October 25, 2020 — Thirtieth 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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

E. I I II I OFM	D4
Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM	
Fr. Robert Seay, OFM	
Fr. John 'EJ' Stein, OFM	Guardian/Minister
Br. Andrew Stettler, OFM	Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM	Pastoral Associate
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Sister Judy Zynda, O.P	. Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Matthews	Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffre Duplessis	Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis	
Marlene Robinson	Financial Manager
Saundra Washington	Housekeeping

PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams	Chairperson
Edwin Shorty	
Gail Winsey	
Gale Armant	Finance
Eric Bennett	. Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duroncelet	
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. **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 entran	ce of Friars parking area)
Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri	8:00 a.m.
Tues.,	8:00 a.m.
St. Anthony DevotionFollows	Tuesday Moming Mass

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his week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read <u>last Sunday</u>. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see <u>Matthew 22:22-33</u>). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor *loyolapress.com*



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)

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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.

Danielle Davis	Deane Scott
Kay Vincent	Taylor Brown
Lester Butler	Beverly Bierria
Leroy Scott	Bruce Pierre
Geraldine Aguillard	Victor Jackson
Ronald Cavalier	Gerald Cavalier
Eric Traub	Janice Nadlier
Dana Roy	Sonya DiBartolo
Helen Legier	Harry Harland
Corey Lee	Maggie Dumas
Thelma Griffith	Leslie Duplessis
Deneen Schexneider	Bonito J. Manego
	Kay Vincent Lester Butler Leroy Scott Geraldine Aguillard Ronald Cavalier Eric Traub Dana Roy Helen Legier Corey Lee Thelma Griffith

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

October 25, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Sunday	Parishioners of SMA
Monday	Dee Laux (living)
	Fr. Dean Robins
Tuesday	Rose Gibson†
	Paul Steib
Wednesday	Special Intentions
Thursday	Rose & Stan Godbehere
	Robert Maus (living)
Friday	Joan Gerosa†

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

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;

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

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-

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER for the upcoming

Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar – 10/30/2020 Deadline for Registrar's Office to receive Voted Mail Ballot -

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 Liquori'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 October:

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

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 - NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - Solemn Feast of All Saints

THE FIRST READING
<u>REVALATION 7:2-4, 9-14</u>

Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the forehand of the servant of our God.

Oscar Romero,
Dorothy Day and
Alphonsus Rodriguez
washed their robes in the
blood of the

O God, please, cleanse us as you did your saints. and imprint yourself

on our foreheads.

Lamb.

Teach us to lay down our lives for our neighbor, out of love for you.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We are God's children right now.
God does wait to become
our loving father until
tomorrow or next week.
God is Father today,
this minute.
Dear Lord,
love us more
than we can fathom,
no matter what,

THE GOSPEL

<u>MATTHEW 5:1-12A</u>

He began to teach them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Jesus, we pray with those who are poor in spirit, and all who hunger and thirst now for righteousness. St. Francis of Assisi, show us how to reverence and care for brother earth and sister skies.

St. Mother Theresa teach us how to feed all God's hungry people. St. Albert the Great, show our scientists all the ways to create vaccines to end the Pandemic.

St. Luke, protect doctors, nurses and all in the medical profession taking care of the sick.

Saints Martin de Porres and Peter Claver, teach us how to find inter-racial justice and harmony.

St. Catherine of Siena, help us learn how to prevent the fires ravaging our country.

Amen

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Next Sunday November 1st, we celebrate a Holy Day as the Solemn Feast of All Saints.

In our Mass we profess in our Creed our belief in the Communion of Saints. In our church history, this feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity.

Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous. Let us be inspired by the saints each of us have known historically and personally and imitate their virtues on our journey to holiness.

 $Monday\ November\ 2^{nd}, we\ celebrate\ All\ Souls\ Day\ or\ the\ Commemoration\ of\ all\ the\ Faithful\ Departed.$

We observe this day by remembering and praying for all our beloved deceased relatives and friends. Again, in our Mass we profess in our Creed our belief in the Resurrection of the Body.

On this day and throughout the year we pray for the dead and we are assured that our deceased loved ones are also praying for us. The God we worship is the God of the living and the dead and all of us our children of God.

May these celebrations strengthen our hope and deepen our faith that one day we will be joyfully united with our departed loved ones in life everlasting with Christ. Amen.

As is our custom, an altar of remembrance will be set up for anyone to place photos, programs, memorial cards, etc of their departed love ones and it will be displayed during November.

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