

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019

King Zedekiah appears today as weak and as ineffectual as Pontius Pilate was centuries later. Eager to wash his hands of the decision of what to do with the troublesome prophet, he allows his princes to take charge: “He is in your power” (Jeremiah 38:5). They throw him in a cistern and leave him to die. Zedekiah, given the opportunity to take a stand and defend the words of the prophet, steps aside to let him die.

But then the king reconsiders. It is the influence of one person, a foreigner, one of his servants, who pushes him to do the right thing. Ebed-melech, an Ethiopian eunuch, is Jeremiah’s savior. To stand up to his master, the king of Judah, must have taken great courage. He put his life on the line. But he acted. He spoke up. Sometimes all it takes is one morally upright person who has the guts to stand up to power and move an uncertain leader to act justly and mercifully.

Perhaps this is what Jesus is trying to tell his disciples when he says he has come to bring division. The world is no longer a pristine Eden. The world is full of evil—immoral people who actively exercise it and indifferent people who passively allow it. The kingdom of God cannot have either of these. Doing good demands standing up to those who do evil and to those who allow evil to be done. It may mean opposing a leader or a superior. It may mean opposing a friend or family member. A divided household is better than a corrupt one.

Question of the Week

When have I stood up for what is right? When would I be willing to do so?

Please pray for all clergy and religious, and that others whom God calls may have the courage to answer.



Saturday, August 17, 2019

Vigil of Sixteenth 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 Casmier – Joann Schilling Peterson

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Sixteenth 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. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Intentions of Levy and Gwendolyn Bouligny Sandra Dyer

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert G. Johnson, Sr. – Anna Trena Guillaume – Anthony Route – Theresa Cousins – Pamela Chevalier August – Intentions of Robert Roussell and Family – Stacy Martin – McKinney Family

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

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Tamerle Young

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Levy and Simba Bouligny – Stacey Martin – Tamerle Young

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Memory Britsch – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Tamerle Young – Janice Lebeau

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Peter Burnett – John Albano – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Tamerle Young

Friday, August 23, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Calvin Casmier – Peter Burnett – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Tamerle Young

Saturday, August 24, 2019

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

Announcements

“Ask the Holy Spirit to help you believe more strongly in Jesus’ presence in the Blessed Sacrament.” 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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time is: The Law of Love! Readings: Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Responsorial Psalm: 40:2-4, 18; Reading II: Hebrew 12:1-40; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53.



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 Albert R. Pierre.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Anthony Pierre and Warren Pierre.

This Week in our Parish

Monday, August 19, 2019

- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Radio Rosary Broadcast – Rms. 3-4

Tuesday August 20, 2019

- 6:00p.m. Edgelake HOA – Rm. 9
- 6:30p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- 6:30p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA – Rm. 7
- 6:30p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rm.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – Library
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

Thursday, August 22, 2019

- 6:00p.m. BINGO

Friday, August 23, 2019

- 6:00p.m. AKA Meeting – Library

Saturday, August 24, 2019

- 9:00a.m. LTMTTP Facilitator 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