

March 28, 2021 — PALM SUNDAY

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
Jeoffre 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
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

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 21, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,048.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$448.00
Envelopes used.....	.80
Weekend Mass attendance.....	90

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Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 28, 2021 – April 3, 2021

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Fran Chambers (living)
Tuesday.....	Irvin Henry, Sr.†
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Ron Cook†
Friday.....	Catherine Henry†
Saturday.....	Alvin Henry†

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.

Good Friday...collection is for the Holy Land. Please give generously.

Parish Office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 5, 2021.

Ochsner Medical... will administer the covid-19 vaccinations, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 8:00am—6:00pm at St. Mary of the Angels Community Center.

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

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



Remember to support our
Outreach Food Pantry
by placing your food items in
the little red wagon.
Thank You



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 Tatum, 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, April 27, 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 - APRIL 4, 2021 – EASTER SUNDAY

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

"You know what has happened."

Night surrendered to day, dark to light,
fear to courage, death to resurrection.

Peter,
whose fear could not admit he knew the

Lord,
now fearless, proclaiming him boldly,
across the barren hills.

Each place he goes,
in every action he takes.

Lord, give us too
your Spirit,
give us your life
as you gave it to Peter.

Let us show your story in our lives.

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4,

Seek what is above.

Lord,

O help us to

see what is above:

compassion, gentleness,
kindness, humility, patience,
forgiveness of one another,
bearing with one another.

Let your peace dwell in our hearts!

Let us put on love and
find ways to fix the wrongs
we see in our world
today.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

An angel.

Dazzling light.

Boulders upheaved.

Burial head cloth rolled up.

Women running to tell disciples.

Disciples racing to see for themselves.

Empty tomb proclaiming the good news!

He was not

There!

"Where is he?" "Mary!"

The one who has loved us
into wholeness is alive.
and with us now.

We say with her,
"Rabbouni!"

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Each year our Archdiocese awards the St. Louis IX Medallion as a tangible expression of appreciation to Catholic lay men and women in good standing for their unselfish contributions of time and talent to the life of their parish. The process for this honor considers the good works of the nominee and is selected by the parish council members along with the pastor.

The recipient for this year was awarded by Archbishop Aymond to **Joanne Lewis** on March 21, 2021. Joanne was nominated for her unselfish contributions to St. Mary of the Angels Parish.

Joanne is a member of the SMA Altar Society and has been in the that organization for well over thirty years taking care of the church linens and participating in the Annual Bake Sale by baking her delicious treats. Joanne has also provided a home cooked Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner for the Senior Bingo group along with gifts for the past couple of years. She has also volunteered with food distribution centers such as Second Harvester's and Love in Action food distribution centers; while taking care of her elderly mother and husband. Joanne has truly shared her time and talent to and beyond the life of our St. Mary of the Angels Parish.

Congratulations **Joanne Lewis** for we appreciate all your ministry and participation at SMA.

When one member of our parish is honored, the whole church community is blessed.

Today Passion (Palm) Sunday begins **Holy Week** a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season is about end. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm