

DECEMBER 2, 2018 — FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

St. Mary of the Angels



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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 pm | Archdiocesan Website: www.arch-no.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community of believers who worship God and serve others.”

OUR CORE VALUES

- *We are Catholic.* ■ *We are caring Christians.* ■ *We give time, talent, treasure and witness.*
- *We share good news in word and deed.* ■ *We reach out to the local community.*
- *We serve through social ministry by works of charity and justice.*

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM.....Pastor
Fr. John ‘EJ’ Stein, OFM.....Guardian/Minister
Br. Andrew Stettler, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
Sister Judy Zynda, O.P.....Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Matthews.....Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffre Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
Marlene Robinson.....Financial Manager
Saundria Washington.....Housekeeping

PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
Karen Armour.....Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Rotating Leaders.....Finance Council
Eric Bennett.....Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duroncellet.....Community Life
Vaughn Valeary.....Evangelization
Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity
Embra Bridges.....Respect Life
Lynn Duroncellet.....Religious Education
Debra Theard.....Worship
Paula Arceneaux.....Stewardship
Lynn Evans.....Pastoral Care

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Parents are expected to call the parish office three months prior to the anticipated Baptism of the child. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

CONFIRMATION: Classes are held for High School students grades 9th –11th following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. These classes are usually held on Wednesday nights.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please inform the parish office when someone is sick, shut-in, or in the hospital, and are unable to attend mass.

RECONCILIATION: Offered Saturday at 3:15 p.m. & Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

FUNERALS: Please inform the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must call the parish office at least six months prior to the planned date of the wedding.

RCIA: Interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member, please call the parish office.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Enter church through side entrance of Friars parking area)

Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.....8:00 a.m.

Tues.,6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Devotion...Follows Tuesday Evening Mass

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

Stewardship

November 24, 2018 - November 25, 2018

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,539.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,061.00
Envelopes used.....	110
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	

How your support assisted the parish?

Guillory (Friary HVAC upgrade).....	\$33,086.00
Sam's Club (cleaning supplies).....	\$571.36
Staff Insurance.....	\$671.85
U.S. Copy.....	\$298.17
Christmas Social Band Deposit.....	\$200.00
Archdiocese of New Orleans IT.....	\$100.00
Liturgy Training Publications.....	\$66.65
Total.....	\$34,480.03

Thank you for your support

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Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 2, 2018 - December 8, 2018

Sunday.....	Mildred Armourt
Monday.....	Special Intentions†
Tuesday.....	David & Joel Johnson†
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Special Intentions†
Friday.....	Kenneth Raymond†
Saturday.....	Louisa Rondeno†

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

December 8, 2018 (Readings #912) year C

Commentator.....	Geraldine Aguillard
Lector.....	Crystal Rondeno
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Joanne Lewis

December 15, 2018 (Readings #915) year C

Commentator.....	Kathy McCarty
Lector.....	Marlene Robinson
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Clyde Jackson Geraldine Aguillard

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

December 9, 2018: (Readings #912) year C

Commentator.....	Valencia Hawkins
Lectors.....	Lynn Scott Vaughn Valeary
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Peggy Williams Paulette Duplessis Audrey County Linda Herring
Altar Server.....	TBA Volunteer

December 16, 2018: (Readings #915) year C

Commentator.....	Valencia Hawkins
Lector.....	Sister Judy Zynda, O.P. Marvin Mercadel
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Helen Thomas Jerri Merridy Mary Pendleton Darrin Duroncellet
Altar Server.....	TBA Volunteer

PRAYER LINE

If you know any parishioners who may be sick or in the hospital, please notify the Church office at 945-3186. The name(s) will be published in the bulletin and at the Masses so that the congregation can pray for them.

George Martin	W. Anthony Williams	Danielle Davis
Inez Burton	Oliver White	Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins	Fredrick Woods	George Phillips
Althea Augustine	Leroy Scott	Bruce Pierre
Louis Legier	Kay Vincent	Victor Jackson
Gary Medley	Ronald Cavalier	Gerald Cavalier
Irene Griffin	Patrick Maheia	Eric Traub
Mathilde Smith	Dana Roy	Sonya DiBartolo
Bobby Ellsworth	Shirley Ellsworth	Helen Legier
Harry Harland	Robin Jackson	Corey Lee
Shirley Battiste	Willie Caliste	Antoine Dupre
Lynn Evans	Lester Butler	John Legier
Darril Frick	Florestine Jalvia	Lorraine Nelson
Katherine Boudreaux		

Interested in Joining A Ministry?

