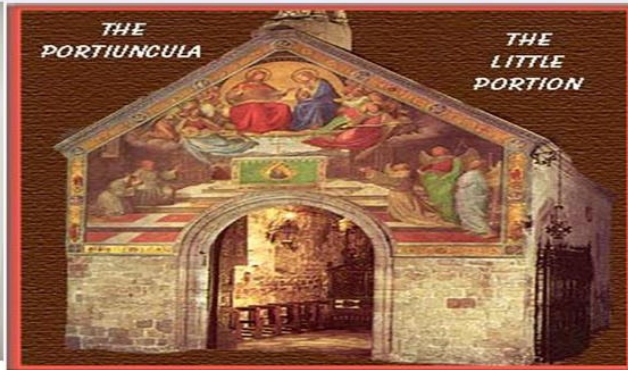


**AUGUST 2, 2020 — Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula**

## *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](http://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 26, 2020

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$1,549.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$2,051.00
Envelopes used.....	34
Weekend Mass attendance.....	38

### How your support assisted the parish?

Guillory Sheet Metal Works, Inc.....	\$2,566.00
Archdiocese of NO Accounting.....	\$3,952.00
Gallagher Benefits Services.....	\$664.88
Chase Ink.....	\$124.50
Archdiocese of NO.....	\$115.00
Guardian Insurance.....	\$88.69
ACS Technology.....	\$70.50

**Total.....\$7,581.57**

Thank you for your support

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The portrait Luke paints of Mary is significant. She is a model believer, taking God at his word, in contrast to Zechariah. She is favored of God, thoughtful, obedient, believing, worshipful and a faithful follower of God's law.

It must be emphasized, however, that despite all these qualities, God's choice of Mary to bear this child springs from his grace, not from any inherent merit that she possesses. She is the object of God's unmerited, graciously provided goodness. Her description as one who has found favor with God makes it clear that God has acted on her behalf and not because of her. In fact, Mary is totally perplexed by the sudden announcement. She did not ask for or seek this role in God's plans; God has simply stepped into her life and brought her into his service. Her asset is that she is faithful. She should be honored for her model of faithfulness and openness to serve God, but that does not mean she is to be worshiped. Luke wants us to identify with Mary's example, not to unduly exalt her person.

We see that Mary's question, "*How will this be, since I am a virgin?*", further proves the truth of the Virgin Birth. In other words, it didn't make sense to Mary either. One thing we must also see together is that she responded in faith when she didn't fully understand everything.

Are there times in our lives when we don't fully see or understand what God is doing? What should our response be? We should respond by saying, I don't completely understand these things but I do know that God is always good. I will trust what I know to be true of God even though I'm not sure what He's up to. [gccwaverly.net](http://gccwaverly.net)



## Liturgical Schedule

August 9, 2020  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saint Augustine Hymnal Reading #1033



**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)  
**Bertha Moore** (mother-in-law of Emma Moore)  
**Corale Moore** (nephew of Peggy Williams)  
**Sharon Norah** (sister of Lisa Shropshire & Ann Evans)  
**Joseph Stevenson** (husband of Alison Stevenson)  
**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 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>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>	<i>Janice Nadlier</i>

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 2, 2020 – August 8, 2020

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Barbara Hession†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Special Intention "Our Lady"†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Mark Wehner†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Rose Gibson†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Ron Cook†</i>



### 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

#### Catholic Charities

St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program.....504.227.3470  
Catholic Charities Care Line.....866.891.2210

### 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.**

#### A Plenary Indulgence

is a mighty tool for works of mercy and weapon in our ongoing spiritual warfare. A plenary indulgence is the remission, through the merits of Christ and the saints, through the Church, of all temporal punishment due to sin already forgiven.

To obtain the Portiuncula plenary indulgence, a person must visit either the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels at Assisi, or a Franciscan sanctuary, or one's parish church, with the intention of honoring Our Lady of the Angels. Then perform the work of reciting the Creed and Our Father and pray for the Pope's designated intentions. You should be free, at least intentionally, of attachment to venial and mortal sin, and truly repentant. Make your sacramental confession 8 days before or after. Participate or assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion 8 days before or after.

