

**February 7, 2021 — FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*2021 Year of the Eucharist St. Mary of the Angels & St. Joseph*



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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

### 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  
January 31, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,178.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	<b>\$1,422.00</b>
Envelopes used.....	82
Weekend Mass attendance.....	83

**How your support assisted the parish?**

Tchoupitoulas Sales.....	\$594.31
Guillory Sheet Metal Works, Inc.....	\$864.00
Orkin.....	\$86.72
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,545.03</b>

**Thank you for your support**

**February 7, 2021 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**T**oday we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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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)  
**Walter County, Jr.** (son of Audrey County)  
**Earl Daniels** (brother-in-law of Melvin Bierria)  
**Maggie Dumas** (parishioner)  
**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 Aguillard</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>Lynn Evans</b>
<b>Willie Caliste</b>	<b>Leslie Duplessis</b>	<b>Bonito J. Manego</b>
<b>Deneen Schexneider</b>	<b>Br. Juniper Crouch</b>	

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 7, 2020 – February 13, 2021**

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>Rick Kleczynok†</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>George A. Phillips†</b>
Wednesday.....	<b>Special Intentions†</b>
Thursday.....	<b>Rick Kleczynok†</b>
Friday.....	<b>Rick Kleczynok†</b>
Saturday.....	<b>Ann Cook†</b>
	<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. Ms. Deirdre Landry, 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.

**Parish Office closed...**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.


**Saturday Music Ministry...**February 20, 2021, Frank Richard.

**Second Collection...**February 28, 2021 for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. Envelopes can be found on the usher's table in the rear of the church.

**Prayer Jar...**prayers that are placed in the prayer jar will be a part of the Ash Wednesday Mass service.

**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.**



Next Sunday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, we will remember and pray for the soul of Melvin Bierria and at the end of Mass award Melvin and Beverly Bierria with the St. Louis IX Medallion for outstanding service to our SMA Church Community. All members of the Order of St. Louis IX are asked to wear their medallions.



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 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 **February**:

Henry Scott, 5	Shirley Hawkins, 27	Enola Helmster, 3
Geraldine Aguiard, 4	Jerrylean Merriby, 9	Rose Santa Cruz, 17
Beverly Bierma, 16	Paula Arceneaux, 17	Mary Hinds, 19
Wardell Carriere, 10	Elijah Scott, 7	Patricia Beoh, 1
Zelma Washington, 29	Tommy Pugh, 7	Diane Pugh, 24
Darrin Duroncellet, 18	Thelonius Green, 15	Sean Johnson, 12
Brielle Mallet, 10	Raven Amant, 13	Cherese Mallet, 12
Kristyana Johnson, 2	Jalia Jones, 22	Nayvi Hawkins, 25

## 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, February 23, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of February for **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and for **Rowena Hinds** requested by her sister *Mary Minds*

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 14, 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B

### THE FIRST READING

**LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46**

*"The ones who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'"*

Pollution! Covid!  
Discrimination!  
Trafficking!

O Divine Physician,  
Give your healing touch.  
Send us in your name and power  
to rid the world of all that is infected  
now.

Let nothing in this world  
remain outside  
your touch.

### THE SECOND READING

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1**

*Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the Glory of God.*

Whether we eat or drink, or whether  
we dig ditches, compose songs,  
feed the hungry, write books,  
count stars in the skies,  
or in anything we do,  
Holy Spirit, let us  
do everything  
for the glory  
of God.  
Since  
in him  
we live  
and move  
and have our being.

### THE GOSPEL

**MARK 1:40-45**

*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."*

O Healer,  
wounded by our sins,  
we kneel before you.

Reach out to us.  
Lay your hand upon us,  
and please heal us.

And from your abundant pity,  
send us, broken and ragged,  
to fix our damaged earth,  
eliminate the virus,  
end social bias, and feed the hungry.

Caress your world.  
Use us to do it.

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

In this year of the Eucharist, we continue our explanation of the parts of the Mass by focusing on the **beginning**. The Church being gathered here together in the presence of Jesus Christ who comes to us – as a people of God – to heal, calm, and restore our souls.

The **entrance procession** moves from the doors of the church to the sanctuary. The priest and ministers (who represent all of the people of God) symbolically move from the ordinary (the world) to the extraordinary (the sanctuary, a symbol of heaven itself) – from the secular to the sacred, the everyday to the eternal.

Upon entering the sanctuary, the priest immediately **reverences the altar** with a kiss. The altar represents Christ himself. When we see the priest kiss the altar, we reverence the Lord in our hearts. The altar is the place at which the saving mysteries are carried out, and the center of the assembly, to which the greatest reverence is due.

After the priest reverences the altar, we begin with the **Sign of the Cross** which is a prayer in and of itself. This prayer/sign contains the two greatest mysteries of our Christian faith. The mystery of the Trinity affirming our faith in the Father/Son/Holy Spirit. We also recall our baptism when we were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first moments of Mass must not be overlooked. This is why it is so important to prepare our minds and hearts for Mass by arriving early and quieting our souls to see God!

These explanations provided by the Archdiocesan Year of the Eucharist Commission raise our awareness and inspire us to deepen our love and devotion in celebrating our Eucharist.

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

*Friar Joe Hund, ofm*