

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019



Imagine if all the living former presidents of the United States were honored at the White House with a state dinner, and the guests chosen to dine with them were not the rich and powerful but refugees, homeless people, prisoners, and others who are neglected. No less surprising a picture is Jesus painting today in the Gospel. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are dining with people from the ends of the earth, Gentiles, while the residents of the towns and villages around Jerusalem are on the outside looking in. The outrage! Outsiders hobnobbing with leaders while VIPs are excluded and called names! No wonder there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

A month or so ago we heard the parable of the good Samaritan, which Jesus used to answer the question, “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29). But the conversation had started with the question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (10:25). Now we have a vision of that inheritance. Those who are rejected say, “We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets” (13:26). In other words, “We’re your neighbors!” They have totally misunderstood what it means to be a neighbor.

Jesus says that those who fail to enter are not strong enough. The passage from Hebrews suggests a way to gain strength: discipline. It may be the best way to learn. After all, disciplina means teaching or instruction. It is also the root of the word “disciple,” which we all strive to be. A true disciple has learned that a true neighbor treats everyone with love, kindness, and mercy, especially those who seem least likely to be invited to a dinner party.

Question of the Week

Who do I need to look at differently in the light of today’s Gospel? How will I strengthen myself so that I can open the narrow gate?

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Vigil of Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Clarence F. Hebert, Jr. – Leonard Belton – Rudolph DeBose – Calvin Casmier – Max Mipro

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Louis & Rosita Reddick – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Delorita & Louis Reddick, Jr. – O’Malley & Jane Garrison – Antoine & Alvernia LaFrance – Eugene & Lovernia Barthelemy – Calvin Casmier – Karen Dyer

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Anthony Route – Anna Trena Guillaume – Theresa Cousins – Pamela Chevalier August – Barbara McKann – Robert Roussell Family – Intentions of McKinney Family – Levy Bouligny – Denise Cousin

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

Monday, August 26, 2019

8:30a.m. Memory Britsch – Catherine Bertrand – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Alana Mitchell

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Calvin Casmier – Rita Washington – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Ryan Thomas

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:30a.m. Memory Britsch – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin – June Pierre

Thursday, August 29, 2019

8:30a.m. Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – John Albano – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Friday, August 30, 2019

8:30a.m. Albert Pierre – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Theodore Willis

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:30a.m. 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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **USE IT OR LOOSE IT.** : [Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21](#); [Responsorial Psalm: 117:1,2](#); [Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13](#); [Gospel: Luke 13:22-30](#). Bible Study is Every Monday at 7:00p.m. in the Center.



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 and continuing faith formation sessions will begin on Tuesday September 10 at 7:00p.m. in the Chapel. For more information contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin or any member of the RCIA Team at (504) 242-7554, or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or www.smgnola.com.

It is time for a change! Every catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

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 Calvin Casmier. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Vivian H. Milbon and Bernice Monette.



Monday, August 26, 2019

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

Tuesday August 27, 2019

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3-4

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

6:30p.m. Zumba Class – Center

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

7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship – Library

Thursday, August 29, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Saturday, August 31, 2019

10:00a.m. Just Faith Feeding – St Jude 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