

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 — TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

St. Mary of the Angels



3501 N. MIRO STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70117

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. Robert Seay, OFM.....in Residence
Fr. John 'E.J.' Stein, OFM.....Guardian/Minister
Br. Andrew Stettler, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
Br. Juniper Crouch, OFM.....in Residence
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 Duroncelet.....Community Life
Vaughn Valeary.....Evangelization
Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity
Embra Bridges.....Respect Life
Lynn Duroncelet.....Religious Education
Debra Theard.....Worship
Paula Arceneaux.....Stewardship
Lynn Evans.....Pastoral Care

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

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

Stewardship

August 31, 2019 - September 1, 2019

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,890.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$710.00
Envelopes used.....	149
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	

How your support assisted the parish?

Sunshine Landscaping.....	\$350.00
Audubon Gutters.....	\$340.00
Archdiocese of New Orleans Accounting.....	\$200.00
U.S. Copy.....	\$207.40
Clarion Herald.....	\$139.01
ACS Technologies.....	\$68.50
Total.....	\$1,304.91

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 8, 2019 – September 14, 2019

Sunday.....	<i>Barbara Frick†</i> <i>Freddie Rymond†</i>
Monday.....	<i>Freddie Rymond†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Charlene Schexnider†</i>
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Special Intentions†
Friday.....	Special Intentions†
Saturday.....	<i>Andre Brisset†</i>

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

September 14, 2019 (Readings #1050) Year C
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Marlene Robinson
Lector.....	Kathy McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Lynn Evans Joanne Lewis

September 21, 2019 (Readings #1053) Year C
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Mary Hinds
Lector.....	Embra Bridges
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Clyde Jackson

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

September 15, 2019 (Readings #1050) Year C
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lectors.....	Sis. Judy Zynda, O.P. Vera Landry
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Paulette Duplessis Peggy Williams Darrin Duroncellet Jerri Merridy
Altar Server.....	Volunteer

September 22, 2019 (Readings #1053) Year C
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lector.....	Vaughn Valeary Clementine Soniat
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Lucille McCormick Vanessa Matthews Saundra Washington Augustine French
Altar Server.....	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.

<i>Florestine Jalvia</i>	<i>W. Anthony Williams</i>	<i>Danielle Davis</i>
<i>Inez Burton</i>	<i>Oliver White</i>	<i>Taylor Brown</i>
<i>Shirley Hawkins</i>	<i>Fredrick Woods</i>	<i>George Phillips</i>
<i>Althea Augustine</i>	<i>Leroy Scott</i>	<i>Bruce Pierre</i>
<i>Louis Legier</i>	<i>Kay Vincent</i>	<i>Victor Jackson</i>
<i>Gary Medley</i>	<i>Ronald Cavalier</i>	<i>Gerald Cavalier</i>
<i>Irene Griffin</i>	<i>Patrick Maheia</i>	<i>Eric Traub</i>
<i>Mathilde Smith</i>	<i>Dana Roy</i>	<i>Sonya DiBartolo</i>
<i>Bobby Ellsworth</i>	<i>Shirley Ellsworth</i>	<i>Helen Legier</i>
<i>Harry Harland</i>	<i>Robin Jackson</i>	<i>Corey Lee</i>
<i>Shirley Battiste</i>	<i>Willie Caliste</i>	<i>John Legier</i>
<i>Lynn Evans</i>	<i>Lester Butler</i>	<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>
<i>Darril Frick</i>	<i>Deane Scott</i>	<i>Maggie Dumas</i>
<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>	<i>Rose Santa Cruz</i>	

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



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

Edjunique Francois

Christina Valeary

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;
nolapriest.com

Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

Justice & Charity...Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:30 pm.

Finance Council...Wednesday, September 18, 201, 6:30 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions...September 11, 2019 from 5:00 pm — 6:30 pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Stewardship Commission...Thursday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Office of Black Catholic Ministries...12th Annual Gospel Music Festival, September, 14, 2019, 6:00pm at St. Peter Claver. Accepting non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Parish Council...Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 pm.

Priest Convocation...Fr. Joe will attend the Priest Convocation on September 24-26, 2019.

Family Day Celebration...Sunday, October 13, 2019 after 10:00am Mass.

Annual Christmas Social and Dance...Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm -11:30 pm.

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.

A Grandparent's Prayer

O Good St. Anne, help me to recognize the great dignity of being a grandparent. Direct my paths to understand and experience all the graces God wishes for me in this important role in my family.

When all is well, grant that I may fully share in the joys and accomplishments of my loved ones. When life is difficult, lead me to be a source of encouragement, support and hope for everyone. During times of illness and suffering, give me the strength to guide my family to confidently trust in God's loving care and kindness.

As you did, St. Anne, help me to know and put into practice the ways that God wishes for me to be an encouraging presence of faith, charity and unity within my family. Watch over and protect me, my children and my grandchildren. Inspire us all to lead good and virtuous lives.

Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary, I ask for God's continued blessings on my family, that dedicated to God's service on earth, my family and I may one day share together in the perfect happiness of God's never-ending love in Heaven. Amen

BIRTHDAYS

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

James Battiste
Charlotte Newton
Hannah Guccione

Karen Armour
Jeanne Tillery
Sanjay Gaines

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Bible Study, Mondays, 6:30 pm

Parish Council, Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 pm

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, September 19, 2019, 11:30am—1:30 pm

Food for Seniors, Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 10:30—12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn for the soul of **George Coleman, III** 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 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14

But Moses employed the Lord, his God saying, 'Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people?'

Wrath?
Blazing up?
They did not get wrath,
even though they adored
the molten calf.

O God,
we worship many alluring things,
and we are surely
stiff-necked.

Thank you for your golden covenant,
loving us in spite of ourselves,
with an everlasting
love.

Let us surrender and place all
our trust in you.

THE SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

In me Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him.

Lord,
like Paul, we
give you many chances
to show forth merciful
patience.

Toughen us with abundant graces,
as you toughened St. Paul.
Help us always
to listen to
you.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

Jesus,
when you ate with sinners
tongues wagged, and
you told about the prodigal son.
Is that what you are—prodigal son,
wasting your life on us, hungry sinners?

Or are you the prodigal father
lavishing kindness on our laggardly selves,
even if we are a long way off;
running to meet us with hugs, kisses,
and fixing of the finest calf, for a feast for us?

Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father and Prodigal Holy
Spirit, we feel awe and wonder at the love that
you squander on us.

Thank you.

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My dear brother and sisters in Christ:

With the approaching State and Local elections, I will be writing excerpts from the Catholic Bishops Conference on Faithful Citizenship and Political Responsibility for our discernment.

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. Here are some ways to do that.

★ Be true to the teachings of the Church. Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops.

★ Stay well-informed about issues just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal...and may not have the same fidelity to factual truth.

★ Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation.

Remember that we are called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching, to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.

We vote because we are citizens and we care.

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Fr. Joe Hund, ofm