## JULY 5, 2020 — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

# 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

## Br. Andrew Stettler, OFM......Pastoral Associate Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM......Pastoral Associate 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

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams	Chairperson
Edwin Shorty	Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey	Secretary
Gale Armant	Finance
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Vaughn Valeary	Evangelization
Marlene Robinson	Justice & Charity
Embra Bridges	Respect Life
Lynn Duroncelet	Religious Education
	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 are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

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	f Friars parking area)
Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri	8:00 a.m.
Tues.,	6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony DevotionFollows Tue	sday Evening Mass

Stewardship	
June 28, 2020	
What we need each week	\$3,600.00
What we received this week	\$2,009.00
What we are under this week	\$1,591.00
Envelopes used	
Weekend Mass attendance	
How your support assisted the par	
Archdiocese of New Orleans assessment	
Gallagher Benefit Services	
Orkin.	
Sewerage & Water Board	
Guardian Insurance	
ACS Technologies	
Total.	
Thank you for your support	

July 5, 2020 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



oday's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful. **loyola press.com** 

#### Liturgical Schedule

July 12, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time reading #1021

## 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.



Joseph Armant (brother of Gale Armant)
Shirley Battiste (wife of James Battiste)
Melvin Bierria (husband of Beverly Bierria)
Cheryl Casborne (sister of Eric Bennett)
Jonathan Casborne (nephew of Eric Bennett)
John Legier (husband of Helen Legier)
Louis Legier (brother of John Legier)
Gloria Lewis (sister of Lorraine Jackson)
Corale Moore (nephew of Peggy Williams)
Sharon Norah (sister of Lisa Shropshire & Ann Evans)
Freddy Thomas (son of deceased Melvina Kepp)
Oliver White (parishioner)

Parishioners/relatives who passed away during the outbreak of the Pandemic

#### 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.

W. Anthony Williams	Danielle Davis	Deane Scott
Inez Burton	Kay Vincent	Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins	Fredrick Woods	George Phillips
Althea Augustine	Leroy Scott	Bruce Pierre
Darril Frick	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	Maggie Dumas
Willie Caliste	Thelma Griffith	Leslie Duplessis
Lynn Evans	Lester Butler	Beverly Bierria
Bonito J. Manego	Deneen Schexneider	6

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

July 5, 2020 - July 11, 2020

Sunday	Parishioners of SMA
Monday	Souts in purgatory
	Special Intentions
Thursday	
Friday	of Br. Martin"
	Joseph Armant

#### 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: <a href="mailto:vocations@archdiocese">vocations@archdiocese</a>—no.org;

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 how

**2nd Collection**...Black And Indian Home Mission, July 19, 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.

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

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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

Fr. Joe Hund, 9 Almena Falls, 27 Stella Doby, 24 Barbara Williams27 Emma Moore, 26 Belinda Francis, 10 Chelsea Gary, 9 Frederick Woods, 28

Yvonne Dukes,11 Clyde Jackson, 19 Joycelyn Dabon, 5 Mervin Smith, 25 Deidre Pendleton, 4 Ronnie Williams, 20 Jasmine Eugene, 27

LorraineGrant, 25 Gale Armant, 30 James Cordier, 25 Wilhemina Herring, 5 Lisa Shropshire, 16 Victor Augustine, 14 Jalil Jones, 21

#### **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, July 28, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

## **Catholic Charities**

 The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of June for *George Coleman*, *III* requested by *Marlene Robinson*.

### REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JULY 12, 2020 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING
<u>Isaiah 55:10-11</u>
My words shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will, achieving the end
for which I sent it.

Lord of all: tend to our earth, give it clean water, and seed for bread so that all may eat.

Tend to our souls too.

Render them fertile and fruitful.

Please send us out to plant your Word within the whole world. THE SECOND READING
ROMANS 8:18-23, 11-13
Creation awaits with eager expectation the
revelation of the children of God.

All creation
is groaning,
laboring within itself,
eagerly hoping to be set free from
pollution and corruption, in the growth
you will give it through your Spirit.

Oh, let us see ways into the soul of this troubled world, so as to be your help in saving it.

THE GOSPEL

<u>MATTHEW 13:1-23</u> OR 13:1-9

But blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears because they hear.

Bless our eyes. They see your splendor in the sunlight at play in summer trees, in the faces of loved ones, in images by Paul Cezanne.

> And blessed be our ears since they have heard your glory

in the sounds of geese high overhead, in baby's laugh, in Puccini's opera, and in the hello of a friend. Let us always listen for the cries of your poor.

Our eyes and ears always look forward joyfully to receive your ever-present tender love.

Your "grace is everywhere."\*

\* Bernanos

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## My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

During the months of May & June, our SMA Community Center has opened its facilities to the needs of our neighbors in the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward by partnering with New Orleans City Council and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest in distributing free food boxes to anyone who needs. And the need is great as we witness 200+ cars lined up from Congress Street to beyond Poland Avenue. It is truly inspiring to see SMA parishioners pick up food boxes and deliver to church members who are unable to leave their homes. These homebound members are so grateful for this help.

The month of July & August at SMA site we will continue free food distribution and United Health Care will also begin providing free Covid 19 testing weekly on Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Along with the free testing, other community partners like Urban League, Housing Authority, etc will be offering job fares, utility assistance, health safety kits, etc.

It is very inspiring during this pandemic to witness so many government and non-profit agencies involved and supplying the needs of our parishioners and 9<sup>th</sup> ward neighbors. "What so ever we do for our brothers and sisters, we do for Christ."

Calendars are available with dates and times for these services. Need a delivery or ride for these services please call the parish office.

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