

October 11, 2020 — Twenty-Eighth 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 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

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
October 4, 2020**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,234.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$634.00
Envelopes used.....	103
Weekend Mass attendance.....	117

How your support assisted the parish?

Sunshine Landscaping.....	\$350.00
Cox Business.....	\$164.97
U.S. copy.....	\$91.81
Orkin.....	\$84.45
ACS Technologies.....	\$70.50
Entergy.....	\$21.37

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In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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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)
Jaylyn Castaneda (granddaughter of Gale Armant)
Earl Daniels (brother-in-law of Melvin Bierria)
Irene Griffin (parishioner)
Evelyn Joffrion (sister-in-law of Connie Varnado)
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)
George Phillips (husband of Marva & father of Tara)
Oliver Price (parishioner)
Josephine Smith (cousin of Connie Varnado)
Joseph Stevenson (husband of Alison Stevenson)
Freddy Thomas (son of deceased Melvina Kepp)
Oliver White (parishioner)
Frederick Woods (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>Lester Butler</i>	<i>Beverly Bierria</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>Patrick Maheia</i>	<i>Eric Traub</i>	<i>Janice Nadlier</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>Deneen Schexneider</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

October 11, 2020 – October 17, 2020

Sunday.....	<i>Sandi Schmidt</i>
Monday.....	<i>Karen Kattengelt</i> <i>Mary Kneppert</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Hannah & Willard Buckley</i> <i>Joan Garner (living)</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Carter Bell</i> <i>Fr. Rodney P. Bourg (living)</i>
Friday.....	<i>Rose Gibson</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Steve Williamson</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 Altar 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;
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.

Second Collection...World Mission Collection, October 17-18, 2020.

Music Ministry...Frank Richard, Saturday, October 24, 4:00pm Mass.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER for the upcoming Election

Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar – 10/30/2020

Deadline for Registrar's Office to receive Voted Mail Ballot – 11/2/2020

Voters are being purged from the roll. Confirm your registration NOW.

Go to voterportal.sos.la.gov to:

• Make sure your name, address, and date of birth on your State ID or Driver's License match the voter registration roll.

Go to www.geauxvote.com to:

• Apply TODAY for your absentee/mail in ballot and return it ASAP. (Mail is arriving Slowly)

v Review your ballot.

v Make sure you sign the ballot.

v Make sure a witness signs the ballot.

v First time voters using absentee/mail in ballots must mail a picture ID with application and must have two witnesses.

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 spiritu-
ally 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 October:

Mable Hawkins, 16	Claude Wiltz, 3	Dorothy Grant, 13
Maria Johnson, 12	Dennis Batiste, 15	Patsy LaBranch, 8
Shirley Marshall, 13	Claudette Polette, 18	Katherine McCarty, 16
Gwendolyn Hawkins, 6	Wendell Blazio, 10	Cherita Provost, 7
Ann Evans, 6	Tracey Joseph, 13	Gabrielle Jones, 8
Laurae Mallet, 30	Zachary Frick, 16	Cherron Williams, 5
Daniel Turner, 13	Fr. E. J. Stein	

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, October 27, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of October for **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and **Louisa Butler** requested *Crystal Rondeno*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - OCTOBER 18, 2020 – *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

It is I who arm you, though you know me not.

God, you armed Cyrus.
You subdued nations under him,
anointed him, even though
he didn't know you.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,
anoint us, and use us too, Lord,
to fix all that is wrong on our
planet and in our society.

When we know you
are using us,
and when
we
don't.

THE SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIAN 1:1-5B

*Our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with much conviction.*

Please help us receive the gospel
not just in words or phrases,
but rather in power.

In the Holy

Spirit,
with
much
conviction.

We want to labor in love
and breathe out your faith and hope.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-21 OR 22:1-10

*"Then repay to Caesar what to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God."*

Did Caesar create the stars?
Hurl them to the ends of the universe?
Can he make blood course through our veins?
Or craft a hummingbird or a
Gerbera daisy? No?

Then his coins can't buy
what we really need.

God, Creator, you are the one
whose face we seek.

The domain of love that
you give in grace and peace.

We are in your image. Please take us
as your own.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Last Sunday was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi the co-patron of our Church. It was a joyful and spirit filled celebration with the 3 Orders of our Franciscan Family and our Dominican brothers and sisters and guests and many parishioners and some we have not seen since the beginning of the pandemic. Thanks to all who made this celebration a blessed success especially Fr. Geoffrey's inspiring homily and Bishop Cheri's words of wisdom.

The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary and last Wednesday October 7th was the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Annual Fatima Rosary at SMA Chapel will be announced soon. Outside these two events, the whole month is dedicated to praying the rosary and deepening our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary.

As Hurricane Delta approaches our city and the Louisiana coast this weekend, we pray that through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor may her Son Jesus calm the storm and spare us damage to life and property. Amen.

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM