

April 18, 2021 — THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

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

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
April 11, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$3,371.00
What we are under this week.....	\$229.00
Envelopes used.....	90
Weekend Mass attendance.....	112

How your support assisted the parish?

Parish Assessment.....	\$1,793.93
Property, liability, worker's comp insurance.....	\$2,440.50
School property insurance.....	\$1,090.51
Archdiocese Accounting fees.....	\$200.00
Guillory.....	\$125.00
Archdiocese Accounting.....	\$35.00

Total.....\$5,684.94

Thank you for your support

April 18, 2021 — Third Sunday of Easter



Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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Joseph Armant (brother of Gale Armant)
Shirley Battiste (wife of James Battiste)
Melvin Bierria (husband of Beverly Bierria)
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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 Aguillard</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>	<i>Tyrone Williams</i>	<i>Jacquelyn Buggage</i>

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 18, 2021 – April 24, 2021

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Merrily Venturella†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Merrily Venturella†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Julia Teahent†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Merrily Venturella†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Merrily Venturella†</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;
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.

"Angels Unawares" ...a replica of a statue commissioned by Pope Francis for the world Day of Migrants of Refugees in 2019 is temporary on display on front yard of Notre Dame Seminary now through May 21, 2021.

Second Collection...Diocesan Priest Retirement, April 24-25, 2021.

Second Harvest Food Distribution...April 30, 2021 at 9:00 am.

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.

Parishioners and friends of St. Mary of the Angels Church can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit smaneworleans.org/give to see how easy it is!

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 **April**:

Darril Frick, 30	Michael Blazio, 15	Helen Thomas, 11
W. Williams, 26	Jolynn Ruffin, 29	Diane Clipps, 29
Vanessa Matthews, 3	Rosalie Armant, 16	Valencia Hawkins, 4
Lynn Scott, 10	Crystal Valeary, 12	Felicia El-Mansura, 19
Gerard Labostrie, 27	Imani Polete, 15	Ariane Morgan, 5
Bruce El-Mansura, 30	Destiny Jones, 25	Trinity Price, 21
Terrence L'Herisse, 4	Alexandra Howard, 21	

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 April for **George Coleman, III** requested by *Marlene Robinson*; and for **Walter County, Jr.** requested by *Joanne Lewis*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - APRIL 25, 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 4:8-12

In his name this man stands before you healed.

Only one name could make the cripple walk.

Father in heaven, give us the same courage you gave to Peter—to speak out, tell all about the one rejected who became our corner-stone.

In Jesus' name we ask food for the hungry, care for all immigrants and suffering children, healing for our planet, love that ends divisions.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-2

We may be called the children of God.

We are his children now.

God in fact does not become Our Father tomorrow, or next week, but now, today. This minute.

No matter what.

Abba.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and calls them each by name. They listen, they wait for the sound of his voice.

We are so like them. O Jesus, Shepherd, we long to hear you call us.

Hold us in your arms awhile. Then help us take your unconditional love—the lay-down-your-life kind of love that you got from your Father—and wrap it around us into the lives of all people everywhere.

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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 Presence of Christ in the Word.***

The proclamation of God's Word at Mass is central to our Eucharistic celebration: "The Church is nourished spiritually at the twofold table of God's word and of the Eucharist...The celebration of Mass in which the Word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship" (*Introduction to the Lectionary*, 10).

When the Scripture readings are proclaimed, **it is Jesus Christ himself who speaks to us** and invites us into dialogue with Him. The Gospel is the high point of the readings—everyone stands (symbolizing the resurrection) and sings the Alleluia (except during Lent), greeting and welcoming Christ who is present with us. God speaks to the Church, the community at large, and to the individual person. Mass is the privileged place where God speaks to us!

Just like the Eucharist, **the word of God is the source of life** as well. The son of the official received life only because he believed in the 'word' of Jesus. The man at the pool received a new lease of life because he too believed in his words. For, Jesus says, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." "Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." Jesus continues to offer us the words of eternal life even in our own times

The Church encourages us to **prepare for Mass** by praying with the Sunday readings throughout the week, so that God's Word might grow and live within us more deeply—thus enabling us to know his voice and hear Him more clearly at Mass and in our daily lives.

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.

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM