

**February 14, 2021 — SIXTH 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  
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Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity  
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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  
February 7, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,059.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$459.00
Envelopes used.....	.99
Weekend Mass attendance.....	83

**How your support assisted the parish?**  
 Clarion Herald.....\$263.70  
**Total.....\$263.70**

**Thank you for your support**

**February 14, 2021 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**I**n today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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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.

<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>
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<i>Shirley Ellsworth</i>	<i>Helen Legier</i>	<i>Harry Harland</i>
<i>Robin Jackson</i>	<i>Corey Lee</i>	<i>Lynn Evans</i>
<i>Willie Caliste</i>	<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>
<i>Deneen Schexneider</i>	<i>Br. Juniper Crouch</i>	

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 14, 2020 – February 20, 2021**

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>B. J. Labadoff</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>George A. Phillips†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Benny &amp; Olga Labadoff</i>
Friday.....	<i>Bob &amp; Margaret Newman†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>George A. Phillips†</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 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.

**Ash Wednesday**...Mass, 8:00 am. Ashes are available at the parish office. Not available from 4:30pm—6:00pm.

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

**Cameron LeBlanc**...Seminarian Talk at SMA Masses...February 20-21, 2021. He is discerning a vocation to the priesthood where he will begin studies and formation at Notre Dame Seminary this fall.

**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.**

#### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**February 17...Ash Wednesday Masses 8:00am and 6:30pm.**  
**Friday's of Lent: Holy Hour**... Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm;  
**adoration and benediction, 5:30 pm.** There are dates available for ministries or individuals to participate: February 19<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up.

**Confessions**...Wednesday's, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30pm.

**Fasting and Abstinence**...fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

#### **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 **February**:

Henry Scott, 5	Shirley Hawkins, 27	Enola Helmstter, 3
Geraldine Aguiard, 4	Jerylean Merridy, 9	Rose Santa Cruz, 17
Beverly Bierria, 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
Darin 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 21, 2021 – *First Sunday of Lent*

#### THE FIRST READING

**GENESIS 9:8-15**

*I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign.*

A promise of love, the sign, the rainbow.

Stretching to the heavens, filling the earth.

Its hues garnishing all living things.

Thank you, dear Lord: for earth, for skies, for rainbows and for every living creature under the sun.

Help us care, and teach everyone to care for the common home that you have given to each and every one of us.

And thanks for your promise that you will hold us in your loving arms forever.

#### THE SECOND READING

**1 PETER 3:18-22**

*Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.*

Holy Spirit,  
help us  
to  
empty  
ourselves.

Our  
Lenten task is  
to make room for you.

#### THE GOSPEL

**MARK 1:12-15**

*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert*

Drawn  
to the desert  
by the Holy Spirit,  
and  
tempted!

Your only food,  
the will of the Father,  
you went.

Let your surrender summon us also:  
to your revolution of tenderness.

Help us listen to the  
Holy Spirit.

Let it be our life-giving  
food for the fast.

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

This Ash Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent our annual penitential season. Our Ash Wednesday Gospel teaches us to pray, alms giving, fasting, works of charity and advocating for justice.

Fasting means **giving up** our reliance on those things we don't need and giving to those in greater need than ourselves.

Alms giving means **giving to** the vulnerable by reaching out to them with material & emotional support and standing with them in solidarity with their brokenness.

Prayer means **giving in** to spiritual practices by lifting our own broken pieces and those of others in prayer connecting us with each other and God.

Works for charity and advocating for justice means **giving out** our voice and actions to make justice and peace dawn for all especially the voiceless.

These penances are only a means and the real end is for our conversion – changing our ways and attitudes – confessing our sins and living a renewed Gospel life.

Every year our Archdiocese of New Orleans honors outstanding men and women of our parishes by conferring upon them membership in the Order of St. Louis IX.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 awardee ceremony was postponed until today at our 10 AM Mass. It is my pleasure to announce for 2020 that our SMA parish council has nominated and Archbishop Aymond has accepted Melvin and Beverly Bierria for the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bierria and “when one member is honored the whole Church is blessed.”

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

*Friar Joe Hund, OFM*