

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019



Jesus called Simon Peter after filling his net on an otherwise fruitless evening of fishing. Having witnessed this miracle, Peter and his partners immediately left their families and jobs to follow Jesus. But in today's passage, Jesus encourages would-be disciples to follow the examples of a tower builder and an army leader, each of whom deliberates at length before reaching a practical conclusion. We may be bowled over by a miracle, but it is more likely we will follow based on practical considerations. Jesus asks us to consider the practical question: Is it more important to accumulate possessions or to follow the One who opened the way to eternal life?

Interestingly, each statement Jesus makes about discipleship he phrases negatively, ending with "... cannot be my disciple." Jesus is aware that the demands of discipleship are not likely to be accepted. Jesus is challenging us to do what seems impossible, spurning one's family, one's possessions, one's comfort, even one's own life.

A few Sundays ago we heard Jesus say that he would divide family members against each other (Luke 12:52–53). Now he tells the crowd that his disciples must hate their families (14:26). Is Jesus really anti-family? Perhaps he just wants to redefine "family." Look at Onesimus in the second reading. Seen as a slave, he was excluded from Philemon's family. Now he is a brother to Paul, so Paul urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus as a partner and brother as well. Families are wonderful, but the Christian family can be so much more. Perhaps it's not the members of one's family Jesus is criticizing, but our narrow concept of "family."

Question of the Week

How do I need to transform myself to be a true disciple? Who is part of my family?

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Sarah Rylander– Clarence F. Hebert, Jr. – Leonard Belton – Patty Smith – Mr. & Mrs. Al Browne – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Cao – Francis Hai Cao

Sunday, September 8, 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 – Ms. Johnny Graham – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Evelyn Gouse – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Cao – Francis Hai Cao – Intentions of Rita Simon

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Intentions of Anthony Rout

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

Monday, September 9, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Jean Henry Darrel and Lily Pierre

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – Intentions of Stacey Martin – June, Iris and Lana Pierre

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Tamerle and James Young – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Thursday, September 12, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Carolyn Morgan – Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – John Albano – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Friday, September 13, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Stacey Martin – John Fletcher III

Saturday, September 14, 2019

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

Announcements

“Praise the Lord, for sending the Holy Spirit to instruct us in all things. Alleluia!” 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time is: [Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Responsorial Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17; Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33.](#) 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.

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 Aloisia Bourlet and Hart Elbert.



The Week Ahead

Monday, September 9, 2019

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

Tuesday September 10, 2019

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
7:00p.m. 2931 Council Meeting – Rms 3–4

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

6:00p.m. Lake Carmel – Rm. 9
6:30p.m. Zumba Class – Center
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

Thursday, September 12, 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:00a.m. LTMTTP Men– Library
8:00a.m. LTMTTP Woman – Rms. 3–4
10:00a.m. Census Bureau Job Fair – Center
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 stormless eternity awaits us. Amen