

HOPE – IS LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF
GOD’S LAW

Third Sunday of Lent

SCRIPTURE: God gave us His commandments to give us the freedom to love him and others. He gave us the commandments to show us that we do not have to do anything for Him but to treat others in the way he has prescribed. Three commandments deal with God the rest deal with others. The two Great Commandments sums up what God wants from us – to treat others the way he treats them - with LOVE, COMPASSION, AND MERCY.

First Reading: Ex. 20:1-17. The purpose of the Commandments is to give us the freedom to love each other and love and worship God. (Too long to print here.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 22-25. “For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

Gospel John 2:14. “*He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. 15 He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, 16 and to those who sold doves he said, ‘Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.’*”

Jesus’ concern for the abuses of others in the temple and the offense against God prompted His actions. Because He lived and observed the Law of God - He is God – he was free to overturn the tables and challenge the Jewish religious authority.

SERVICE AND EVANGELIZATION

The Gospel has Jesus addressing abuses. We, the people of God, address the abuses in our criminal justice system. Many of our Catholic Christians shun convicted felons out of fear and a hardened heart. Welcome home one who has been released from prison. Ask a returning citizen (former inmate) to come to worship with us at a Mass.

Seek forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation

Let go of a long-standing grudge; forgive someone else for hurting you.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Vigil of the Third 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 – James St. Charles – Jesse Hall & Family – Rita Whitehead – Intentions of Jesse Bridges – Alton Lombard – James and Tamerle Young

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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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 – Stephen Moline

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

Monday, March 5, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John & Jennie Walt – Alcina Sampson – Mr. & Mrs Charles Winchell, Sr. – Intentions of Rose George – Donya Ralph

6:00p.m. Jacqueline Williams – Intention of Williams Family

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Warren Pierre – Derwin and Clement Torregano, Sr. – Clare Faciane – Intentions of Reggie Woolery, Jr. and Family

6:00p.m. Intentions of Ryan Thomas and Ashton Pierre

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – George Marcell – Joseph Nguyen – Rodney Ulysses – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of June Jones – Rose George – Michael and Gregory Pierre – Jalen and Kolby Adams – Reggie Woolery, Jr.

6:00p.m. Intentions of the Hicks and Jordan Families

Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Marcus McNeil – George Marcel – Intentions of Tyrone and Donya Ralph – Iris Pierre – Rose George – Joy Rodrigues

6:00p.m. All Poor Souls – Intentions of Human Trafficking

Friday, March 9, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Richard and Miriam Page – George Marcell – Raymond and Rose Pierre – Willie and Sylvannia Guillory – Intentions of James and Tamerla Young

6:00p.m. Intentions of the Van Smith, Sr. and Jr. – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Fr. Cyril Buyeera

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:30a.m. The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Annoting of the Sick
Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 4:00p.m.

Announcements

“O sing a new song to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.”
 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 **Third Sunday in Lent is: Hope is living in the Freedom of God’s law.** The bible study for this week has the same theme and it is based on the readings for the **Third Sunday in Lent: Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17; Responsorial Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel: John 2:13-25.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: 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 9, 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: **Repent and Believe in the Gospel! What is Original Sin? Dose the Bible distinguish between Mortal and Venial Sins? Are the Seven Deadly Sins in the Bible? Why does the Church contain so many Sinners?** 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, 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 memory of Chris H. Davillier, Sr.
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham and Jesse Hall and Family



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, March 5, 2018**
 - 5:00p.m. Tutoring – Rms. 3 & 4
 - 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018**
 - 6:30p.m. KIC – Rms. 3 & 4
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018**
 - 9:00p.m. UNTO – Center & Kitchen
 - 5:00p.m. Tutoring – Rms. 3 & 4
 - 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
 - 6:30p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
 - 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
 - 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- Thursday, March 8, 2018**
 - 6:00p.m. Bingo - Center
- Friday, March 9 2017**
 - 12:00p.m. Fish Fry – Center & Kitchen
- Saturday, March 10, 2018**
 - 11:00a.m. Just Faith Meeting – Library
 - 11:30a.m. CYO Officer Meeting – Rm. 11
 - 12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Meeting – Library
 - 1:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
 - 7:00p.m. Fatima Prayer Group – Rms. 3 & 4

**Boy Scout Troup 185
 Donut Sale**

Sunday, March 10, 2018 after all Masses