

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 11, 2018*



Jesus was moved by pity. Filled with compassion, Jesus could not ignore the leper who approached him, knelt down, and begged him to make him clean. But he did not just hold his arm out and heal him from a distance. Jesus touched him. He broke through the barrier that separated the clean from the unclean. Because the moment he touched the leper Jesus became unclean himself, he shared in the leper's condition as he cured it. In doing so, Jesus provides a model of Christian compassion. It is not enough to help from a safe distance. The Christian is called to reach out actively and touch those who need our compassion.

Jesus instructed the man not to say anything to anyone, but the former leper cannot not tell others. He witnesses to what happened, no doubt telling everyone he met that Jesus was the real deal. He experienced the touch of Jesus firsthand and can describe how it felt as the disease immediately left his body. He is not going to keep this to himself! For the believer, the natural response to being made whole is to testify to it. We want to share our story.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul asks his fellow Christians to "do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). He is telling them this in the context of conflicts that arose because of the differing backgrounds of the early Christians. Some of Jewish tradition took offense at the way some from Gentile cultures acted and vice versa. Paul understood this, and being the great uniter, tried "to please everyone in every way" (1 Corinthians 11:33). The best way to do that is to be conscious of glorifying God in our actions.

**Question of the Week**

How can our compassion lead us to break barriers and bring healing to others, thereby giving glory to God?

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

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

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – George Marcell – Ulysses and Carol Rodney – Intentions of Paul Fogle – James Young and Alton Lombard

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Lamar & Shirley Smith – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Damian P. Skipper – Dennis Washington – George Marcell – Intentions of Melvin and Rose George – Donya Ralph

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

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Ulysses and Carol Rodney – Intentions of Melvin and Rose George – Earl & Iris Pierre – Alvin Becker – Lillian Becker & Family

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Carol and Ulysses Rodney – George Marcell – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Melvin George – Eddie Numa and Family

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – George Marcell – Joseph Nguyen – Rodney Ulysses – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Iris Pierre – Rose George – Joy Rodrigues – Julia Banks

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

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

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Richard and Miriam Page – George Marcell – Leatrice, Rose and Brenda Pierre – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr.

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

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

**Happy Mardi Gras Everyone**

**Announcements**

“Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.” 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: **TIME FOR A CLEANUP!** This week’s bible study is taken from the readings for the **Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B: Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Responsorial Psalm: 32:1-2, 5, 11; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Gospel: Mark 1:40-45.** 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 and be warmed by the word of God. Join us every Monday in the Center at 7p.m.**

**Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry on Friday March 3, 2017 from 12:00 noon till 7:00p.m. in the center. The plate includes fried fish, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, bread, vegetables, dessert and a drink. Donation is \$10 per plate. We now accept credit and debit cards.

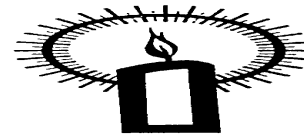


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**RCIA**

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 COMMANDMENTS 4-10. Did Catholics change the Ten Commandments? Are all sins listed in the Ten Commandments? Is gambling a sin? What commandment covers the “ME TOO MOVEMENT?” 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, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, Dianne Wiltz-Huntley or any member of the RCIA Team at (504) 242-7554, or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at <http://www.smgnola.com>. **JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM 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. Anthony and St. Jude  
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Jacquelyn Anthony and Harold Robertson.



Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Masses will be 8:30a.m., 12 noon and 6:00p.m. Ashes will be distributed after all Masses



**Lenten Schedule**

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and Friday 6:00p.m. Masses.



**Fasting & Abstinence**

**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on All Fridays in Lent.

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

Lundy Gras – Closed

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

Mardi Gras – Closed

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

- 12:00p.m. Pasta Dinner – Center & Rms 3-4
- 6:00p.m. Lake Carmel HOA – Rm. 8
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship - Library

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

**Friday, February 16, 2017**

- 12:15p.m. Fish Fry – Center
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name Social – Rms. 3-4, Kitchen
- 6:00p.m. Prep Meeting – Center

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

8:00a.m. Prayer breakfast – Center – Rms 3-4

Happy

