

January 9, 2022 — Feast of the BAPTISM of the LORD

St. Mary of the Angels



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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
Fr. Michael Haney, OFM.....Parochial Vicar
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
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Sister Judy Zynda, O.P.....Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Matthews.....Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffie Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
Lisa Alexander.....Financial Manager
Saundria Washington.....Housekeeper

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.

Community Center Coordinator

Marlene Robinson - 504.943.1045

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.

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

SMA WEBSITE: smaneworleans.org

**Stewardship
January 2, 2021**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$5,111.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$1,511.00
Envelopes used.....	113
Weekend Mass attendance.....	100

How your support assisted the parish?

Thank you for your support

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On that morning I can see Jesus coming into the Jordan to John, his friend, to ask for baptism, both to honor what John has done and to bid farewell to his mentor.

For John it must have been a moment of sadness – he was, after all, handing over to another the message to which he had dedicated his life. He had no guarantee, other than an internal conviction in faith, that he was doing the right thing.

Yet, he was able to hold Jesus in the waters of baptism and publicly point to him as the one to listen to.

For Jesus, too, it must have been a moment tinged with sadness. Probably after a lot of discernment he felt ready to set out on his own mission. He knew he must go to the towns and villages of Judea; he knew he carried within himself a message he had to share, a message which could not be kept silent. His Baptism was the moment he chose to begin, to bid his sad farewell to his friend and mentor, John. It must have been difficult. John was strong and popular, Jesus was, as yet, unknown, setting out alone, uncertain and tentative.

Having made his break with John he felt the very human need to spend some time alone, in prayer and solitude. It would have been a time to rest and regroup, to ask for courage and strength, a time to renew his own faith and conviction. It was also, the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and Mark, tell us, a time of temptation for him. How, during those days, he must have longed for, and prayed for, some affirmation and reassurance that he was doing the right thing.

And that is what God gave him. Was it an internal spiritual or mystical experience or was it an external miracle seen and heard by others? We do not know for sure, but the message delivered to Jesus was crystal clear: “*You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you.*”

In his time of need, in his time of doubt and temptation, the Holy Spirit touches him, telling him, reassuring him, that he is not alone; that he is truly doing God’s work and that he is the ‘Beloved’, the one chosen and sent.

Can you imagine the peace and joy that must have given Jesus? Immediately afterwards, with renewed strength and conviction he begins his mission of teaching, healing and showing God’s love for his people.

At the moment of our own Baptism the same Holy Spirit reaches from Heaven and touches us, saying to us, “*You are my child, my Beloved; my favor rests on you.*”

Brian, Oblates.ie



Joseph Armant (brother of Gale Armant)
Raymond Armant (brother-in-law of Gale & Rosalie Armant)
Toni Armant (sister-in-law of Gale Armant)
Shirley Battiste (wife of James Battiste)
Josephine Baptiste (parishioner, mother of Joanne Lewis)
Melvin Bierria (husband of Beverly Bierria)
Willie Hue Brinston, Jr. (parishioner)
Cheryl Casborne (sister of Eric Bennett)
Jonathan Casborne (nephew of Eric Bennett)
Jaylyn Castaneda (granddaughter of Gale Armant)
Georgiana Taylor Chapman (sister of Saundria Washington)
Walter County, Jr. (son of Audrey County)
Earl Daniels (brother in-law of Melvin Bierria)
Maggie Dumas (parishioner)
Herman Falls (parishioner, husband of Almena Falls)
Irene Griffin (parishioner)
Infant Benji Oran Griffith (son of Allison Hawkins)
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)
Ulysses Norah (brother of 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)
Deane Marie Scott (parishioner & wife of Henry Scott)
Josephine Smith (cousin of Connie Varnado)
Mathilde Smith (parishioner)
Joseph Stevenson (husband of Alison Stevenson)
Freddy Thomas (son of deceased Melvina Kepp)
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Oliver White (parishioner)
Tyrone Williams (parishioner & brother of Barbara Williams)
Frederick Woods, Sr. (parishioner)

