

FEBRUARY 2, 2020 — THE PRESENTATION of the LORD

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
Jeffrey 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 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

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

January 25, 2020 - January 26, 2020

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,433.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,167.00
Envelopes used.....	99
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	131

How your support assisted the parish?

ACS Technologies.....	\$68.50
Total.....	\$68.50

Thank you for your support

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Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 2, 2020 – February 8, 2020

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA†
Monday.....	<i>John Larson†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Rose Gibson†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Minnie Cook†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Concetta Rhodes†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Rose Gibson†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Bart DiFranco†</i>

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

February 8, 2020 (Readings #991) Year A
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lorraine Jackson
Lector.....	Kathy McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Clyde Jackson

February 15, 2020 (Readings #994) Year A
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Embra Bridges
Lector.....	Lorraine Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Joanne Lewis Lynn Evans

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

February 9, 2020 (Readings #991) Year A
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lectors.....	Darril Frick Vaughn Valeary
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Audrey County Linda Herring Helen Thomas Mary Pendleton
Altar Server.....	Volunteer

February 16, 2020(Readings #994) Year A
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lector.....	Vera Landry Debra Theard
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Paulette Duplessis Peggy Williams Edwin Shorty Darrin Duroncelet
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>Kay Vincent</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>Thelma Griffith</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

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

Second Collection...Archdiocesan Catholic Charities, February 8-9, 2020.

Second Collection...Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa, February 15-16, 2020.

Safe Haven Sunday, February 29– March 1, 2020. *Connected* provides insight through real-life stories and practical tips on how strong relationships and a strong family connection can protect children and teens from the dangers of hidden pornography. To review connected, please go to nolacatholic.com/connected.

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.

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank everyone who made the Baby Bottle and Baby Shower Campaign a major success. Over \$200.00 were donated to the baby bottles. The funds were given to the Woman's New Life Clinic and they are already at work saving and changing lives. Many baby items were collected and donated to Covenant House for the young mothers and their children. SMA provided tremendous assistance to these agencies. Again, Thank you for your generous support to our families in need of assistance.



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

Kenneth Cuneo

Edjunique Francois

Christina Valeary

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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:

Henry Scott	Enola Helmstter
Geraldine Aguillard	Elijah Scott
Cherese Mallet	Kristyana Johnson

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, February 20, 2020, 11:30am—1:30 pm

Food for Seniors, Friday, February 28 2020, 10:30—12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn through the month of January 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 - FEBRUARY 9, 2020 – FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:7-10

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer.

Lord,
will you break through our headstrong ways?

Free us to heal wounds and hunger,
to overlook our own desires,
and instead care for
those in need.

Christ,
let us hear your voice,
as you say

“Here I am, and
here they
are.”

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

I came to you in weakness so that our faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Paul came,
speaking not words of sublime
understanding;
not elaborate terms of human dispute,

but simply, the mystery of Christ,

preaching nothing but

his crucifixion.

Lord, let us love you.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

Lord,
show us how to be salt
and how to give light.

We want to share our bread with the hungry;
we want to shelter the homeless
and clothe the naked.

Teach us.

Show us how to help the immigrant;
to free those who are
prisoners.

Teach us to give,
a little at first,
then all we have.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Since today is February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.

This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple and being revealed as the “light to the gentiles” and the “glory of Israel.” The observance of this feast spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because our Church celebrates Jesus' birth on December 25th, the Presentation Feast was moved to February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas.

At the end of the 8th century, the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration giving this feast its popular name: Candlemas. Tomorrow February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, so we will have both blessing of candles and throats during our liturgy today. An appropriate healing blessing for this flu season.

Saint Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Friar Joe Hund, OFM