

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2020

The woman of Shunem was clearly a woman of influence, even in her own marriage. The author clearly states that it is she, not her husband, who invites the prophet to dine with them in their home. She goes on to suggest to her husband, not ask him, that they build a room for Elisha and furnish it with furniture. She is determined to offer him hospitality beyond his or her husband's expectations. For generosity, God rewards her with a child. She had prepared a room for God's prophet. Elisha promises her that God will prepare her womb for a new life.

When most of us were baptized a stream of water was poured over our heads, but to truly appreciate the first line of the second reading, we should picture baptism by immersion. After all, this was the norm in Paul's time. When the elect are plunged into the baptismal waters, they are temporarily unable to breathe. They are dying with Christ. When their faces are lifted out of the water, they are being raised to a new, changed life. As baptized Christians, we are called to bury our lives of sin and live a new life of holiness.

When using an absurdly high bar, we often make comparisons that sound ridiculous: "I love this ice cream more than life itself." Jesus' opening words to his apostles in the Gospel sound equally outrageous: "Whoever loves father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37). How could we love anyone more than the people who brought us into the world of those whom we brought into the world? But this is not the point. Loving Christ above all gives us a different perspective, in which everybody is someone's daughter or son. This allows us to see all people as our brothers and sisters.



Saturday, June 27, 2020

Vigil Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Leonard Belton – Intentions of Lynn Foster & Family

Sunday, June 28, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Intentions of Sonja Baham

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Oscar and Lynn Foster – Sonja Baham

Monday, June 29, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Charles Winchell, Jr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacy Martin – Sonja Baham

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sonja Baham – Lynn Foster

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin – Yolande Schnayder – Sonja Baham

Thursday, July 2, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Lynn Foster – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Sonja Baham

Friday, July 3, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sonja Baham

Saturday, July 4, 2020

8:30a.m. Sonja Baham – Intentions of Lynn Foster – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

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

**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Joyce Goins Langie. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Deacon Oscar and Lynn Foster.

Parish Calendar

Thursday, July 2, 2020

6:00p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal –
Church

Welcome Reverend Daniel Green To St. Maria Goretti Parish Family

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.