

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 21, 2018*

*In the story told about Nineveh, the emphasis is on God's boundless willingness to forgive. Nineveh had been one of Israel's greatest enemies. Even though the Book of Jonah was written three centuries later, Nineveh was still regarded as one of the most remorseless and cruel oppressors of Israel. In reality, they never changed their ways. But Jonah imagines what would happen if they had. No matter how horrible their behavior had been, if they repent, God will forgive them. The forgiveness of God has no bounds. It is not just given to Israel after each time they repent; it can even be given to their most terrible enemy. It can be given to anyone who turns to God.*

*God changes course on the promise to smite Nineveh. This disappoints Jonah, for Nineveh is a sworn enemy. But God would rather forgive than punish. It is difficult to resist punishing those who have done us wrong. Jonah can't accept this. But this is exactly what God is willing to do.*

*Last week we heard John's account of the call of Andrew and Simon. Today we hear the noticeably different version from Mark. Andrew and Simon are now fishing. This gives Mark the opportunity to have Jesus refer to their profession when he calls them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Discipleship demands both things- following Jesus and sharing the good news with others.*

**Question of the Week**

*How do I live as a disciple of Jesus? Do I share the good news through my words and actions?*



## Liturgy Intentions For The Week

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

**Vigil of the Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Miriam Page – Emanuel Washington – Intentions of Alton Lombard and James & Tamerla Young – Dorothy White

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

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**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. – Melvina Kepp – Hurby Oubre – Joseph Nguyen – Shirley Cousin – Eugene & Lovenia Barthelemy – O'Malley & Jane Garrison – Antoine & Alvernia LaFrance – Damian P. Slipper – James Charles

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lourdes Glapion Nix – Albert Pierre – Emelda Darensbourg – Richard Page – Intentions of Deborah Gabriel – Al DeGrasse

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

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. Charles Winchell, Jr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Tamerle Young – Iris Pierre – Al DeGrasse, Jr.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Deborah Gabriel

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intention Deborah Gabriel

**Friday, January 26, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Miriam Page – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Deborah Gabriel – Iris Pierre

**Saturday, January 27, 2018**

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

### Announcements

“O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.” Eucharistic Adoration  
Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

#### Bible Study

The Bible Study themes for this week are: **This is your Season! This is your Time of Grace! Rethink – Believe- Follow!** This week’s bible study is taken from the readings for the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B: Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Gospel: Mark 1:14-20.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: [smgnola.com / Bible Study](http://smgnola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Come join us every on **Monday in the Center at 7p.m.**

Let all Nations and Peoples  
Give Praise to God

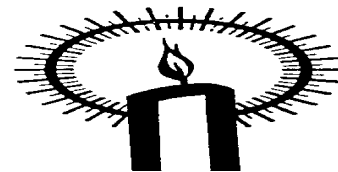


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

#### RCIA

**Make this New Year the year we renew and strengthen our Faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith.** This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **A SEASON OF GRACE! FAITH HOPE AND LOVE – HOW DO I LIVE THESE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES?** This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **A SEASON OF GRACE! FAITH HOPE AND LOVE – HOW DO I LIVE THESE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES?** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, Harold Broussard, or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at [www.smgnola.com](http://www.smgnola.com). Join us every Tuesday night at **7:00p.m. in the Chapel.**

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 to St. Jude, St. Anthony and Infant Jesus of Prague.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Miriam Page and Shirley Wesley.

## This Week in our Parish

### Monday, January 22, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Radio Rosary – Rms. 3 & 4

### Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- 12:00p.m. AARP Meeting – Center
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- 7:00p.m. Holy Name Executive Meeting – Library

### Wednesday, January 24, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

### Thursday, January 25, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

### Friday, January 26, 2017

- 12:15p.m. Low Impact Class – Center
- 6:30a.m. Filipino Ministry Rehearsal Center

### Saturday, January 27, 2018

- 8:00p. m. Catholic Men’s Summit - Center
- 5:00p.m. Filipino Singlog – Center – Rms. 3 & 4 – Kitchen

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