

The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018

“It is not for you to know the times or seasons,” Jesus tells the disciples in the first reading (Acts 1:7). After Jesus had left them, many wondered when he would return. Some thought it would be a very short time. This could have paralyzed them and the mission of the church. After all, why plan ahead if the end of the world could come any day, at any moment? So the angels immediately rebuke the loitering disciples: Why are you just standing around staring after him? He’s gone now; get to work.

The size and scope of the work he’s left is awesome. They are asked to proclaim the gospel, baptize the believers, give witness, prophesy, evangelize, pastor, teach. And all of this they are to do throughout the whole world, to the ends of the earth. But this work was not to be completed only by those disciples who lived at the same time as Jesus. It is to be completed by all disciples throughout all time. So it is also our mission today to do these things as well.

But we are not to do all this on our own. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus breathed on the apostles, who comes to us in baptism, whose arrival we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, is with us. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,” Jesus said (Acts 1:8). When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, they were able to speak in tongues and be understood by people all over the world. May the words we speak today have the power to comfort, to challenge, and to heal, the power to continue Christ’s mission.

Question of the Week

How often do I just stand around looking when there is work to be done, when there is injustice occurring, or when there is someone in need? What can I do so that I am spurred to act day in and day out?



Saturday, May 12, 2018

Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Wanda Fleming – Duane Payton Thelma James – Lloyd Menendez, Sr. – Rudy Winford – Intentions of Tu Tran – Patricia Casmire – Johnathan Bouligny

Sunday, May 13, 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 and Gloria Andoh – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Calvin Tate – Beverly Wilkerson – Loir Crowden – Champagne and Pierre Family – Mable Williams – Carolyn Morgan – Fannie Barra – Pauline Stephens – James St. Charles – Evelyn Gouse – Antonia Simon – Intentions of Sylvia Martin – Nicholson Family

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Shirley Dejan – Belinda Melton – Mable Williams – Helda Guyot – Clara Faciane – Lorie Truxcello – Sylvannie Guillory – Gina Greenlee – Leontine Coleman – Joyce Jones – Rita Washington – Miriam Page – Charles Valteau, Sr. – Intentions of Eugene and Yolanda Ganier

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

Monday, May 14, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Kimberly Gerdes – Pauline, Leontine, Matilda, Helen and Irma Champagne – Intentions of Iris Pierre

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Marie, Lily, Marjorie and Aurelia Valteau – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Iris and Lana Pierre

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Cao – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Anthony, Eldridge, ,Sr., Lu, and Frances Valteau – Intentions of Janet S. Madison – Mitchell Family – Iris Pierre

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Ferdinand and Charles Valteau, Sr. – Intentions of Murphy Armelin – Earl and Iris Pierre – Stacey Martin

Friday, May 18, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Marjorie Telemaque – Playdough Bouligny

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:30a.m. Peter Phi Van Nguyen – 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 **Solemnity of the Ascension** is: **He’s Still Here! Living in the Spirit.** The Bible Study is based on the readings for **Solemnity of the Ascension**
Reading I: Acts 1:1-11; Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13; Gospel: Mark 16:15-20. The bible study can be found on our parish website smgnola.com/BibleStudy, and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Come and be warmed by the word of God. Join us Monday, evenings in the Center at 7p.m.**



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.

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 are the teaching of the Catholic 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, 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 Tuesday at 7:00p.m. in the Chapel.

Be **Humble**, be **Accepting**, and be **Generous** to the least 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 Eugene and Yolande Ganier
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Elizabeth Mascaro and Ruth Celestine



- Monday, May 14, 2018**
 6:00p.m. Exercise Class Zumba – Center
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018**
 9:00a.m. Elder Care – Whole Center
 6:30p.m. Edge Lake HOA – Rm. 9
 6:30p.m. Villa Sites HOA – Rm. 8
 6:30p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA – Rm. 7
 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018**
 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Rms. 3 & 4
 7:00p.m. Board of Religious Education – library
- Thursday, May 17, 2018**
 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center
- Friday, May 18, 2017**
 7:00a.m. CCD Seafood Banquet – Center
- Saturday, May 19, 2018**
 4:00p.m. Art In Motion – Whole Center Area

Spring Time Tea



Ladies, you’re invited to attend a Special day with your grandmothers, mothers, aunts, daughters and granddaughters and other special ladies in your life. Come join us in Remembrance, Renewal and Fellowship.

*Where: St. Maria Goretti Msgr. Gauthreaux Center
 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127*

*When: May 26, 2018 from 3:00-6:00p.m.
 Cost: \$20.00 per person (tables of 8)*

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