally!” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

The Bible Study Theme for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time? Readings: Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Responsorial Psalm: 90:3-5, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Reading II: Colossians 3:1-, 9-11; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.



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 Leonard Gauthreaux
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This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 5, 2019

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

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

9:00a.m. UTNO – Kitchen & Center

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

7:00p.m. Knight Council 9415 – Rms. 3-4

Thursday, August 8, 2019

6:00p.m. BINGO

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:00a.m. Boy Scouts Car Wash – Goretti Parking Lot

12:00p.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 storm less eternity awaits us. Amen

