

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 6, 2018**



It is typical to think of love as a feeling, the way we feel about a spouse, a parent, a child, a close friend. Yes, this is love, but this is not the sense that Jesus is using when he says, “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). Love in this sense is a permanent condition, a part of one’s character. As a part of our character, it can’t help but flow out of us when we interact with others. Remember, Jesus began the Last Supper by washing the feet of the disciples, then telling them to do the same. This is the way we are to love one another.

Jesus tells his disciples that “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). Fortunately, most of us will never be faced with actually putting our life on the line to save someone else. However, we can all accept the challenge of sacrificing some part of ourselves to give over our time and energy to someone else.

Cornelius was a recently converted Roman centurion, and normally an observant Jew like Peter would not enter the house of a Gentile. But Peter’s focus was on others, not himself. Still, Peter was astounded to see the Holy Spirit descend upon these Gentiles just as it had on the disciples. So too may the Holy Spirit astonish us when we reach out to others outside our comfort zone.

**Question of the Week**

Can I improve my character so that I focus more on other’s needs and less on my own needs? To whom can I reach out this week with my attention, time and energy?

**ALL WE NEED IS LOVE**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**Vigil of Sixth 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 – James St. Charles – Rita Whitehead – Hall & Becker Families – Rudy Winford – Intentions of Tu Tran – Patricia Casmire – Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin

**Sunday, May 6, 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. – Rose Jarreau – Paul & Gloria Andoh – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Sylvia and Stacey Martin – Tu Tran – Nicholson Family

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Shirley Dejan – Marjorie Valteau Telemaque – Gina Greenlee – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Eugene and Yolande Ganier

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

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katherine Bertrand – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Shirley Dejan – Marjorie Telemaque – Intentions of Donya Ralph – Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell – Patricia Casmire

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Melvin Thomas – Beverly Wilkerson – Shirley Dejan – Marjorie Telemaque – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Tu Tran – Stacey Martin – Patricia Casmire – Glendra Bruno

**Wednesday, May 9, 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 – Marjorie Telemaque – Intentions of Herman Mitchell – Stacey Martin – Tu Tran

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

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

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

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

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Marjorie Telemaque – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Intentions of Tu Tran – Barbara D. Armelin – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**Announcements**

“Through 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 **Sixth Sunday of Easter** is: It is all about Love? **Are you connected to the True Vine?** The Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: John 15:9-17.** The bible study can be found on our parish website [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 Monday evening in the Center at 7p.m.**

Annual Haiti Spring Time Tea  
 Saturday, May 26, 2018

3-6:00p.m. in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center.  
 Tickets are \$20 and available for purchased after all masses this weekend or from a committee member.



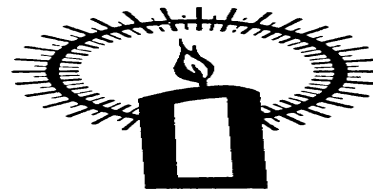
Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**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) welcomes all who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith. Registration Forms can be found in the rear of the church. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Ps 22:26-27).** The RCIA Sessions for this week is a continuation of the discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **What is “Speaking in Tongues”?** **The social teachings of the Church- How do we practice the gifts of the Holy Spirit?** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, 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 on Tuesday evenings sevens in 7:00p.m. in the Chapel.

Be **forgiving**, be **truthful** and be **honest** 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 for the intentions of Leonard Gauthreaux  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Rachel Marie Hess and Margie Valteau Telemackus



*The Week Ahead*

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center  
 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10  
 7:00p.m. Knight of Columbus – Rms. 3 & 4

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

6:00p.m. Lake Carmel – Rm. 8  
 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center  
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

**Friday, May 11, 2017**

12:45p.m. Low Impact Exercise – Center  
 1:00p.m. The People Program – Whole Center Area

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

11:00a.m. Just Faith Ministry – Library  
 12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Ministry – Library  
 2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4  
 5:30p.m. Filipino Ministry – Whole Center Area

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

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**Congratulations**

To all of our CCD students who are receiving their First Eucharistic and celebrating the May Crowning today May 6, 2018.