

HOPE – IS LIVING WHAT GOD  
WANTS FOR US.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### SCRIPTURE:

**He Wants A Blessed Fruitful Life For Us.**

**First Reading: Genesis 22:15-18.** *“I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants, all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - because you obeyed my command.”*

**He Wants Us To Overcome Adversity. He Will Protect You With The Conquering Power Of His Love.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34.** *“What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us 32 He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? 33 Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. 34 Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”*

**He Wants Us To Walk In Hope! I Will Walk Before The Lord In The Land Of The Living.** – “I am faithful to God, I am precious in his sight even when I am gravely afflicted.” Ps 116:10.

**He Wants To Dwell With Us And In Us For All Eternity.**

**Gospel: Mark 9:5-8.** *“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, ‘Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”*

### Service And Evangelization

Volunteer at Catholic Charities or St. Vincent DePaul for opportunities to visit the ill, shut in, abandoned

Attend the Archdiocese Human Trafficking Symposium 3/3 hosted by SMG

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**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**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 – Shirley Cousin – Phillip Farve – Intentions of Clinton and Sandra Lewis – Reggie Woolery, Jr.

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Dennis and Rita Washington – Intentions of Melvin and Rose George – Donya Ralph – Reggie Woolery – Dennis Cousin

**12:00p.m.** Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – The CYO Group

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John & Jennie Walt – Intentions of Rose George

**6:00p.m.** Intention of the Haiti Partnership – Just Faith

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Carol and Ulysses Rodney – Irma Pierre – George Marcell – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Reggie Woolery, Jr.

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of our parish

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

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

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of June Pierre – Alana Pierre

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

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

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of the Altar Society – Lay Carmelites

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

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

**6:00p.m.** Intentions of the Holy Name Society – Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

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

**Annoting of the Sick**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 4:00p.m.**

**Announcements**

“Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.”  
 Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

**Lent a Journey of Hope**

During this Holy Season of Lent, the parish will embark on a journey of Hope. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Lent is a time of Hope. **Lenten Theme: Lent A Journey of Hope.** Each week during Lent we will examine an aspect of hope and apply each aspect to our lives. The theme for the **Second Sunday in Lent** is: **Hope is knowing that God is Faithful.** The bible study for this week is based on the readings for the **Second Sunday In Lent: Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Responsorial Psalm: 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34; Gospel: Mark 9:2-10.** 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 2, 2018 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**

Lent is a time of Hope. It is a time when we renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith. Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church.

This week’s **RCIA** Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **What is Lent? Why do Catholics put Ashes on their heads? What is the foundation of Christianity?** 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 7:00p.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. Anthony and St. Jude  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Phillip Farve and Harold Robertson.



**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** 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 26, 2018**

- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Knights Of Columbus – Rms. 3 & 4

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

- 12:00p.m. AARP #4550 – Rms. 3 & 4
- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center
- 7:00p.m. Holy Name Executive Meeting – Library
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, February 28, 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, March 1, 2018**

- 10:00a.m. Lenten Prayer Service – Church & Center
- 6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

**Friday, March 2, 2017**

- 12:00p.m. Fish Fry – Center & Kitchen
- 6:00p.m. Prep Meeting – Library

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

- 8:00a.m. Human Trafficking Symposium – Center Area
- 2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Fatima Prayer Group – Rms. 3 & 4

**Human Trafficking Symposium**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2018**  
**8:00a.m. in the Center.**