Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2019

This Gospel passage ends with John's observation that "(the) disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). But one person in this scene believed in him already – his mother. Realizing that the wine ran short, she told her Son. Despite his rebuke, she alerted the servers. This event is not only a sign of the power that Jesus had, but also of the behavior of the human family. Ideally, a mother believes in her children and their ability to do more than they may appear willing or able to do. A child obeys as best she or he is able. The Holy Family provides a model for us.

Last week we heard Luke's account of the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus at his baptism. Today we hear Saint Paul telling the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit was behind all these new phenomena of the early church. God is behind all the newness described in today's readings: the new names given Jerusalem, the new wine at Cana, the new spiritual gifts in Corinth. No "same old, same old;" God makes all things new.

Tomorrow we celebrate Martin Luther King Day. During Dr. King's life, many people felt uncomfortable or even angry about what he preached. Perhaps some in Corinth felt the same way. The movement of the Holy Spirit can challenge people who are set in their ways, thinking they have all the answers. The movement of the Holy Spirit can upset people who feel threatened by radical transformation. But isn't the gift of salvation a radical transformation of humanity? God exalts the forsaken, marries humanity, and fills our lives to the brim with good wine. The Spirit flows within us.

Question of the Week

How am I challenged to live life differently? Can I recognize the Spirit when I am challenged to change?



Saturday, January 19, 2019

Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Richard and Miriam Page – John and Jennie Waltz – Leonard Belton – Bessie Mae Jackson

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Maria Chan Nguyen – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Melvina Kepp – Thieu Tran – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr.

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Joyce Jones – Veronica Vigne Richards – Eugene Ganier – Deacon Poncho – Anthony Rout – Intentions of the McKinney Family

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish Monday, January 21, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of all souls in purgatory.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Stacey Martin and Family – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – All souls in purgatory.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of our Parish – Stacey Martin and Family – All souls in purgatory.

Thursday, January 24, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Tamerle Young – James Young – Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Henrietta Davis – All souls in purgatory

Friday, January 25, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Stacey Martin & Family – Henrietta Davis – James Young

Saturday, January 26, 2019

8:30a.m. All Poor Souls in Purgatory – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

"O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God." Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00noon - 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The theme for **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Bible Study celebration will be based on the readings for the: Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5; Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; Reading II: Corinthians 12:4-11; Gospel: John 2:1-11. Bible study is every Monday evening at 7:00p.m. in the center.





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

RCIA

This Sunday marks the last day of the Christmas Season. Jesus' birth has now been celebrated. His public life comes next. His baptism begins it. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us. Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well pleased with Jesus so is God well pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God Expect? Are your children still Catholic? Do they practice their faith? Do you know enough about your faith to help them?

Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

The RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at smgnola.com

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 Ellsworth McKemdall

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Beatrice McMillon and Robin Duckworth

This Week in our Parish

Monday, January 21, 2018

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

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00p.m. Radio Rosary – Rms. 3 & 4

7:00p.m. Executive Board Meeting -Library

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Class – Center 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm 10

Thursday, January 24 2019

6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

Friday, January 25, 2019 Saturday, January 26, 2019

8:00a.m. LTMTP – Rms. 3 & 4

10:00p.m. Holy Name Formation – Rms. 3 &

4 and Center

11:00a.m. Star Project – Rm. 10

12:00p.m. Lay Carmelites – Rms. 3 & 4 5:00p.m. Goretti Football Banquet - Center

Pray For Peace