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

#### 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Hubert McCarty, 8	Lakechia Bacchus, 27	Sommer Matthews, 5
Vernice Mallet, 29	Britney Turner, 10	Constance Varnado, 6
Lyndon Guidry, 25	Lionel Davis, 16	Thelma Hall, 18
Albert Evans, 26	Lucille McCormick, 31	Jacqueline Ferguson, 7
Julie Hagan, 29	Aline Robinson, 14	Paulette Parquet, 11
Alfred Howard, 13	Thelma Griffith, 17	Bruce Pierre, 19
Gaynell Gaines, 22	Irene Griffin, 12	Crystal Rondeno, 21
Alesia Mallet, 19	Byron Beoh, 12	Tara Phillips-Thomas, 3
Linda Thornabar, 18	Shirley Cavalier, 1	Patricia Woods, 5
Kent Landry, 18	Lynnyana Guidry, 11	Michael Washington, 25
Norman Evans, 28	Jailyn Heisser, 29	Dwayne Mallet, 17
Sydney Frick, 4	Ronnie Williams, 28	Devin Covington, 19
Lyric Darenbourg, 29		

## 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, August 25, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

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

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - AUGUST 9, 2020 – *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### THE FIRST READING

**1 KINGS 19:9A, 11:13A**

*After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.*

Lord  
you are almighty,  
too much for our eyes to see.

We find your shadow in the sunrise,  
or in the workings of justice,  
or your whispering in a  
child's laugh,  
or a Bach fugue.

You are present in family, near and far;  
in good friends; in a Van Gogh; in  
the beauty of wheat fields  
or in wild geese  
winging away.

Oh, thank you for your gifts, Lord.

### THE SECOND READING

**ROMANS 9:1-5**

*I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.*

Father, let none of us  
ever be cut off from

Christ!

We thank you,  
and praise you for  
the adoption, the glory,  
the law, the worship,  
the promises, the  
covenants you have given  
to the world through your  
people, the Israelites.

We thank you and praise you  
for the gift of your Spirit to all your people.

### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 14:22-33**

*Meanwhile the boat...was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. ...He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.*

Lord, we see you  
walking on our sea,  
raging with an out of control  
pandemic, racial injustice and an  
environmental crisis.

You call us to come to you.

Help us keep our eyes on you; never take them  
off. We know you will be right with us,  
calming our rampant squalls.

And reach out your hand, like you did to Peter,  
if, when we are terrified, we  
falter and start to sink.

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

This is the feast day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

Feast of St. Mary of the Angels and the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Church.

We celebrate Our Blessed Mother Mary under different titles because of her universal holiness. The title St. Mary of the Angels is very dear to our Franciscan family because St. Francis had a special love for a neglected, simple chapel in the woods near Assisi. St. Francis learned from spiritual experiences while praying there that this chapel was filled with rich grace and often visited by heavenly spirits. So he often said to the friars, "My sons, see that you never abandon this place...for this place is holy indeed; it is the dwelling place of Christ and His Virgin Mother."

It was with this tradition and spirituality of our Franciscan Order that the first friars in 1925 with the contributions and skills of local people built the first Catholic Church in the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and dedicated the new church to St. Mary of the Angels. The original wooden church was destroyed by fire and the next church was destroyed by Hurricane Betsy. Our present church was built with school and friary around 1966 and survived Hurricane Katrina 2005 and will survive present Coronavirus. Many changes took place in the 95 years not only with the church building but also with the church community and the Friars continue to minister today.

Over these years our SMA community prayed in this holy dwelling place and our faith grew into being witnesses "living stones" built into a spiritual edifice with Jesus as the cornerstone."

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

*Blessed Feast Day and Anniversary to all!*

*Friar Joe Hund, OFM*