Altar Servers

Altar servers are students from grades 3rd to 12th and have made their First Holy Communion. For more information on the Alter Servers, please call Br. Andrew Stettler, O.F.M. at the church office: 504.945.3186.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion help distribute the Sacred Body and Blood during the masses celebrated in the church and also take communion to persons who are either hospitalized or homebound. The ministers must attend a workshop provided by the Archdioceses of New Orleans in order to be certified as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For more information, please call the church office: 504.945.3186.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

There are ministers who help welcome and assist those attending all liturgical function of the parish, especially during the different masses celebrated. The ministers of hospitality are directed by Mr. Gale Armant, for more information, please contact him at the church office: 504.945.3186.

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

The Ministers of the Word proclaim the Holy Scripture readings during the different liturgical celebrations of the church. The ministers must attend a workshop provided by the Archdioceses of New Orleans in order to be certified as Ministers of the Word (Lectors). For more information, please call the church office: 504.945.3186.

Ministers of Music and Worship (Choir)

The Ministers of Music and Worship helps lead the congregation in song for the liturgy. They are committed to the values of spirituality, evangelistic leadership, fellowship and liturgical awareness for the SMA community.

Catechesis and Religious Education for Children (CCD)

Catechesis and Religious education: 504.945.3186.

Altar Society

works for the benefit of the church such as: maintain the priest vestments, upkeep of altar vessels and altar linens in preparing for Mass.

Mrs. Debra Theard - contact the parish 504.945.3186

Bereavement

provides care for individuals and families especially when losing a loved one. Mrs. Geraldine Aguillard, Chairperson - contact the parish 504.945.3186

Mighty Men's Ministry

faithful leaders working together to fill the gap where things are needed in the church: role models for the youth and support others ministries when needed. Mr. Vaughn Valeary, President - contact the parish 504.945.3186

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Pray for Vocations" to Religious Life and the Priesthood and encourage our youth to think and pray about such a "vocation of life."

Franciscan Friars: sibvocations@franciscan.org;
website: www.franciscan.org

Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org;
notapriest.com

Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

Second Collection...Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal, December 8-9, 2018.

Parish Office Closed...December 21, 2018 through January 1, 2019 and reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Safe Environment...if you or a family member have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility of hope, help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Please call the hotline at (504) 522-5019.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Holiday Mass Schedule

December 24	Christmas Eve Mass, 7pm
December 25	Christmas Day Mass, 10am
December 31	New Year's Eve Mass, 6pm
January 1	New Year's Day Mass, 10am



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

Edjunique Francois

Christina Valeary

Remember to support our
Outreach Food Pantry
by placing your food items in the
little red wagon.
Thank You



BIRTHDAYS

We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary this week:

Johnnie Bridges
Bobby Ellsworth
Clifford Anderson
George Martin

Edward Francois, Jr.
Yolanda Dancy
Cecil Frezel

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews* for more information.

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Bible Study, Mondays, 7:00 PM

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, December 13, 10:30am—1:30pm

Food for Seniors, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:30—12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn for the souls of **George Coleman** requested by *Marlene Robinson*

Catholic Charities

St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program.....504.227.3470

Catholic Charities Care Line.....866.891.2210

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - DECEMBER 9, 2018 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR C

THE FIRST READING

BARUCH 5:1-9

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

Awaken us.

Help us shed our clothing of mourning.

Help us shake off our misery.

Show your splendor
in glorious
robes.

Give us a new name,
O Jesus.

Please give us
the name
Peace.

THE SECOND READING

1 PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

That your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value.

Our Father, give us this day

every kind of wisdom,

and knowledge,

discernment,

and love.

Please,

we ask you,

continue to complete

the good work you began in us
until the day of the coming of Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

The word of God came to John.

In

our chaos,

oh let us hear

once again

the Baptist crying out to us:

“Prepare the way, make straight the paths.

Every valley filled and hills made low.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

God of constant newness,
carve fresh roads into our wilderness.

Let our whole life point
to Jesus.

He has been born
here, is with us now,
turning our deserts
into gardens.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Congratulations to the Justice & Charity Commission for a successful distribution of many Thanksgiving baskets of food to our church members in need or home bound. A big thank you to all who planned, purchased, packaged and delivered these baskets and did so with warm hearts. Those who received these baskets have already expressed their gratitude. God blesses both the giver and the receiver.

Advent Season is a holy season of anticipation. St. Charles writes how we are to observe this season.

“Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see. This is the season that the church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery.” - St. Charles Borromeo

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Fr. Joe Hund, OFM