

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

God is doing something new! No, not the deliverance from exile Isaiah writes about in the first reading, when he makes this statement. Not the escape from Egypt Isaiah recalls. Not even the redemptive sacrifice Jesus makes on the cross. No, God is doing something new right here and now. It is in God's nature to care for the work of creation, and this includes humanity. The acts of salvation we recall are not just historical events; they are models for God's continuing grace in the world. Creation and salvation are ever new.

When a goal is within reach, it makes it a lot easier to overcome whatever obstacles stand in the way. A runner approaching the finish line knows this, no matter how difficult the race has been. Saint Paul knows this, as he has already suffered numerous hardships and knows there will be more to come. But he knows he has gained Christ, so nothing else matters. Therefore, he strains forward to the finish line, to reach "the prize of God's upward calling" (Philippians 3:14).

Witness the number of people given new life in today's readings. Isaiah tells of God putting water in the desert to give life to the Israelites who fled Egypt, and later, those who were delivered from exile in Babylon. Paul was given life in Christ when he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus, which he testifies makes everything else "rubbish." The woman in the Gospel is given life by Jesus when he challenges the scribes and the Pharisees, then releases her. New life is promised to us as well, life lived in the light of Christ.

THE JOURNEY
WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent



Saturday, April 6, 2019

Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – Cecilia Medley – Intentions of Levi Boluginy – James and Tamerle Young

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Anthony Rout – Clarence Le Blanc

10:30a.m. Leonard Gauthreaux – Lamar & Shirly Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Andrew Joseph, III – Willie and Sylvannia Guillory – Maxcine Johnson – Joseph Gant – Glenn Weber – Andrew Joseph, III – Cecilia Medley – Intentions of the McKinney Family – Stacy Martin

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

Monday, April 8, 2019

8:30a.m. Albert Pierre, Sr. – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Catherine Bertrand – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Wilmer Jacobs – Stacy Martin

6:00p.m. Intentions of Vernon and Sylvia Martin

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Jerome and Grace Lomba – Cecilia Medley – Intentions of Blair McDonald

6:00p.m. All Souls in Purgatory – Intentions of the sick

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Leonard Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Leroy Knight – Cecilia Medley – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Joseph Simms

6:00p.m. Cecilia Medley – All souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Leonard Gauthreaux – Anthony Pierre – Intentions of Joseph Simms – Stacey Martin

6:00p.m. Cecilia Medley – Leroy Knight

Friday, April 12, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ross & Valteau Families – Memory Britsch – Cecilia Medley – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Joseph Simms

6:00pm. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux and Fr. Cyril Buyeera

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:30a.m. The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

Thank you God for reminding us that you are always with us in all the storms of life. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00p.m.

RICA

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 St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is in its Precatechumenta Phase. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or by contacting RICA team members.

This week we continue our focus on the Sacraments. The topics are: The Sacraments of Confirmation and Matrimony. 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 by email at broussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at <http://www.smgnola.com>.

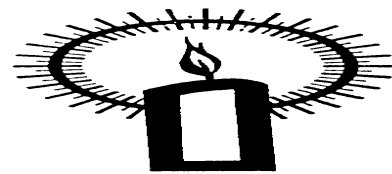
Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Just For Me – He lloks pass my faults. In the Gospel Jesus teaches that it takes malice, hatred, harshness and spite to hold a grudge. It takes understanding, sympathy, compassion, mercy and love to look beyond human flaws. The scribes and Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Jesus and “made her stand in the middle.” In their self-righteousness they wished to make an example of her as a grave sinner deserving of death. Ironically, Jesus makes an example of them as sinners: they turned away from him and “went away one by one.” The woman, however, remained with Jesus. Our own work during Lent is like that of the adulterous woman: truthfully face our sinfulness and faithfully remain with Jesus. Though we sin, Jesus only wishes new life for us. The Bible Study will be taken from the scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent: **Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21; Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel: John 8:1-11. Bible Study is held on Mondays 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

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 Vincent Burke. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of the Rita & Dennis Washington and Albert Lindolph.



Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses 8:30a.m. and 6:00p.m. The Way of the Cross will follow the 8:30a.m. and the Friday 6:00p.m. Mass.



Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholic 14 years or older on All Fridays of Lent.

This Week in our Parish

- Monday, April 8, 2019**
6:00p.m. Zumba Class – Center
- Tuesday, April 9, 2019**
7:00p.m. Assembly 2921 Meeting – Rms. 3-4
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019**
5:00p.m. Confessions – Church
6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting - Library
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- Thursday, April 11, 2019**
6:00p.m. Bingo – Center
- Friday, April 12, 2019**
12:00p.m. Fish Fry – Center & Kitchen
6:30p.m. Men’s Rosary for Peace – Church
- Saturday, April 13, 2019**
8:30a.m. Lord Teach Me To Pray – Rms. 3-4
9:00a.m. Altar Society – Palm Cutting – Rms. 3-4
10:00a.m. Star Project – Rm. 10
11:00a.m. Just Faith – Library
12:00p.m. Haiti Meeting - Library