

March 14, 2021 — FOURTH 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

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 Armant.....Finance
Eric Bennett.....Administration & Leadership
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Vaughn Valeary.....Evangelization
Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity
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Debra Theard.....Worship
Paula Arceneaux.....Stewardship
Lynn Evans.....Pastoral Care

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Stewardship
March 7, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$3,061.00
What we are under this week.....	\$539.00
Envelopes used.....	127
Weekend Mass attendance.....	105

How your support assisted the parish?

Total.....\$

Thank you for your support

March 14, 2021 — Fourth Sunday of Lent



Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. loy-olapress.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)
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 14, 2021 – March 20, 2021

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Barbara Hesson†
Tuesday.....	Barbara Hesson†
Wednesday.....	Catherine Kelly†
Thursday.....	Barbara Hesson†
Friday.....	Barbara Hesson†
Saturday.....	Catherine Kelly†

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;
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.

Lenten Revival...Corpus Christi, March 22-23, 2021, 6:30pm — 9:00pm.

Second Collection... ANO Seminary Education, March 20-21, 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.

Holy Week Schedule

March 28— **Passion/Palm Sunday** 10:am Outside Procession

April 1— **Holy Thursday** 7:00 pm (Parish closes at noon)

April 2— **Good Friday**— 12noon followed by Stations of the Cross

April 3— **Easter Vigil**— 8:00 pm

April 4— **Easter Sunday**— 10:00 am MASS

St. Louis IX Medallion

The recipient for this year will be awarded to Joanne Lewis on March 21, 2021 at St. Catherine of Sienna, Metairie, LA.



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 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 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 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

I will be their God and they will be my people.

God
writes on hearts,
not on stone tablets now.
He is our God and we are his people.
We find him in all things new.
The God of surprises
loves us, forgives
and forgets
our sins.

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:7-9

He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears...

Jesus
you knew fear.
You called for help.
With loud cries.
Your tears knew
our worst pain.
Yet you pick us up,
you hold us
and you weep with us.
We give great
thanks to you,
Savior,
friend.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father save me from this hour.'

Jesus,
You are troubled now by unclean water,
by friends being trafficked.
by racial injustice, starving children
and all the dying from a virus and deluge of
drugs and guns.
What can we say but, we call your name.
We beg you to be with us now.
Help us right the wrongs, not counting the cost,
and become abundant fields of wheat for you.

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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 Penitential Act and the Gloria.***

At the beginning of each Mass, we take time to prepare ourselves through the **Penitential Act** to enter into the sacred liturgy and encounter Christ. We ask God to help us that by acknowledging our sins we may prepare ourselves to listen to God's Word and share in the Body and Blood of Christ. We recognize our need for God's help – our need to be saved – so we ask his mercy upon us: **"Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."**

Immediately following this (on Sundays outside of Advent and Lent and on solemnities, feasts, and at other solemn celebrations) **we join the angels and saints in heaven** and sing **the Gloria** – the same hymn sung by the angels to the shepherds heralding the birth of Jesus (Christmas). The incarnation is God's response to our sinfulness! During Lent and Advent, we do not sing the Gloria due to the penitential nature of the seasons and the emphasis on expectancy.

In these seemingly routine moments of the Mass that we can become all too familiar with, the Lord invites us to bring our minds and hearts into the deep mystery of our faith – God so loves us that he sent his Son. Jesus has come not to condemn the world, but to save the world.

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***