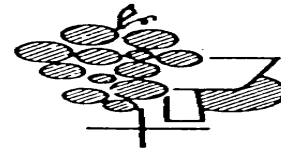


*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 30, 2017*



*Peter summarizes the early community's faith by acknowledging the evil of Jesus' crucifixion. He also deflects blame, sets aside judgement, and instead celebrates "the set plan and foreknowledge of God" that led to Christ's resurrection and the pouring forth of the Spirit (Acts 2:23)*

*The First Letter of Saint Peter links Peter's preaching in Acts with the Emmaus Gospel's eucharistic images by reminding us that we were ransomed "with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb" (1 Peter 1:19).*

*Emmaus evokes our eucharistic liturgy. Now as then, on "the first day of the week," Jesus "draws near," unrecognized and "walks with us," as we ponder "all the things that has occurred" this past week; hopes disappointments, even doubts (cf. Luke 24:15, 18, 14). How comforting that, despite their "in person" experience of Jesus, those two disciples still did not "get" him: "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel" (24:21). After this "gathering rite," Jesus "interpreted . . . what referred to him in all the Scriptures," our Liturgy of the Word (24:27). When invited (Jesus never coerces), Jesus comes to table, and Guest becomes Host (in every sense), the timeless gestures (taking, blessing, breaking, giving) opening their eyes and ours to recognition. We should not be surprised or disheartened (the disciples weren't) if, just as suddenly as from them, Jesus "[vanishes] from our sight" (24:31). But like them, our hearts should "[burn] within us," compelling us to "set out at once and [return]" to the world, despite its darkness, to proclaim what we have heard and seen, to live the loving, self-sacrificing consequences of our Eucharistic encounter with the risen Lord (24:32, 33).*

### **Question of the Week**

*Where did I encounter Jesus, perhaps by surprise, this past week? Where will I look for Jesus in the week that lies ahead?*

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Corrine Singletary – Gwendolyn Bienvenu Chris H. Daviller, Sr.

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Melvina Kepp – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Melvin Thomas, Jr. – Dennis Washington – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Russell A. Obee, Jr. – Jimmy Kirkland III – Clarence & Estelle Thomas – Special Intentions C.K.

**12:00p.m.** Cherry Legaux - For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Cherry Legaux – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Dennis Washington – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Dennis Washington – Russell A. Obee, Jr. – Lamar Smith, Sr.

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Dennis Washington – Ellsworth McKendall

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Ellsworth McKendall – Dennis Washington

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

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

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**Announcements**

“You say, It's impossible.” “GOD says, All things are possible.”  
 “No matter what.....TRUST GOD.” Luke18:27 accordance with  
 YOUR WILL.” (SCP) Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday  
 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study theme for The Third Sunday of Easter is: **Just A Little Talk With Jesus.** This Bible Study is based on the readings for Third Sunday of Easter: **Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Responsorial Psalm: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21; Gospel: Luke 24:13-35.** The Bible Study can be found on the parish website: <http://www.smgola.com/BibleStudy> and can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us each Monday in the Center at 7:00p.m.

Msgr. Ken Hedrick, Director of the office of Worship and Jace Eskind of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be serving as spiritual directors for a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Paris, August 7-14, 2017, 3 nights in Lourdes, 3 nights in Paris. Air fare, two meals daily, transfers among the inclusions. Price from New Orleans is \$4,595. For more information, please call Msgr. Kendrick at 504-488- 2659, or Catholic Journey at 1-800-715-6670. See full brochure or register on line at [www.catholicJourney.com/p17](http://www.catholicJourney.com/p17).



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) now moves to the period Mystagogy or Post-Baptismal Catechesis: During this period the New Christians deepen their understanding of the mysteries of our faith and experience being fully a part of the Christian community through pertinent catechesis particularly, by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday Eucharist celebration. The new Christians are now part of Christ's body (the Church). They must now go forth with the entire faith community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Please welcome them.

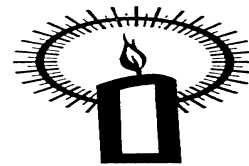
**The Parish Invites Those Who:**

- Have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Are Catholic and would like to know more about their faith?
- Who is married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

St. Maria Goretti Parish RCIA announces that three Catechumens/Candidates received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist this Easter. Pray for them as they journey with us as full members of our community.

Join us on our journey of Faith as we resume on April 24, 2017. The topic will be: What does resurrection of the Lord mean to me? How to keep the fire burning? Do you need a little talk with Jesus? For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Byron Martin or any RCIA member or email at: or visit the web site at [www.smgola.com](http://www.smgola.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 Mr. & Mrs. George Peters, Sr.  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Gwendolyn Bienvenu and Helen Cheatham.

**In Our Parish**

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center Area
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center Area

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

- 9:00a.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen
- 5:30p.m. District E Community – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship – Library
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

- 12:15p.m. Low Impact Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Men's Rosary For Peace – Chapel

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

- 9:00a.m. Citizens of District E – Rms. 3 & 4
- 10:00a.m. Star Class – Rm. 10
- 2:00p.m. Altar Society Mtg. – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Filipino Ministry – Center & Rms. 3 & 4

**Spring Time Tea**



*Ladies, you're invited to attend a Special day with your grandmothers, mothers, aunts, daughters and granddaughters and other special ladies in your life. Come join us in Remembrance, Renewal and Fellowship.*

*Where: St. Maria Goretti Msgr. Gauthreaux Center  
 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127*

*When: May 27, 2017  
 3:00-6:00p.m.*

*Cost: \$20.00 per person (tables of 8)*

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