

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

True humility increases our humanity. Turning our backs on the places of honor at a banquet to take a lesser seat means we are giving consideration to others. We acknowledge that other people have the same rights, have similar hopes and aspirations, and may be just as deserving or even more so of an exalted position. We develop empathy for others. Truly, we are “loved more than a giver of gifts” (Sirach 3:17), for we have given the gift of affirmation to our neighbor.

True humility makes us more hospitable. Taking the spotlight off ourselves directs that light on the value of others. Our empathy leads us to invite “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13), the neglected, the vulnerable, the marginalized, the outcasts. We want to tell them, “You are valued. You are important. You are treasured.” Aware of it or not, we are doing God’s work when we do so. After all, as we sang in the psalm, “God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor” (cf. Psalm 68:11). We realize our home is enhanced by the presence of those commonly rejected.

Humility cuts against the grain of what society tells us every day. It means admitting that we are not capable of doing it all ourselves, honestly acknowledging that we are not the best, realizing that we do not deserve all the riches that have come to us. How fortunate we are to have a host who exalts us despite our unworthiness.

### Question of the Week

I am invited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, though I admit, “Lord, I am not worthy.” Whom can I invite into my life, though they may be unworthy?



# Mass Schedule

### Saturday, August 31, 2019

#### Vigil of Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00p.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Charlotte Dunlap – Leonard Belton – Calvin Casmier

### Sunday, September 1, 2019

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Karen Dyer – Geraldine O. Dowden – Jasper, Price, Jr. – Calvin Tate

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Anthony Route – Anna Trena Guillaume – Theresa Cousins – Robert Roussell Family – Nyla and Ciera Williams

**12:00p.m.** Diana Hale – Intention of St. Maria Goretti Parish

### Monday, September 2, 2019

**8:30a.m.** Memory Britsch – Rose Garnett – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Brandon Mitchell

### Tuesday, September 3, 2019

**8:30a.m.** Blair McDonald – Memory Britsch – Calvin Casmier – Rita Washington – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Jarandon, Jalen and Kolby Adams

### Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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

### Thursday, September 5, 2019

**8:30a.m.** Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – John Albano – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Gregory and Ashton Jones – Ryan and Latoya Williams – Mylon Williams – Caleb

### Friday, September 6, 2019

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

### Saturday, September 7, 2019

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

### Announcements

“Come and See.” Jesus can change your life as you spend time in his presence.” 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **USE IT OR LOOSE IT.** : [Reading I: Sirach 33:17-18, 20, 29-29; Responsorial Psalm: 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Reading I: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14.](#) 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 have parent and student orientation on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 10:00a.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](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or [www.smgnola.com](http://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 inn memory of Tina Baptiste and Patricia Comeaux.



### The Week Ahead

#### Tuesday, September 3, 2019

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

#### Wednesday, September 4, 2019

9:00a.m. UNTO – Center - Kitchen

7:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. CCD Teachers Meeting – Library

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

7:00p.m. Lituigical Dance Practice - Center

#### Thursday, September 5, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

#### Saturday, September 6, 2019

2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3-4

7:00p.m. Filipino Prayer Group – Rms. 3-4

### 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