

MAY 17, 2020 — SIXTH 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
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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
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PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
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Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Gale Armant.....Finance
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Darrin Duroncellet.....Community Life
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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.

SMA WEBSITE: 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

**Stewardship
May 10, 2020**

What we need each week..... \$3,600.00
What we received this week.....\$2,720.00
What we are *under* this week.....\$880.00
Envelopes used.....

How your support assisted the parish?

Total.....\$

Thank you for your support

MAY 17, 2020 — FIFTH of EASTER



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

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Liturgical Schedule

May 24, 2020 **ASCENSION** of the LORD reading #967
May 31, 2020 **SOLEMNITY** of PENTECOST reading #972

*But
Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and **be ready always**
to give an answer
to every man that asketh you
a reason **of the hope** that is in you
with meekness and fear.
1 Peter 3:15*

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>Darrel Frick</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 17, 2020 – May 23, 2020

Sunday..... Parishioners of SMA
Monday..... Ray Hession†
Tuesday..... Barbara Hession†
Wednesday..... Special Intentions†
Thursday..... Rodney Hession†
Friday..... Rose Gibson†
Saturday..... Velma Hession†

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

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.

LET HIM GIVE YOU A HAND.

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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BIRTHDAYS

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

Cynthia Jones

Kentral Hagan

Angel Washington

Mervin Brochard

Lyndon Guidry, Jr

Fr. Robert Seay, ofm

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.

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

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Food for Seniors, May 29, 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 24, 2020 - SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 1:1-11

John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Lord, you tell them to go, together,
straight to the upper room,
praying and waiting
for your Spirit.

Tell us too.

Open our minds
our eyes and
our hearts,

so that we can pray
and wait as
they did.

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

[May] the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of Wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

O suffering, we ward you off.

Yet you steal into our lives.

Ok, come in.

Live with us.

But only if it means that
Christ is within us and
that we can know him better.

Lord,

let the eyes of our hearts be enlightened
and filled with your kindhearted
love and cure for all that ails.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16-20

And Behold, I am with you all the days till the end of the age.

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:

Next Sunday May 24th, the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated in our Archdiocese of New Orleans. Easter ranks as the highest feast of the Church. There are four solemnities that rank right behind Easter: Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.

At first glance, the Ascension would seem to be a sad day. Christ in his human body is leaving the world for the last time. But we need to take our cues from the liturgy. This is a joyful feast; it is the fulfillment of Christ's saving mission. The Ascension is the final scene of the Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven (as mentioned in the Eucharist Prayer of the Mass). It is not until Jesus ascends and returns to His Father that His act of Redemption is completed. Our place in heaven is prepared at this feast—we will now share in Christ's glory. That is why our hearts should sing with Psalm 47 as it repeats 3 days in a row, "*God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*"

In this month of Mary, it is the time to pray and sing. So between the Ascension and Pentecost, we can unite our hearts with Mary and prepare for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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