

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 4, 2018*

*Mass Intentions*



Job is in the throes of despair. His days are miserable, his nights are troubled. He fears that his life will end before he is ever happy again. Yet, he is addressing this lament to God. Somewhere inside he must have some little glimmer of hope — hope that God will hear him.

“The whole town was gathered at the door” (Mark 1:33). Jesus was curing people all evening, healing illnesses and driving out demons. He probably could have stayed there for weeks as word spread throughout the region. After all, people of Capernaum were already coming to him rather than the other way around. And last week we heard that his fame spread throughout all of Galilee. But the Jesus portrayed in Mark is not one to stand still. Sure enough, the next morning, Jesus retreats to a deserted place and prays to his Father. He returns telling his disciples, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come” (Mark 1:38). Jesus had a mission, a mission from God, and this mission meant going out to others and spreading the gospel.

Jesus’ mission to go out and preach impacts those who encounter him. Saint Paul takes the mission to preach the gospel to heart and it becomes his life’s calling. Simon Peter’s mother-in-law, when cured of her fever, immediately gets up to serve her guests. The word Mark uses to describe her action is diakoneo, a word also used to describe ministry or discipleship.

Question of the Week

What does it mean to be a disciple? How do I serve God and serve others?

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Schoenmehl and Walt Families – Ulysses and Carol Rodney – Shirley Cousin – Ryan Morgan, Jr.

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Intentions of Melvin and Rose George – Malcolm and Joy Rodrigues – Bruce Gabriel – Earl and Iris Pierre

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – James Blackburn – Leroy Brown – Melvin Thomas – Lamar & Shirley Smith – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Ulysses and Carol Rodney – Damian P. Skipper – Brenda Flint – Pierre and Torregano Families

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

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Winchell, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Ulysses and Carol Rodney – Edgar Morgan – Intentions of Melvin and Rose George

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Carol and Ulysses Rodney – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Melvin and Rose George – End Human Trafficking

**Wednesday, February 7, 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 – Rose George – In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Marcus McNeil – Merrill Lange – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Iris Pierre – Rose George – Joy Rodrigues

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

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

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

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

**Announcements**

“He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.” 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: **Just a touch! What is healing? How has God visited you with his healing touch? Who have you healed?** This week’s bible study is taken from the readings for the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B: Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Responsorial Psalm: 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: [smgnola.com/BibleStudy](http://smgnola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Come join us every Monday in the Center at 7p.m.**



*Pray for the Sick*

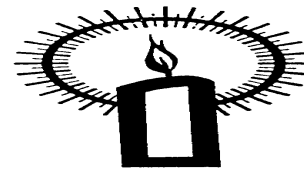


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**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 RCIA 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 the 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](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 memory of Helen Cheatham  
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*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

6:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

9:00a.m. United Teachers Union – Center Area

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

**Friday, February 9, 2017**

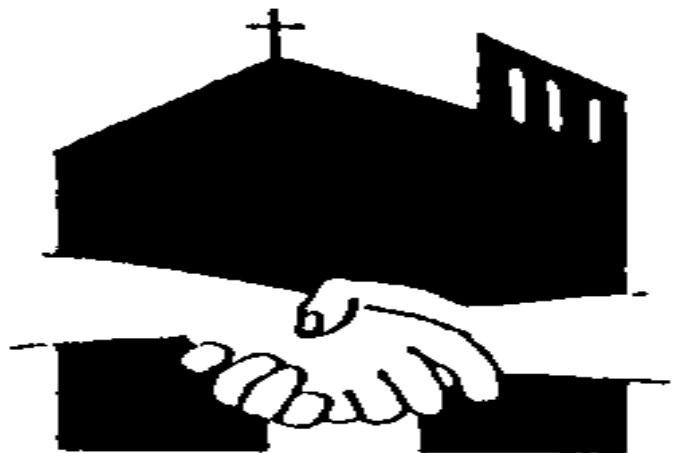
12:15p.m. Low Impact Class - Center

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

8:00a.m. Filipino Outreach – Center -3 & 4

11:00a.m. Just Faith Ministry – Library

12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership – Library



**Peace Be With You**