

**MAY 10, 2020 — FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

*St. Mary of the Angels*



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**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  
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Saundra Washington.....Housekeeping

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson  
Edwin Shorty.....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

**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.

**SMA WEBSITE:** [smaneworleans.org](http://smaneworleans.org)

**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

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

**Stewardship  
May 3, 2020**

What we need each week..... \$3,600.00  
What we received this week..... \$2,096.00  
What we are *under* this week..... \$1,504.00  
Envelopes used..... 32  
Weekend Mass Attendance..... **NO PUBLIC MASS**

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**Total.....\$**

**Thank you for your support**

**MAY 10, 2020 — FIFTH of EASTER**



**T**oday's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

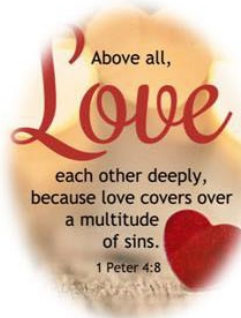
The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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**Liturgical Schedule  
NO PUBLIC MASSES**

May 17, 2020 **SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER** reading #964  
May 24, 2020 **ASCENSION of the LORD** reading #967



**St. Alphonsus Liguori's  
Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at  
least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already  
come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never  
permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen**

**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>W. Anthony Williams</i>	<i>Danielle Davis</i>	<i>Deane Scott</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>Shirley Ellsworth</i>	<i>Helen Legier</i>	<i>Harry Harland</i>
<i>Robin Jackson</i>	<i>Corey Lee</i>	<i>Maggie Dumas</i>
<i>Shirley Battiste</i>	<i>Willie Caliste</i>	<i>Thelma Griffith</i>
<i>Lynn Evans</i>	<i>Lester Butler</i>	<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>
<i>Darril Frick</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>	

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 10, 2020 – May 16, 2020**

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Janice Sawvett
Tuesday.....	Glenna Paget
Wednesday.....	Josephine Viviano
Thursday.....	Special Intentions
Friday.....	Rose Gibson
Saturday.....	Special Intentions

### 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](mailto:sibvocations@franciscan.org);  
website: [www.franciscan.org](http://www.franciscan.org)

Archdiocese of New Orleans: [vocations@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org);  
[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)

Adrian Dominican Sisters: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto:vocations@adriandominicans.org)

**Suspension of Chalice**...effective immediately, receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice is suspended. It is required that the sign of peace should be offered by making a simple bow.

**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.**

I AM THE WAY AND THE  
TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

Remember to support our  
**Outreach Food Pantry**  
by placing your food items in  
the little red wagon.  
Thank You



### PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green      Kenneth Cuneo  
Edjunique Francois      Christina Valeary  
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### CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayer to the family of Mrs. Shirley Battiste who passed on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Please keep her husband, James, in your prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Wesley Ruffin	Katherine Guccione
Paulette Duplessis	Ahyana Polete
Gloria Gillard	

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Bible Study, Mondays, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Cancelled until further notice. (Coronavirus concerns)**

Food for Seniors, May 15, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of May.

## 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 - MAY 17, 2020 - SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

### THE FIRST READING

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

*For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.*

Phillip brought your word  
to the possessed.  
Unclean spirits went out of them;  
great joy came to Samaria.

Lord, please,  
get the unclean virus  
to come out of the people.

Let the  
Holy Spirit  
enter at once, to  
put signs of yourself  
within our lives  
this very day.

### THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:15-18

*For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous.*

How hard it is to suffer.  
You, Christ, suffer with us.  
Let us swing wide our doors  
to let in your suffering  
whenever it knocks.  
Let the Holy Spirit entice us  
to know you better, to love you more.  
Let us come to life in that Spirit.

### THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.*

Jesus, you show yourself to us  
through your Spirit.  
Please breathe that Spirit again.  
This whole planet needs it now.  
Instruct our scientists how  
to find cures for the virus  
and other climate problems.  
And, inspire us to learn new ways of  
feeding our globe's family.  
Help us learn how to love  
you by taking care of  
all creatures and all creation.  
We want to love you, Lord.  
That is everything.  
Show us how.

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## *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:*

Today is Mother's Day. Today is one of the most beautiful days of the year.

Motherhood is a very high calling. What relationship can ever replace the love of a mother and a grandmother? It is essential for women to realize that the love, guidance and influence they provide to their children are distinct and invaluable.

There is no doubt that motherhood is a very high calling. But, to whom can mothers look as the real model of motherhood? Today's modern culture offers many role models through television, movies and women's magazines. However, often these role models are either all together wrong or they offer a very limited and unrealistic view of true motherhood.

All mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

"It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement" (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*).

*Saint Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,  
Friar Joe Hund, OFM*