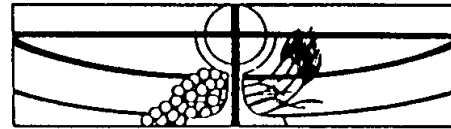


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

Masses For The Week



They say that naming something can give you power over it. The unclean spirit in Mark's Gospel tries to do just that, crying out, "Jesus of Nazareth . . . the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). But Jesus had the authority of God and this triumphs over the unclean spirit. Mark portrays Jesus as the prophet promised to Moses and the people in the first reading, "I will raise up for them a prophet . . . and will put my words into his mouth" (Deuteronomy 18:18). This gives Jesus the authority to drive out unclean spirits, as well as to teach with authority in the synagogue.

The passage from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians can be understood in the light of his belief that the Second Coming was imminent. Considering the importance of this event, Paul wanted the faithful to spend less time worrying about the day-to-day concerns of this world.

We don't hear what Jesus taught in the synagogue, but Mark tells us that "he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). What would the scribes have said about a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue? Probably that he was corrupting the place with his presence and that he should be cast out. But Jesus chooses to cast out the unclean spirit, not the person. He is not concerned, as the scribes would be, of becoming unclean himself. He teaches—and acts—with greater authority than the people had ever witnessed.

Question of the Week

What kind of "unclean spirits" afflicting some people do I encounter? Do I risk becoming unclean myself when encountering those who are afflicted? Can I overcome that risk?

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Emanuel Washington – Rodney Ulysses – Patty Smith

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 – Joseph Nguyen – Merrill Lange – Intentions of Al and Maude De Grasse – Deborah Gabriel – Iris Pierre

10:30a.m. Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lourdes Glapion Nix – James Blackburn – Leroy Brown – Melvin Thomas – Lamar & Shirley Smith – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Rodney Ulysses – Mary C. Clement – Malcolm Clement – Damian P. Skipper

12:00p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, January 29, 2018

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Rodney and Carol Ulysses

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Rodney Ulysses Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – James and Tamerle Young – Iris & Lana Pierre

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Rodney Ulysses – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Iris Pierre – In Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 1, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Marcus McNeil – Merrill Lange – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr.

Friday, February 2, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Miriam Page – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Al and Maude De Grasse

Saturday, February 3, 2018

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

Announcements

“.” 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: **He saw the best in me! Why would God send his only Son to die for us?** This week’s bible study is taken from the readings for the **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B: Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: smgnola.com/BibleStudy, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Come join us every on **Monday in the Center at 7p.m.**

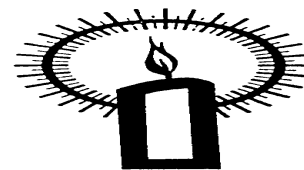


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

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: **Why did GOD give the Ten Commandments? – A Study of Commandments 1-3. What are the Precepts of the Catholic Church? Why do we need Precepts if we have Commandments from God?** 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, or visit the website at 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

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This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 28, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 6:00p.m. Lakewood East HOA – Rm. 9
- 6:00p.m. Knights of Columbus – Kitchen, Rms. 3 & 4

Tuesday, January 29, 2018

- 6:00p.m. ENONAC

Wednesday, January 30, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Thursday, January 31, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

Friday, February 1, 2017

- 12:15p.m. Low Impact Class - Center

Saturday, February 2, 2018

- 2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
- 6:00p.m. Filipino Ministry – Center

