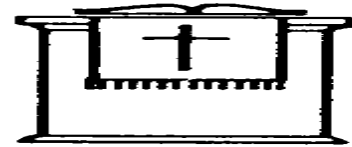


*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*  
*November 26, 2017*



*At his Passion, Jesus was judged by the religious establishment for blasphemy and by the secular authorities for sedition. Today, Jesus teaches what the real judgment will be about—simply, straightforward observations about practical charity: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting the imprisoned. In fact, at this judgment there isn't even a "sentencing." The King will simply assign us then the place we've already chosen by our decision to perform or to neglect such charity. The only surprise is that care extended or refused to "these least brothers [and sisters] of mine" turns out to have been extended or refused to the King himself (Matthew 25:40).*

*Note too how our present attitude will impact our eternal beatitude. In Jesus' story, the unjust imply that they would have helped, if only they had known who that needy person really was! The just, however, did good for goodness' sake alone. Serving others from the heart, instinctively, spontaneously, like Jesus, with no self-serving ulterior motive, no thought of any reward.*

*But thankfully, even on Judgment Day, there will be more than reward and punishment. Ezekiel proclaims that the King who comes to judge is still our Good Shepherd—to the very end, intent on "rescuing the scattered, seeking out the lost, bringing back the strays, binding up the injured, healing the sick" (Ez 34:12, 16). Today's story of the Last Judgment, then, is less a frightening vision of the future and more a practical program for the present.*

**Question of the Week**

*Having myself been found by divine mercy, what will I do during Advent to seek those in need? Are they already right here in front of me?*

*All We Need Is Love*

**Saturday, November 25, 2017**

**Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**  
**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Corinne Singletary – Leonard Belton – Bruce Gabriel – Miriam Page – Henry & Bertha Thomas and deceased children – Rita and Dorothy O'Rourke – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corinne Singletary – Melvina Kepp – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Maude DeGrasse – Yvonne & Jeff Guerin

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Fred and Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Albert Pierre

**12:00p.m.** Enix Smith, Jr. – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Monday, November 27, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – James and Tamerle Young – Maude DeGrasse

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Maude DeGrasse – Yvonne & Jeff Guerin

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young – Maude DeGrasse

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Yvonne and Jeff Guerin – Joseph Simms, Jr. – Maude DeGrasse – James Young – Leo Schwarkhart, Jr.

**Friday, December 1, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Melvin Orticke - Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Yvonne and Jeff Guerin – James Young – Maude DeGrasse

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Nguyen – Jerome Rixner, Jr. – Intentions of James and Tamerle Young – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

### Announcements

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (1 Chronicles 16:34). Adoration resumes on Monday, November 27, 2017. Eucharistic Adoration Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

#### Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for **Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe** is, **“There is a King in You!” You have the power to heal broken hearts, to satisfy hunger, and to free the oppressed.** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year A.**  
**Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.** This Bible Study can be found on the parish website at and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Join us on Monday’s in the Center at 7p.m. There will be no Bible Study on November 21, 2017.**



Prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the most high.



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

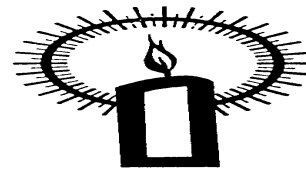
#### RCIA

**The St. Maria Goretti (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church or by contacting a RCIA team member.**

This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **The Church Tour Catholic Churches built in a unique way with a special meaning? Why does the Church have a liturgical year? What is the meaning of Advent? Are their sacred things used in the liturgy?** Sessions are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m. in the chapel. **There will be no session on November 21, 2017. The activities above will take place on November 27, 2017.**

For more information please contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website [smgnola.com](http://smgnola.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 thanksgiving for prayers answered. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Stanley Anthony Robinson.

### In Our Parish

#### Monday, November 27, 2017

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

#### Wednesday, November 28, 2017

12:00p.m. AARP 4550 – RMS. 3 & 4

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3 & 4

7:00p.m. Executive Board Meeting – Library

7:00p.m. Tuesday First Place Class – Rm. 10

#### Thursday, November 29, 2017

6:00p.m. No Bingo

#### Friday, November 30, 2017

6:00p.m. Rosary – Chapel

7:00p.m. Holy Name and Altar Society

#### Saturday, December 1, 2017

7:00a.m. **Prepare The Way** Men’s Fellowship – Rms. 3 & 4

10:00a.m. Star Class – Rm. 10

7:00p.m. Fatima Pray Fellowship – Rms. 3 & 4

**Show The Love Of God To Everyone Always.**

#### PREPARE THE WAY

The St. Maria Goretti Catholic Men’s Fellowship present- *Prepare the Way, An Advent Program for Men.* Join us as we read and discuss scripture, pray with each other and for each other in preparation of the birth of our Savior. The program will meet weekly beginning on December 2, 2017 from 7:00- 7:45 am in the Monsignor Gauthreaux center. The program is free and is open to any man ages 12 and older. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the entrance of the church.

#### ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Maria Altar Society will hosting a Day of Prayer on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at The Cenacle Retreat House. Please contact Mrs. Miriam Jones at 504-481-9081 or any member of the Altar Society for more information.