

JULY 12, 2020 — FIFTEENTH 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

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
Saundra Washington.....Housekeeping

PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Gale Armant..... Finance
Eric Bennett..... Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duroncellet..... Community Life
Vaughn Valeary..... Evangelization
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., 8:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Devotion...Follows Tuesday Morning Mass

Stewardship July 5, 2020

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,087.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$487.00
Envelopes used.....	36
Weekend Mass attendance.....	52
How your support assisted the parish?	
Stanley Convergent Security.....	\$710.83
Sunshine Landscaping.....	\$350.00
Cox Business.....	\$165.74
Orkin.....	\$84.45
U.S. Copy.....	\$63.72
Total.....	\$1,374.74

Thank you for your support

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Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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Liturgical Schedule

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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)
Earl Daniels (brother-in-law of Melvin Bierria)
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.

<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>Darril Frick</i>	<i>Geraldine Aguiard</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>Willie Caliste</i>	<i>Thelma Griffith</i>	<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>
<i>Lynn Evans</i>	<i>Lester Butler</i>	<i>Beverly Bierria</i>
<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>	<i>Deneen Schexneider</i>	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

July 12, 2020 – July 18, 2020

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Melvin Bierria</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Janice Sawve</i>
Wednesday.....	Special Intention
Thursday.....	<i>Glenna Page</i>
Friday.....	<i>Joseph Armant</i>
Saturday.....	Special Intention

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.

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 Williams, 27
Emma Moore, 26
Belinda Francis, 10
Chelsea Gary, 9
Frederick Woods, 28

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

Lorraine Grant, 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

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 throughout the month of June for **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JULY 19, 2020 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

*For though you are the master of might,
you judge with clemency.*

Gentle God,
you teach, by Jesus' example,
that justice is kind,
that power
can
be
mild.

Let us learn from you.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-27

*For we do not know how to pray as we
ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with
inexpressible groaning.*

Holy Spirit, dwelling in us,
take our
small prayers, and
weave them into Christ's own.
When the Father searches our hearts,
let him find those infinite acts of love
intertwined with our little ones.

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THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard
seed...*

Lord, you have given to the smallest of seeds
whatever it needed to become
the largest of plants in the garden.

Like the mustard tree,
with the birds of the sky dwelling
in its branches, you have given all of us
everything we need to grow into your loving
family, caring deeply for each other
and for our environment with its
air, branches and birds.

Help us grow. Nourish us
with your grace.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

St. Mary of the Angels welcomes the image of **St. Benedict the Black**, a *Franciscan Friar* to the Fr. Bart Shrine...

Benedetto Manasseri, an Italian of African descent, was born near Messina, Italy to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri in 1526. His parents, captured as slaves from Africa in the early 16th century, were brought to San Fratello, near Messina. They converted to Catholicism and, due to their loyalty to the Church, obtained their son Benedict's freedom at birth. Benedict did not attend school because his family was impoverished. When Benedict worked as a shepherd in his youth, he would give any extra money he could to the poor. At age twenty-one Benedict was befriended by a nobleman, Jerome Lanze, who encouraged the youth to join a society of hermits under the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. Upon becoming a member of this enclave Benedict gave the few possessions he had accumulated to the poor. Eventually he became one of Lanze's principal advisors and, when he was about twenty-eight years old, Benedict succeeded Lanze as superior of the Franciscan-affiliated group of hermits.

During the third Council of Trent in 1564 Pope Pius IV decided to disband the hermit societies, whereupon he encouraged their communities to join the Franciscan orders. When Benedict became a member of the *Order of Friars Minor* he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. Benedict rose through the Order, first starting as a cook and advancing to Master of Novices, and eventually to Guardian of the Community. While he remained illiterate throughout his life and was never ordained a priest, Benedict as a lay brother continued drawing people to hear his teachings of the Scriptures and to experience his professed healing abilities. After years of service elsewhere in the Friary, Benedict returned to the kitchens because he enjoyed cooking. Benedict was known for his resourcefulness in feeding more people despite a limited amount of available food. Having suffered persecution throughout his life due to being "il Moro," or dark skinned, Benedict is remembered for his racial tolerance.

Benedict died at the age of sixty-five on April 4, 1589 near Palermo, Sicily, where he was buried in a large tomb in the Friary church. Soon after his death, Benedict became the patron of Palermo. In 1592 Benedict's body was exhumed, allegedly without signs of decay. In 1611 King Phillip III of Spain added a shrine for Benedict near the Santa Maria de Gesu in Palermo, Italy, at which time Benedict's body was again exhumed and to be placed in the shrine. In 1743 Benedict was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV, and in 1807 he was canonized by Pope Pius VII. While his exemplary life yielded enough cause for his sainthood, he also came to illustrate the inhumanity of the slave trade. Benedict's feast day is celebrated on April 4th.

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

