

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

“I am the vine,” Jesus tells his disciples, and “you are the branches” (John 15:5). From age to age the vine that is the Body of Christ has borne much fruit. In the first reading we hear Saint Paul, grafted onto the vine after his conversion, preaching boldly in the name of Jesus. Truly, this branch has borne much fruit. Across the world countless communities gather in Christ’s name, strengthening the vine, making it thrive in the world today. Branches continue to be added to the vine, most visibly in the form of those who were baptized this past Easter.

“Remain in me,” Jesus says repeatedly to his disciples in this discourse at the Last Supper. This is the last time that they will all be together before his death. Jesus knows what is going to happen; he has already sent Judas on his way. He also knows that the other disciples will misunderstand him, deny him and abandon him. So it is with almost plaintive voice that he cries out to his friends to remain in him as he promises he will remain in them. Do not let this connection wither, he asks them. He asks us.

How do we remain in him? John answers this in his letter: “Those who keep his commandment remain in him, and he in them” (1 John 3:24). Just in case we’ve forgotten, he reminds us that this means to love God and to love one another. How will we know Jesus remains in us? The Spirit he gave us shows he remains in us.

Question of the Week

How do I think God will prune my branch of the vine? What part of me is withered and should be burned? What part of me is bearing the most fruit? How can I make the vine stronger and healthier?



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Vigil of Fifth 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 – Gwendolyn Beinvenu – Intentions of Tu Tran – Patricia Casmire – Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin

Sunday, April 29, 2018

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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 & Gloria Andoh – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Stacey & Sylvia Martin – Eugene & Yolande Granier – Tu Tran – Nicholson Family

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Shirley Dejan – Belinda Melton – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Harold Bruno – Herman Mitchell – Dawn Richard – Leontine Coleman – Greg, Mike & April Pierre

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

Monday, April 30, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Rose Garnett, Sr. – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell – Patricia Casmire

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Beverly Wilkerson – Shirley Dejan – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Tu Tran – Stacey Martin – Patricia Casmire

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Cao – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Beverly Wilkerson – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin – Tu Tran

Thursday, May 3, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin

Friday, May 4, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Dennis & Rita Washington – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Margie Telemachus – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin – Patricia Casmire

Saturday, May 5, 2018

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

Announcements

“GOD the Father was glorified in the death and resurrection of His Son. Let us, confidently, pray to Him to enlighten our minds.”
 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 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** is: **DO YOU HAVE THE HOOK UP? Are you connected to the True Vine?** The Bible Study is based on the readings for **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**, **Reading I: Acts 9:26-31; Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24; Gospel: John 15:1-8.** 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 24, 2018 in the Center at 7p.m. (Combined RICA and Bible Study)**

Everyone is invited to the mass on May 6, 2018 at 10:30a.m. to support and witness our young people as they receive the Sacrament of First Communion and the May Crowning.



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

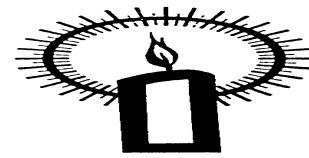
RCIA

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 29, 2018 AT 7:00p.m. in the Chapel.

Be Kind, be Understanding and be Merciful to all of God’s creation.

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 Verna Gordon and Augusta Davis
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Belinda Melton and Gina Greenlee



The Week Ahead

Monday, April 30, 2018

6:00p.m. Exercise Class Zumba – Center

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

9:00a.m. United Teachers – Center & Kitchen

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

Thursday, May 3, 2018

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, May 4, 2017

6:00a.m. Voting Machine Delivery

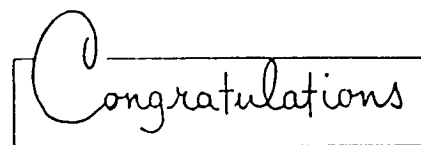
Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00a.m. Voting

5:30p.m. Filipino Ministry – Church & Grounds

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priest, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



To all of our CCD students who were Confirmed on April 17, 2018.

May the flame of the Holy Spirit burn brightly within you always.

