

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 24, 2019**



Jesus commands us to show mercy to those who hurt us. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36). We are called to be merciful not just because it is the right thing to do, but also because God is merciful. But there is another implication. Since we are created in the image of God, and God is merciful, we are created to be merciful. This is not some additional feature that Jesus is calling forth from his disciples. This is part of our constitution, our humanity. It is no accident that humane is often used as a synonym for merciful. To be human is to be merciful.

Later, Jesus offered the most extreme example of mercy when he died on the cross. Today’s Gospel passage is not regarded as a prediction of his passion, but it could be. Everything that he said to his disciples on this occasion, early in his ministry, happened to him on Good Friday. He was hated, he was cursed, he was mistreated. He was struck on the cheek, his cloak was taken from him. Jesus forgave them all, saying on the cross, “Father forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Saint Paul compares Adam and Jesus. Going back to the creation narrative, God blew the breath of life into Adam’s nostrils. Adam became the first recipient of God’s life-giving spirit. Jesus, after his resurrection, breathed life and the Spirit into humanity.

**Question of the Week**

How am I showing my mercy, my humanity to others? Am I witnessing to the God-giving Spirit within me?

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Charles Le Sassier, Jr. – Leonard Belton – Chris H. Davillier, Sr. – Leonard Gauthreaux – Intentions of Jourdain, Owens and Casmier Families – In thanksgiving for favors granted – In thanksgiving to St. Jude, and St. Anthony

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Nep Tran – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Thanks to St. Anthony

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Deacon Poncho – Leonard Gauthreaux – Juanita Jackson – Intentions of Joseph Simms

**12:00p.m.** Anna Trena Guillaume – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Emanuel M. Barnes, Sr. – Intentions of Tamerle and James Young – Joseph Simms

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Bret Morgan, Sr. – Memory Britsch – John and Jennie Walt – Intentions of Patricia and Wilmer Jacobs – Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Irma Pierre – Leonard Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Joseph Simms – James and Tamerle Young

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin – James and Tamerle Young

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Leonard Gauthreaux – Al DeGrasse – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of Stacey Martin – James and Tamerle Young – Joseph Simms

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Emanuel M. Barnes, Sr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

Jesus dispatches the devil and his temptations. Jesus was engaged in prayer and fasting, which overcomes the devil. Fasting will increase you capacity to resist temptation and do good works.  
 Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00p.m.

**Bible Study**

The theme for **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Don't be Frustrated – Trust God?** "Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of belonging to God." Bible Study celebration will be based on the readings for the **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: [Reading I: 1Samual 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Gospel: \[Luke 6:27-38.\]\(#\)](#) Bible study is every Monday evening at **7:00p.m. in the center.****

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

**RCIA**

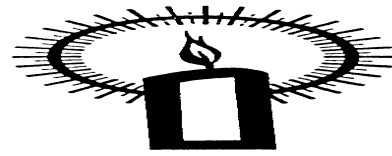
Our society is becoming increasingly divided along racial, economic, political and religious lines. Sundays, the day of worship for Christians, is said to be the most segregated day of the week. The segregation is based increasingly on the use of the Word of God to justify the separation based on wealth, race and ethnicity. We discover the presence of God's kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on "level ground." **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? This week we continue our focus on the Sacraments. The topic is: The Sacramental Way of Life. The Eucharist – "The Lamb's Supper." The Biblical Source of the Mass.**

For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or visit the website at [smgnola.com](http://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 Joseph and Edna Belson.  
 The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Leonard Gauthreaux and Emanuel M. Barnes Sr.

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 6:30p.m. Hunting Park HOA – Library
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Class – Center

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

- 12:00p.m. AARP Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Excutive Board Meeting – Library

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Fellowship – Library
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm 10

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

- 6:00p.m. Rosary for Peace – Chapel

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

- 8:00a.m. LTMTTP – Rms. 3 – 4
- 2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
- 5:00p.m. Altar Society Social – Away
- 7:00p.m. Filipino Catholic Ministry – Rms. 3 & 4

**Respect for Life**

**God** of Life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life.

**Instill** in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

**Empower** us to work for justice for the poor.

**Nourish** us that we may bring food to the hungry.

**Inspire** us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.

**Strengthen** us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.

**Teach** us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.

**Bring** us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

**We** ask this through Christ our Lord.