

**January 24, 2021 — Third 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  
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  
Jeffrey Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry  
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary  
Marlene Robinson.....Financial Manager  
Saundra Washington.....Housekeeping

#### 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.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson  
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson  
Gail Winsey.....Secretary  
Gale Arment.....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

**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

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

**Stewardship**  
**January 17, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,320.00
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$1,280.00</b>
Envelopes used.....	
Weekend Mass attendance.....	80

**How your support assisted the parish?**

Stanley Convergent Security Solution.....	\$523.30
Ives Office Products & Printing.....	\$398.24
Sunshine Landscaping.....	\$350.00
Cox Business.....	\$169.51
U.S. Copy.....	\$126.33
Sewerage & Water Board.....	\$101.97
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,669.35</b>

**Thank you for your support**

**January 24, 2021 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**A**s we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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**Joseph Armant** (brother of Gale Armant)  
**Shirley Battiste** (wife of James Battiste)  
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**Jonathan Casborne** (nephew of Eric Bennett)  
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**Earl Daniels** (brother-in-law of Melvin Bierria)  
**Irene Griffin** (parishioner)  
**Thelma Hall Griffith** (parishioner; mother of Tammy Roubion)  
**Br. Martin Humphreys, OFM** (Franciscan Brother)  
**Veronica Guidry** (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)  
**Cheryl Patterson** (sister of Gale Armant)  
**George Phillips** (husband of Marva & father of Tara)  
**Sylvia Gaspard Pierre** (cousin of Paulette Duplessis)  
**Oliver Price** (parishioner)  
**Adrian Robinson** (cousin of Constance Varnado & niece of Leah Blazio)  
**Josephine Smith** (cousin of Connie Varnado)  
**Joseph Stevenson** (husband of Alison Stevenson)  
**Freddy Thomas** (son of deceased Melvina Kepp)  
**Fr. Anthony Walters, OFM** (Franciscan Priest)  
**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.

<b>W. Anthony Williams</b>	<b>Danielle Davis</b>	<b>Deane Scott</b>
<b>Inez Burton</b>	<b>Kay Vincent</b>	<b>Taylor Brown</b>
<b>Shirley Hawkins</b>	<b>Lester Butler</b>	<b>Beverly Bierria</b>
<b>Althea Augustine</b>	<b>Leroy Scott</b>	<b>Bruce Pierre</b>
<b>Darril Frick</b>	<b>Geraldine Aguiard</b>	<b>Victor Jackson</b>
<b>Gary Medley</b>	<b>Ronald Cavalier</b>	<b>Gerald Cavalier</b>
<b>Patrick Maheia</b>	<b>Eric Traub</b>	<b>Janice Nadlier</b>
<b>Mathilde Smith</b>	<b>Dana Roy</b>	<b>Sonya DiBartolo</b>
<b>Shirley Ellsworth</b>	<b>Helen Legier</b>	<b>Harry Harland</b>
<b>Robin Jackson</b>	<b>Corey Lee</b>	<b>Maggie Dumas</b>
<b>Willie Caliste</b>	<b>Leslie Duplessis</b>	<b>Bonito J. Manego</b>
<b>Lynn Evans</b>	<b>Deneen Schexneider</b>	<b>Br. Juniper Crouch</b>

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 24, 2020 – January 28, 2021**

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>George A. Phillips†</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Cheryl Patterson†</b>
Wednesday.....	<b>Special Intentions†</b>
Thursday.....	<b>Dana Dell' Olio†</b>
Friday.....	<b>Cheryl Patterson†</b>
Saturday.....	<b>George A. Phillips†</b>



### **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 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 Aguiard, 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.

**Second Collection**...January 31, 2021 for Catholic Schools.

**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

#### **YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST and honoring**

**St. Joseph  
2021**



#### **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 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 **January**:

Althea Augustine, 15	Rudolph McCormick, 3	Miriam Morgan, 6
Helen Legier, 12	Patrick Maheia, 9	Sandra Washington, 2
Naomi Farve, 19	Rosalie Horn, 22	Sheryl Batiste, 2
Darren Hagan, 11	Vaughn Valeary, 13	Dwayne Mallet, 25
Michael Turner, 4	LaCherie Williams, 30	Rachel Ratcliff, 28
Candice Ebbs, 11	Sierra L'Herisse, 18	Jordan Johnson, 6
Tyler Brown, 15	Kaydence Mercadel, 3	Landon Davis, 18

## PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews* for more information.

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Bible Study, Mondays, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Food for Seniors, January 26, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

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

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JANUARY 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

### THE FIRST READING

#### DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

*I will raise up for them a prophet like you among your kin.*

God,  
do you raise up prophets  
as in the time  
of Moses?

Let us find them all around  
as you put your words  
into their mouths.

Let us listen.

Let us

hear.

### THE SECOND READING

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

*Brother and Sisters: I should like to be free of anxieties.*

Lord  
of Peace,  
we want to love you only,  
minus distractions,  
minus  
anxieties.  
Give us  
peaceful souls  
and trusting hearts  
this day and all our days,  
free of distractions and anxieties.

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### THE GOSPEL

#### MARK 1:21-28

*The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*

Dear God, our hope is that you will amaze us;  
win us with your words; spellbound us with your  
love; and let us, with you cast out unclean spirits  
from this world:  
human trafficking,  
the pandemic,  
the climate crisis,  
racial bias,  
poverty,  
greed,  
war.

Make the unclean spirit  
obey you in  
our small effort.

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

Response from our Catholic Church on the recent violence at D.C. Capital

Excerpts from the Statement for Observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by Most Reverend José H. Gomez President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For much of the past year, America has been reckoning with the legacy of slavery and the persistence of racial injustice in our country. Sadly, it is still true that the “color of our skin” often matters more in our society than the “content of our character,” as Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., said a half-century ago.

This year as we commemorate the legacy of this great American, we remember especially Rev. King’s belief in nonviolence and the power of love. As we witnessed in the violence in our cities last summer and in the violence that broke out again last week at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., our country has become too angry, too bitter, and too divided.

In the spirit of Rev. King, we must meet the forces of hate and ignorance with the power of love. We must learn again the wisdom of the Gospel and love our enemies and bless those who oppose us. In this moment, Rev. King would counsel everyone in public life to seek reconciliation and reject the easy temptation to reprisals and recrimination.

We do not love those who oppose us because they are loveable, or even likable, Rev. King once said. We love them because God loves them. And by our love, we seek their conversion and friendship, not their humiliation.

This is our Christian duty in this moment — to be healers and peacemakers, to overcome evil and lies, not by more of the same, but with words of truth and works of love. We ask our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to guide us in this moment of transition and uncertainty in our country. May she help us to keep believing in the power of love.

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

*Friar Joe Hund, OFM*