

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018



Mass Intentions

Luke and Acts are two parts of a narrative, written by the same author. The Gospel focused on the life of Jesus, Acts on the early Church. In his Gospel, Luke writes that Jesus said, “When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or what you are to say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say” (Luke 12:11-12). Then in Acts, after Jesus has given the Holy Spirit, we repeatedly see this put into action.

In the first reading Peter is responding to Annas, Caiaphas, and other members of the Sanhedrin after he had cured a disable man who often sat at the temple gate and begged. Peter had been arrested and was called before the council. Forced to defend himself, he relied on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and courage. Realizing that he was merely the instrument-that the power truly came from God-Peter wisely and correctly testified that the man was healed through Christ Jesus, who is the source of all salvation. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit gave him the courage to say this, to the very people who saw to it that that same Jesus was put to death.

The Sanhedrin released Peter, in no small part because of the number of people who saw what happened and came to believe in Jesus that day. Through incidents like this, the early church grew in numbers and in faith. In the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, who told his disciples he had other sheep who would also hear his voice, and who gave us the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, lives are transformed and the Body of Christ expands.

Question of the Week

In what ways can the Holy Spirit give me wisdom and courage to speak and act regarding issues in the world, in our country, in my community?

Trust and Believe
God the Father
God the Son
God the Holy Spirit

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Paul Condoll – Ruby Winford – Ronnie Sylvia – Tammy Broussard – Sandy Dye – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell – Patricia Casmier

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Corrine Singletary – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Paul and Gloria Andoh – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Lovie and Villere Encalade – Shirley Dejan – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Sylvia Martin – Ernest Richardson – Evie – Tu Tran – Nicholson Family
10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Shirley Dejan – Glenn Gilyot – Intentions of Reggie Woolery, Jr. – Herman Mitchell – Dawn Richard – Leontine Coleman

12:00p.m. Andrew Joseph, III – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Herman Mitchell

Monday, April 23, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacob, Sr. – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Jackie Sharett – Audrey Johnson – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Beverly Wilkerson – Joseph Cong Cao – Mary Kham and Peter Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Jackie Sharett – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Tu Tran – Haley Thomas

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Jackie Shareff – Beverly Wilkerson – Wanda Martin – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell –

Thursday, April 26, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Joyce Jones – Shirley Dejan – James Armelin, Sr. – Rosalind Smith – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell

Friday, April 27, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Dennis & Rita Washington – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Jackie Shareff – Angela Germany – Brenda & Leatrice Pierre – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30a.m. Intentions of Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Herman Mitchell – Tu Tran – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“Though the loving kindness of God who can do all He wills, give us the GRACE and true desire to give You what You truly want.”
 Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Rejoicing in Hope - Living in the Spirit

The Bible Study theme for the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** is: **What is your Life Worth? What price would your pay to improve the life of another?** The Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Reading I: Acts 4:8-12; Responsorial Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2; Gospel: John 10:11-18.** 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 Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Center at 7p.m.**

The St. Maria Goretti CYO is sponsoring a Bake Sale at all Masses on Sunday, April 22, 2018.



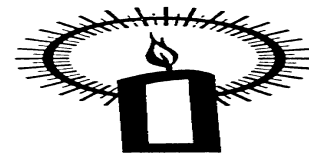
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

RCIA

As we embrace the Resurrection of our Lord and anticipate the anointing of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we also embrace the need to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti RICA (Rite 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.**

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? What are its effects? Is the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Bible? What is “Speaking in Tongues”? 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 on April 24, 2018 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
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Chester Boutte, Sr. and Mary Maudrie



The Week Ahead

Monday, April 23, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Holy Name Rosary – Center Rms. 3 & 4
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class Zumba – Center

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- 7:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

Thursday, April 26, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, April 27 2017

- 12:15p.m. Low Impact Excerise – Center
- 6:30p.m. Kights of Columbus – Rms. 3 & 4

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 10:00a.m. First Communion Reconciliation - Church

**A Prayer for Healing
 Victims of Abuse**

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.