

May 16, 2021 — SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD

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
Lisa Alexander.....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 May 9, 2021

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$3,362.00
What we are under this week.....	\$238.00
Envelopes used.....	112
Weekend Mass attendance.....	125

How your support assisted the parish?

Archdiocese of N.O.....	\$2,440.40
Archdiocese of N.O.....	\$1,793.93
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Total.....\$5,384.83

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May 16, 2021 — Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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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)
Georgiana Taylor Chapman (sister of Saudria Washington)

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 Nadler</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

May 16, 2021 – May 22, 2021

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Walter & Minnie Cook†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Walter & Minnie Cook†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Dübert Larson†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Steven Kleczynski†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Ron & Donna Wolschleger & Family†</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.

Parish Council...Sunday, May 16th after Mass.

Mission Appeal at St. Mary of the Angels church...Fr. Edmond Akordor will make a mission appeal at our Masses on the weekend of May 22 -23. He is an ordained member of our Archdiocese of New Orleans for several years and is now assigned as Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Norco, Louisiana. His mission appeal will be for the needs of his home Diocese of Ho, Ghana in Western Africa. Please welcome Fr. Edmond and be generous with spiritual and financial support to his mission appeal.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. Please wear something red.

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!



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 **May**:

Wesley Ruffin, 11	Edwin Walker, 28	Sedric Stewart, 9
Gloria Gillard, 16	Cynthia Jones, 17	Victor Augustine, 27
Katherine Guccione, 11	Joanne Lewis, 28	Clementine Soniat, 9
David Eugene, 9	Paulette Duplessis, 11	Mervin Brochard, 18
Shelly Jones, 31	Shawn Brown, 28	Kentral Hagan, 19
Roxanne L'Herisse, 9	Tiayana Marshall, 2	Lyndon Guidry, 21
Bryce Eastwood, 8	Brian England, 26	Angel Washington, 19
Breyanne Johnson, 8	Fr. Robert Seay, 17	

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, May 25, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of May for **Deceased Members of SMA Altar Society**, requested by *Joanne Lewis*; and for **George Coleman, III** as requested by his sister *Marlene Robinson*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MAY 23, 2021 – SOLEMNITY of PENTECOST

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-11

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind.

Like wind-driven fire blazing,
you flash through
all creation.

You are far and near.

Not in one place
and time, but everywhere.

We welcome
your Spirit in us.

Set a fire in our hearts
every minute of every day!

Make us fierce in your love,
and send us to the
ends of the
earth.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13

*For we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but by the Spirit itself intercedes with
inexpressible groaning.*

Spirit of Jesus,
you know our needs.

We need clean air,
ending of hunger,

an end to bias,
your love of each of us.

Please,

take our flawed prayers to the Father.

Wrap your prayers around them.

Let our spirits cry out

in joyful harmony

with you,

Abba!

Father!

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-23

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Fear locked the door.

It loves to do this, always.

But real love entered in anyway,
bringing (within its wounds) God's peace.

This peace went all around; joy and peace!

He breathed upon them and sent them
everywhere, to all the earth,
out of love, not out of fear.

God, remember us:

Veni Sanctae Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit

of life and love to us, and

send us out

to all corners of creation.

We say with her, "Rabbouni!"

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated in our Archdiocese of New Orleans. Easter ranks as the highest feast of the Church liturgical year. There are four solemnities that rank right behind Easter: Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.

At first glance, the Ascension would seem to be a sad day. Christ in his human body is leaving the world for the last time. But we need to take our cues from the liturgy. This is a joyful feast; it is the fulfillment of Christ's saving mission. The Ascension is the final scene of the Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven (as mentioned in the Eucharist Prayer of the Mass). It is not until Jesus ascends and returns to His Father that His act of Redemption is completed. Our place in heaven is prepared at this feast—we will now share in Christ's glory. That is why our hearts should sing with our Responsorial Psalm 47 as it repeats 3 times, "*God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*"

In this month of Mary, it is the time to pray and sing. So between the Ascension and Pentecost, we can unite our hearts with Mary and prepare for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM