

March 7, 2021 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 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
February 28, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,955.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$645.00
Envelopes used.....	104
Weekend Mass attendance.....	103

How your support assisted the parish?

Gallagher.....	\$664.84
Clarion Herald.....	\$131.85
ACS Technologies.....	\$70.50

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March 7, 2021 — Third Sunday of Lent



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Money-changers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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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>
<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>Lynn Evans</i>
<i>Willie Caliste</i>	<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>
<i>Deneen Schexneider</i>		

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 7, 2021 – March 13, 2021

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Barbara Hessom†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Barbara Hessom†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Barbara Hessom†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Barbara Hessom†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Juan Henry†</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 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;
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...Catholic Relief Services, March 14-15, 2021 and ANO Seminary Education, March 21-22, 2021.

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.



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green Kenneth Cuneo
Edjunique Francois Christina Valeary

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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; March 12th, and March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd. Please sign up.

Confessions...Wednesday's, March 10th, 17th, and April 24th, 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 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 **March**:

Josephine Baptiste, 28	Vera Landry, 26	Herreast Harrison, 16
Geraldine Aguiard, 4	Edwin Shorty, 27	Clovis Simmons, 31
Linda Minor, 18	Dona Blunt, 27	Gail Winsey, 28
Stephen Washington, 5	Caitlyn Heisser, 22	Sheppard Roubion, 29
Jovan White, 18	Ya'sheena Johnson, 30	Bella Tayum, 13
Sylvénie Carrière Jones, 13		

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, March 23, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of March for **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and for **Walter County, Jr.** requested by *Joanne Lewis*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MARCH 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE FIRST READING

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

Early and often did the Lord, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them.

Father in heaven, I ran into you early this morning when I caught a glimpse of the crescent moon through the kitchen window. And in the news: everyone was donating food to feed the hungry

Later I saw you when Al, a homeless man, taught me once more about gratitude.

—when laughter diffused tension, doctors and nurses went without sleep caring for covid patients.

Your “messengers” come early and often. God, thank you. Keep me open to them.

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

By grace you have been saved...

No place exists where there is no grace. Whether we are alone or with others, in storms, churches, or beaches, you are there, O pure love. Pour that grace into us.

Use us to spread your grace and love whether in birthing rooms or on deathbeds, or at all the places in between.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:14-21

For God so loved the world...

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. His heart ached to know more about God. So Jesus explained to him and to us, how God loved us first. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only son.*

We know how much it cost the Father. In the story of Abraham and Isaac We can see how Abraham felt before God said to stop. Now we know how God felt when offering his Son.

God loved us that much. God loved us first. He knew we needed Jesus, whom we can see and touch and love.

Thank you, God, for love incarnate

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

A STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS REGARDING THE JANSSEN (JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 Vaccine) February 26, 2021

There has been much discussion of late over the COVID-19 vaccines becoming available to the public as a means of bringing the pandemic under control. For Catholics in particular there has been much discussion and debate about moral and ethical questions around the development of the vaccines in regards to their use of morally compromised cell lines created from two abortions that occurred, one in the 1970s and one in the 1980s.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans, in light of guidance from the Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center affirm that though there was some lab testing that utilized the abortion-derived cell line, the two vaccines currently available from Pfizer and Moderna do not rely on cell lines from abortions in the manufacturing process and therefore can be morally acceptable for Catholics as the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

It is under the same guidance that the archdiocese must instruct Catholics that the latest vaccine from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson is morally compromised as it uses the abortion-derived cell line in development and production of the vaccine as well as the testing.

We maintain that the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine remains one of individual conscience in talk with one's healthcare provider. We also maintain that in no way does the Church's position diminish the wrongdoing of those who decided to use cell lines from abortions to make vaccines. In doing so, we advise that if the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is available, Catholics should choose to receive either of those vaccines rather than to receive the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine because of its extensive use of abortion-derived cell lines.

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM