

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017*



With comforting realism, Acts presents the early church's very human nature. A dispute breaks out among widows about food. In a way that both comforts and challenges us, the Holy Spirit helps the community resolve its difficulties so that deeper unity develops even as healthy diversity flourishes. Crucial insights for today's Church: 1) the resolution keeps people in rather than driving them out. 2) The diverging perspectives that prompt the dispute prove less important than the common faith that binds the two sides together. 3) The Hebrew-speaking majority (Abraham's heirs) does not dismiss the concerns of the Greek-speaking minority ("outsider" Gentiles), 4) the "disgruntled minority" is invited to surface "indigenous leadership," so that the community's structure is modified and its ministry expanded in creative continuity, enhancing both worship and witness. Prayer and the ministry of God's word are not neglected, and Christ continues to be ministered to in the community's needy members.

Thus the community "incarnates" the sight of the First Letter of Saint Peter: All of us, without exception, are "living stones" with which a unified "spiritual house" is being built (2:5).

Jesus completes the lesson: Do not let your hearts be troubled. . . . In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:1, 2). For the believer, that future begins in the present. Though detoured by unforeseen obstacles and imperiled by inevitable dangers, we are already in the Father's house, the community in which Jesus reveals himself in word, Eucharist, and one another, diverse yet one in Jesus, "the way and the truth and the life. (14:6).

Question of the Week

Drawing on the strength of today's word and Eucharist, how can I offer creativity and understanding as a path toward resolution?

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 14, 2017

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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 – Mable Williams – James St. Charles – Audry Porter – Evelyn Gouse

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Melvin Thomas, Jr. – Dennis Washington – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Norma & Eldridge Monette – Jimmy Kirkland III – Irma Pierre – Pauline Champagne – Lilly Torregano – Clara Faciane – Sylvannia Guillory – Enola Bencel – Bernardine Moore – Joyce Jones – Matilda Mathews – Kimberly Gerdes – Intentions of Cecile Schwarthart – June Pierre

12:00p.m. Joan Mathieu – For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, May 15, 2017

8:30a.m. Catherine Bertrand – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Intention of Ryan J. Thomas

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Dennis Washington – Intention of Rosalind Webb

Thursday, May 18, 2017

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

Friday, May 19, 2017

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

Saturday, May 20, 2017

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



Announcements

“Father GOD, Christian is the NAME and the GOSPEL we glory in. May YOUR LOVE make us what YOU have called us to be.” We ask this through Christ our LORD. (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 Fourth Sunday of Easter is: **Who is Calling Me.** This Bible Study is based on the readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter: **Reading I: Acts 6:1-7; Responsorial Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9; Gospel: John 14:1-12.** 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. Would you like to study the Letters of St. Peter?

Congratulations to Sean Paul Martin who recently received the Serra Club Altar Server of the Year Award for his outstanding service as an Altar Server in our Parish, St. Maria Goretti Church. The award was sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the New Orleans area with a Mass, an awards ceremony and a banquet on April 26 at St. Rita Church, New Orleans. Thank you, Sean Paul!



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:

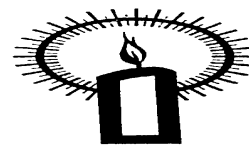
- Have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seventeen who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Are Catholic and would like to know more about their faith?
- Who is married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

Join us on our journey of Faith as we continue on **May 16, 2017.** The topic will be: **Faith in Action – The Sacraments and the Social Teaching of the Church?**

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.

Congratulations to all of our students who received the sacrament of First Eucharist last Sunday, May 7, 2017 and to all of our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

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 for the Intentions of Ryan Joseph Thomas.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Rudy Winford and France Montana.

In Our Parish

Monday, May 15, 2017

- 10:30a.m. Sr. Dance Class – Center Area
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center Area
- 7:00p.m. St. Augustine High School Barcalaureate Mass - Church

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

- 6:30p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA – Rm. 7
- 6:30p.m. Edgelake HOA – Rm. 9
- 7:00p.m. Mount Olivet Seminary – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

- 5:30p.m. District E Community – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – Library
- 7:00p.m. Men's Fellowship – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

Thursday, May 18, 2017

- 9:00a.m. Katherine Drexel High School Graduation Practice - Church
- 6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, May 19, 2017

- 11:00a.m. Catherine Drexel High School Graduation - Church

Saturday, May 20, 2017

- 10:00a.m. Star Class – Rm. 10
- 4:00p.m. Art In Motion – Whole Center

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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