

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 — FIFTH 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 '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
Jeffre 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 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

February 1, 2020 - February 2, 2020

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,086.00
What we are over this week.....	\$486.00
Envelopes used.....	170
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	150

How your support assisted the parish?

Archdiocese of N.O.....	\$6,600.00
Chase.....	\$797.58
The Church Supply House.....	\$361.75
Arch-NO Accounting.....	\$154.50
Clarion Herald.....	\$139.01
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Total.....\$8,218.04

Thank you for your support

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Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 9, 2020 - February 15, 2020

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA†
Monday.....	Rose Gibson†
Tuesday.....	Janice Sawvel†
Wednesday.....	Minnie Cook†
Thursday.....	Glenna Page†
Friday.....	Mark Larson†
Saturday.....	Special Intentions†

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

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

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

February 22, 2020 (Readings #997) Year A
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Crystal Rondeno
Lector.....	Marlene Robinson
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Clyde Jackson

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lectors.....	Vera Landry Debra Theard
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Paulette Duplessis Peggy Williams Edwin Shorty Darrin Duroncellet
Altar Server.....	Volunteer

February 23, 2020 (Readings #997) Year A
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentator.....	Lynn Scott
Lector.....	Javon Polete Jordan Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Lucille McCormick Audrey County Augustine French Saundra Washington
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.

Rose Santa Cruz	W. Anthony Williams	Danielle Davis
Inez Burton	Kay Vincent	Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins	Fredrick Woods	George Phillips
Althea Augustine	Leroy Scott	Bruce Pierre
Louis Legier	Geraldine Aguillard	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	John Legier
Lynn Evans	Lester Butler	Leslie Duplessis
Darril Frick	Deane Scott	Maggie Dumas
Bonito J. Manego	Thelma Griffith	

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

World Marriage Retreat...postponed until June24, 2020.

Frank Richard... music ministry on Saturday, February 15th and March 14th Masses.

Lenten Fish Fry...March 6th at 11:00am until 5:30pm. The stewardship committee encourages all to participate in this Fund Raiser by volunteering and donations. Thank you.

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

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 26...Ash Wednesday Masses 8:00am and 6:30pm.

Friday's of Lent...Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm. There are dates available for ministries or individuals to participate; February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th, and March 27th, April 3rd. Please sign up.

Lenten Revival...March 16-18, 6:30pm.

Confessions...Wednesday's, March 18th, 25th, and April 1st, 5:00-6:30pm.

Fasting and Abstinence...fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller 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 Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.



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:

Jerrylean Merridy
Thelonius Green
Brielle Mallet

Wardell Carrier
Sean Johnson
Raven Armant

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

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 February for the soul of **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and for **Gwendolyn Mary Ann Wiltz**, requested by *Claude Wiltz*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 16, 2020 – SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

THE FIRST READING

SIRACH 15:15-20

Before man are life and death, good and evil whichever he chooses shall be given to him.

God of
so much wisdom,
why do you let us choose?
Is it that you would like to be chosen?
Then help us always to
want to do
that.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

What eyes have not seen and ears have not heard.

What has true eye never seen?
Swimming trout in mountain streams,
scattered wildflowers on hillsides?
And what has true ear never heard?
Vivaldi, honking geese,
laughing babies, lapping waves?
And is there something
that the true heart has not known?
Glorious, intimate unconditional love?
We can't begin to imagine
what you have prepared for us.
Thank you for your gifts already given.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Do you think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophet. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Jesus,
let us comprehend the law:
justice, love and compassion.
Let the law make us holy.
Not like the Pharisees,
who blow horns
before they give anything.
You showed us with your every breath
just what it means to be holy.
You are the wonder,
the goal and the summit of the law.
Teach us.
Turn all of our
law-keeping into love.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On Ash Wednesday February 26th, our Church begins the 40 days Lenten penitential season. The penitential practices that our Church promotes are fast & abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstinence on Fridays of Lent. The Gospel mentions prayer, alms giving, fasting, works of mercy, charity and justice and we may choose other practices as well. Works of mercy may include visiting the sick and home bound neighbors, offering a ride to someone in need. Works of charity may include volunteering for Fish Fry, writing a kind letter to an estranged family member, donating to Rice Bowl. Works of justice may include advocating for the vulnerable especially the unborn, volunteering as a census taker.

All these practices are only the **means** and not the goal of our Lenten Season.

The **goal** of our Lenten practices is to change our hearts and live the Gospel life of love. Lenten practices & sacrifices help us to examine our relationships with ourselves, others and God by humble service and sacrifices. After examining our hearts and discovering our weaknesses & sins, we are ready to repent and confess our sins and seek God's mercy. The goal is a heart at peace and ready to rise to new life with our Risen Lord Jesus and continue a Gospel life of love.

Blessed and fruitful Lenten Season to all.

Saint Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Friar Joe Hund, OFM