

*The Epiphany of The Lord*  
*January 7, 2018*

*In the readings today God is revealed to foreigners in a special way. In Isaiah, the glory of the Lord is a source of light for a restored Jerusalem after the Exile, attracting all nations to her. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians speaks of Gentiles being "coheirs", equally eligible for salvation (Ephesian 3:6). The first people to visit the newborn Jesus in Matthew are the Magi, wise men who have traveled from afar. Later, both the magi and the Holy Family flee Judea because of Herod, the Holy Family becoming foreigners themselves. In fact, not only do they become foreigners, they become refugees, as they have fled their homeland for their own safety.*

*Those in power are perpetually threatened by anyone who might usurp that power. So it is today and so it was then. Not only King Herod, but "all Jerusalem with him" was also "greatly troubled" (Matthew 2:3). This newborn king could eventually threaten all of them. What they did not realized was the kind of power Jesus would exercise. But ironically, even though he was not to be a political threat, they were right were to be troubled.*

*Realizing that they were best off avoiding Herod, the magi end up returning home another way. They had planned to return the same way they came, via Jerusalem, as Herod had asked them to do. But they change their plans after encountering the Lord. They have a conversation of sorts. They can no longer return the same way.*

**Question of the Week**

*Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lord? Is there something I realize now that I should change?*



**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

**Vigil of The Epiphany of The Lord**

**4:00p.m.** Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Leonard Belton – Bruce Gabriel – Emanuel Washington – Jesse Hall & Parent

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

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**8:30a.m.** Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Bruce Gabriel – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Joseph Nguyen – France Obioha

**10:30a.m.** Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lourdes Glapion Nix – Charles Breaud, Sr. – Albert Pierre – Melvin Thomas – Fred & Dorothy Johnson

**12:00p.m.** Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – Marcus McNeil

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr. – James and Tamerle Young

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Cong Cao – Peter and Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Marcus McNeil

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of Joseph Simms, Jr.

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Nguyen – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

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**Announcements**

“The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study themes for this week are: **Count Your Blessings! – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Gospel Luke 2:16-21. Follow Your Star! – The Feast of the Epiphany. Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6; Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: [smgnola.com/BibleStudy](http://smgnola.com/BibleStudy), and it can be downloaded for your personal use. **Join us on Monday January 8, 2018 in the Center at 7p.m.**

Let all Nations and Peoples

Give Praise to God

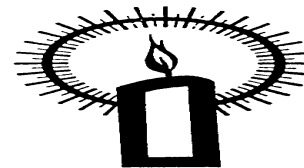


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

**RCIA**

**Make this New Year the year we renew and strengthen our Faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church or by contacting a RCIA team member.** This week’s Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **All things Mary: What do the words “full of grace” mean in the hail Mary? Why is Mary mentioned in the creeds of the Catholic Church? Where did the rosary come from? What does the birth of Jesus mean to you?** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, Harold Broussard, or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at [www.smgnola.com](http://www.smgnola.com). There will be no Sessions on December 26, 2017. **Sessions will resume on January 2, 2018.**

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 Wilbert Billinger. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Lunette Poleman and Rehannon Militello.

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

**Friday, January 12, 2017**

12:15p.m. Low Impact Class – Center

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

10:00p. m. CYO Officers Meeting- Rm. 11

11:00p.m. Just Faith Ministry –Library

12:00p.m. Haiti Patnership Committee Meeting - Library

12:00p.m. Knights of Columbus – Kitchen, Rms. 3 & 4

6:00p.m. Filipino Ministry Rehearsal - Center

