

MARCH 8, 2020 — SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

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.

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 29, 2020 - March 1, 2020

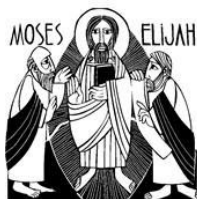
What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,594.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$995.00
Envelopes used.....	195
Weekend Mass Attendance.....	157

How your support assisted the parish?

Parish Assessment.....	\$6,600.00
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ACS Technologies.....	\$68.50
Total.....	\$9,024.69

Thank you for your support

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For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 8, 2020 - March 14, 2020

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Janice Sawveth
Tuesday.....	Glen Page
Wednesday.....	Jon Wehner
Thursday.....	Dick LeGault
Friday.....	(special intentions) Ed Laux
Saturday.....	John Wehner

Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.

March 14, 2020 (Readings #939) Year A
Third Sunday of Lent

Commentator.....	Marlene Robinson
Lector.....	Mary Hinds
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Gail Winsey Clyde Jackson

March 21, 2020 (Readings #942) Year A
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.

March 15, 2020 (Readings #939) Year A
Third Sunday of Lent

Commentator.....	Valencia Hawkins
Lectors.....	Sis. Judy Zynda, O.P. Vera Landry
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Peggy Williams Paulette Duplessis Edwin Shorty Darrin Duroncelet
Altar Server.....	Volunteer

March 22, 2020(Readings #942) Year A
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Commentator.....	Valencia Hawkins
Lector.....	Sr. Judy Zynda, O.P. Vera Landry
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Lucille McCormick Lynn Scott Augustine French Sandra 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
Shirley Ellsworth	Helen Legier	Harry Harland
Robin Jackson	Corey Lee	John Legier
Shirley Battiste	Willie Caliste	Thelma Griffith
Lynn Evans	Lester Butler	Leslie Duplessis
Darril Frick	Deane Scott	Maggie Dumas
Bonito J. Manego		

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

Lenten Fish Fry...March 13th at 11:00am until 5:30pm. The stewardship committee encourages all to participate in this Fund Raiser by volunteering and donations. Thank you.

Frank Richard... music ministry on Saturday, March 14th, April 25th, May 16th, and June 20th Masses.

St. Joseph Altar...March 21-22, 2020. Donations are needed. More information is located in the back of church.

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

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, 2020, **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:

Patrice Gatlin

Quentin Gaines

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, March 19, 2020

Food for Seniors, Friday, March 24 2020, 10:30—12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn through the month of March 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 - MARCH 15, 2020 – *Third SUNDAY of LENT*

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:3-7

Strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink.

They dragged themselves
across the desert,
dying of thirst.

They questioned whether
the Lord was in their midst or not.

God was
there, but something
had drained their souls dry.

So too with us.

It can be hard to find you
within these dry days of our lives.

Help us, please.
Be fresh water to our dry-ness.

THE SECOND READING

ROMAN 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God,
We hope in you.
You never disappoint.

Your love comes upon us
just like rain does upon the earth.

You want us to become graceful gardens.

Since our roots need rain,
please bathe them in
your goodness.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

The water I shall give will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Lord,
when you told the
woman at the well
everything about her life,
we think of our own lives as well.

You know each
of our ins and outs too:
when we sit and when we stand;
when we yearn for light, love, beauty and
peace, for worship of you in Spirit and truth!

Lord, so often we stay dry!
Come, Oh Lord Jesus,
quench our thirst for life in

your living love.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On the Sundays of Lent, our bulletin will provide a short introduction to the celebrations that will take place during Holy Week. Today the 2nd Sunday of Lent will present the meaning of the symbols of Passion (Palm) Sunday.

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

Saint Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,

Friar Joe Hund, OFM