

DECEMBER 15, 2019 — THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

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 'EJ' 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
TBD..... Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Gale Armant..... Finance
Eric Bennett..... Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duroncelet..... Community Life
Vaughn Valeary..... Evangelization
Marlene Robinson..... Justice & Charity
Embra BridgesRespect 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.

RCLIA: 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

December 7, 2019 - December 8, 2019

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,610.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$900.00
Envelopes used.....	119
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	147

How your support assisted the parish?

Entergy.....	\$1,591.05
Our Sunday Visitor.....	\$1,135.10
Cox Business.....	\$351.48
Sewerage and Water Board.....	\$227.02

Total.....\$3,304.65

Thank you for your support

DECEMBER 15, 2019 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philipians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. loyolapress.com

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 15, 2019 – December 21, 2019

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Sylvia Sandberg</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Rose Gibson</i>
Wednesday.....	Special Intentionst
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Friday.....	<i>Rose Gibson</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Lawrence & Lolita Smith</i>

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

**December 21, 2019 (Readings #916) Year A
Fourth Sunday of ADVENT**

Commentator.....	Mary Hinds
Lector.....	Marlene Robinson
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Lynn Evans Volunteer

**December 28, 2019 (Readings #923) Year A
Feast of the Holy Family**

Commentator.....	Embra Bridges
Lector.....	Crystal Rondono
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Volunteer

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

**December 22, 2019 (Readings #916) Year A
Fourth Sunday of ADVENT**

Commentator.....	Debra Theard
Lectors.....	Marvin Mercadel Vera Landry
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Audrey County Lucille McCormick Augustine French Saundra Washington
Altar Server.....	Volunteer

**December 29, 2019 (Readings #923) Year A
Feast of the Holy Family**

Commentator.....	Debra Theard
Lector.....	Lynn Scott Darril Frick
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Edwin Shorty Shirley Marshall Jerri Meridy Vanessa Matthews
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>Rose Santa Cruz</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>Geraldine Aguillard</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>Kay Vincent</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 Aguiard, 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

Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

welcomes persons with disabilities into full participation in the life of the parish and offer them practical assistance, promotes awareness of the existence, concerns and gifts of parishioners and potential parishioners with disabilities. Contact Linda Minor and Vera Landry 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;
nolapriest.com

Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

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.

2020 Bible Marathon 100 hours continuous public reading of the Bible from the beginning to the end will take place January 28— February 1, 2020 on the grounds of Notre Dame Seminary. The seminarians invites you and your parish to join in this effort. Our hope is that prayer groups, women's guilds, men's groups, CYO members, and all other parishioners who are interested can commit to specific one-hour slots where representatives of your parish will serve as captains, readers, and listeners for that hour. For more information, please contact the Development Office by email at ylacour@nds.edu or cthrieffley@nds.edu or by phone at (504) 866-7426, ext. 374 or 375. We hope you will consider joining with the seminary community in this effort to read and pray the Word of God for all the communities in the New Orleans area.



2019 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 Kenneth Cuneo
Edjunique Francois Christina Valeary
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BIRTHDAYS

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

Marva Phillips
Jacquelyn Cordier
Sonya Dibartolo

Albert Evans
Colette Williams
Terrence L'Herisse, Jr.

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 19, 2019, 11:30am—1:30 pm

Food for Seniors, Tuesday, December 2, 2019, 10:30—12:00 noon

Catholic Charities

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

Catholic Charities Care Line.....866.891.2210

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn through the month of December for the soul of **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and for **Ms. Shirley Kirkland** requested by the *Evangelization Ministry*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - DECEMBER 22, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: ask for a sign from the Lord, your God.

A virgin would conceive and bear a son who would be called Emmanuel.

In the beginning

and with us now,

and ever will

be with us.

Emmanuel.

Lord,
guide with
your signs that tell us
you are with us now.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 1:1-7

Among whom are you also, who are called to belong Jesus Christ; ...called to be holy.

Son of

God, you came

to us from David, into
our flesh, and into our time.

You suffered all that we suffer daily.

We are yours. We belong to you.

Bestow grace upon grace.

Send us, with your love,

to the whole world

and make it

holy.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-24

'This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.'

She conceived
the holy child within her

Because "the Holy Ghost
over the bent world broods
with warm breast
and with ah! bright wings."

Softly caring, watching,
always at hand,
warning the world with love.

God among us.

God with us.

Be born for us soon, soon.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Last December the 8th was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast honored her as the Patroness of the United States and Queen of our Franciscan Order. However, this year since December 8th was the 2nd Sunday of Advent this solemnity was transferred and celebrated on Monday December 9th.

Many people have a misunderstanding about this day, and assume it is the celebration of Jesus' conception, rather than understanding it to be Mary's being conceived without sin.

God chose Mary from the beginning of time to be the mother of Jesus. From the moment of her conception, God purified her from the stain of sin. In that way, her body would be a worthy temple for the Son of God. Though we have not been given the tremendous gifts of grace that God showered upon Mary, we can still hold on to the hope she offers us. God has chosen each of us from the beginning of time to provide a service for him that no one else can offer. From the moment of our conception and Baptism, God gave us all we could ever need to fulfill his plan for our lives. Like Mary, all we need do is entrust ourselves to him with complete faith and confidence. Then the strength to do God's will and the grace to follow his plan will be ours in abundance. And we can be sure that our mother, Mary, will be praying for us every step of the way as she points us to her Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mary's soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. With great joy we proclaim Mary the mother of God and our mother also.

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Fr. Joe Hund, ofm