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>Bonito J. Manego</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>Dana Roy</i>	<i>Sonya DiBartolo</i>	<i>Mary Nadlier</i>
<i>Shirley Ellsworth</i>	<i>Helen Legier</i>	<i>Robin Jackson</i>
<i>Corey Lee</i>	<i>Lynn Evans</i>	<i>Willie Caliste</i>
<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>	<i>Jacquelyn Buggage</i>	<i>Thelma Hall</i>
<i>Deneen Schexneider</i>	<i>Kent Landry</i>	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 9, 2022 – January 15, 2022

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Tom Landry†</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Deane Scott†</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intention†</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Tom Landry†</i>
Friday.....	<i>Tom Landry†</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Josephine Baptiste†</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.

Effective immediately...due to the pandemic, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will return to social distancing, mask wearing and hand sanitizing. The Holy Water is also suspended.

Parish Office will be closed January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Second Collection...Catholic Schools, January 29-30, 2022.

SMA Parishioners (only)...are invited to walk laps in the gym on Wednesdays at 4:00pm.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

Kenneth Cuneo

Edjunique Francois

Christina Valeary

Tyler J. McCormick

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 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 **January**:

Althea Augustine, 15	Helen Legier, 12	Patrick Maheia, 9
Kenneth Nadler, 15	Naomi Farve, 19	Saundra Washington, 2
Rosalie, Hom, 22	Darren Hagan, 11	Vaughn Valeary, 13
Michael Turner, 4	Candice Ebbs, 11	Jordan Johnson, 6
Landon Davis, 18	Dwayne Mallet, 25	Miriam Morgan, 6

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of **January** for the soul of **Walter County, Jr.** as requested by his mother **Audrey County.**

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JANUARY 16, 2022 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAAH 62:1-5

You shall be a glorious crown in in the hand of the Lord.

You have come to us, loving us,
and making us a jewel
in your crown.
We cannot be called "forsaken"
or our lands, "desolate"
anymore.
Your love will stay.
You will never take it away.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

We are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

Was Puccini's music for his ears alone?
Was Starry Night for Van Gogh's eyes only?

Is discernment of spirit better than the act of prophesying? Is it better to be a healer than a preacher? Was Mother Teresa more important than the Jesuit brother who answered the door?

Is green better than red?

All gifts are from the same Spirit.
They are all a part of the whole
and given to each of us for each other
and for the common good.

Lord, help us understand.
Thank you for your gifts.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory.

"They have no wine."

"So what?"

"Do whatever he tells you."

From that instant she left it to him.

To us: "do what he says: love God,
love your neighbor,
make a home for the Spirit."

We will.

Let us leave
everything to you, Lord.
We want to trust you the way Mary did.

Please, we are water.

Turn us into wine.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River and this feast concludes the Christmas Season.

As familiar as we may be with the Gospel accounts, the fact that Jesus submitted himself to baptism may still strike us as odd.

Jesus' answer to John's reluctance to baptize Jesus at the Jordan River is instructive in answering our question. Jesus said, "Let it be so, for it is fitting in this way for us to fulfill all righteousness." This is a weighty answer, containing two words—"fulfilled" and "righteousness."

Nonetheless, Jesus' response to John remains a bit difficult for most readers today. So let us explain in another way. Jesus is fulfilling his role as the obedient Son of God by practicing the required righteousness of submitting to God's will to repent (ie., to live in the world wholeheartedly devoted to God).

In submitting to John's baptism Jesus is showing himself to be the good and obedient Son who does God's will perfectly. Biblical repentance means becoming a disciple. Jesus repents not in the sense of turning from sin (our repentance necessarily includes this where his does not) but in the sense of dedicating himself to follow God's will fully on earth.

May this feast deepen our baptismal promises to witness as disciples so that one day we may hear God say 'this is my child in whom I am pleased.'

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm