

February 13, 2022 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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
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
February 6, 2022**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,542.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$942.00
Envelopes used.....	130
Weekend Mass attendance.....	122

How your support assisted the parish?

Thank you for your support

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Just a few weeks ago, in the Gospel, we were with Jesus in the synagogue as he began his ministry. “He sent me to bring Good News to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind and to set the downtrodden free.”

Today, though it sounds a bit harsher, Jesus says the same thing. The poor, the hungry, the prisoner, the downtrodden are just as loved, just as important, just as valuable as the wealthy, the powerful and the popular. They may be poor now, but in the eternal sight of God they are the same, equal to and as valuable as anyone else.

More than that, the life of Jesus showed us that ‘saying’ is not enough. To be followers of Jesus we must also try constantly to turn what we say into ‘action’. It is not enough to ‘say’ that we respect and value the poor. The question Jesus asks is, “What are you ‘doing’ to show that you believe this?”

Jesus saved his harshest criticism for those he called ‘hypocrites’ – those who ‘say’ but do not ‘do’!

His warnings here, “Alas for you...rich, with plenty, content, respected...” all fit perfectly with his call to ‘practice what we preach’. Four of them, written one after the other, seem a bit hard, maybe, but that they fit perfectly with the call and values of Jesus there is no doubt.

Let us remember when we listen to this Gospel today, that Jesus calls each one of us to the same way of life. It is counter cultural; it is challenging; it is difficult; it is what we are called to live.

It is not enough for us to say that we value the poor and the downtrodden if we walk past the homeless person on the street or fail to be moved to tears by the images of the drowned immigrants washed up on our shores or starving and humiliated in detention camps.

It is not easy to hear this. It is not easy for me to hear it, even as I write it. But it is today’s Gospel.

The poor, the hungry, the downtrodden – each and every individual person – is just as loved, just as valuable as the richest, best educated, most powerful person in the world..... and alas for us if we fail to see that and act on it.

Many thanks,

Brian. The 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)
Sonya DiBartolo (parishioner, daughter of Crystal Rondono)
Maggie Dumas (parishioner)
Herman Falls (parishioner, husband of Almerna 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)
Donald Michael Jones, Sr. (parishioner, husband of Sylvanie Carriere Jones)
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)
Fr. Anthony Walters, OFM (Franciscan Priest)
Oliver White (parishioner)
Tyrone Williams (parishioner & brother of Barbara Williams)
Frederick Woods, Sr. (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>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>Mary Nadlier</i>	<i>Kent Landry</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>		

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 13, 2022 – February 19, 2022

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Deacon Doug McNair & Family</i>
	<i>Rowena Hindst</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Deane Scott</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentionst</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Deacon Doug McNair & Family</i>
Friday.....	<i>Deacon Doug McNair & Family</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Deane Scott</i>
	<i>Deacon Doug McNair & 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Mass, March 2, 8:00 am. Ashes are available at the parish office. Not available from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm.

Men of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to the 2022 Men's Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 7:30 AM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonabel Blvd., Metairie.

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

For Those Who Grieve...presented by Jewell Bayhi at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10:00 am. Grief comes in all forms and everyone of us handle it differently. If you have lost a loved one, a child, a spouse, a parent, a sibling or a friend, please join us.

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!



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 **February**:

Henry Scott, 5	Shirley Hawkins, 27	Enola Helmstter, 3
Geraldine Aguillard, 4	Janice Nadler, 28	Jerri Merridy, 9
Rose Santa Cruze, 17	Paula Arceneaux, 17	Mary Hinds, 19
Wardell Carriere, 10	Elijah Scott, 7	Patricia Beoh, 1
Zelma Washington, 29	Tommy Pugh, 7	Diane Pugh, 24
Darrin Duroncelet, 18	Thelonius Green, 15	Sean Johnson, 12
Nayvi Hawkins, 25	Christyana Johnson, 2	

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, February 23, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of **February** for the soul of **Walter County, Jr.** as requested by his mother **Audrey County** and the next two weeks for **Rowena Hinds** requested by her sister **Mary Hinds**.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9

"I would not harm the Lord's anointed".

Lord,
let us do no harm.
never return hit for hit.
Guide us to where you live
in our souls.
God of pardoning love,
help us always
to forgive.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of heavenly one.

Christ,
we are only earth.
But you open us to you.
We go up to heaven through you.
Heaven comes down to us through you.
You are the gate, the gate keeper
the one who opens us
to make all earth
holy.
Thanks.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-38

Give and gifts will be given to you.

Injured?
Offer the other cheek.
There is only embrace and kiss.
Don't lend and demand repayment, you say.
There is only give all your money, or whatever you have. There is no get-that-cloak-back when someone takes your coat. Instead, buy the person a wardrobe.
God of inexhaustible love,
pour your gift of love on us, over us and within us, all of it, shaken down, overflowing.
Let us love each other well,
with your own
prodigal,
radical,
love.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We continue our reflections on National Black History Month with this excerpt from National Public Radio.

"Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history.

This year's theme, [Black Health and Wellness](#), pays homage to medical scholars and health care providers. The theme is especially timely as we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately affected minority communities and placed [unique burdens](#) on Black health care professionals.

"There is no American history without African American history," said Sara Clarke Kaplan, executive director of the [Antiracist Research & Policy Center](#) at American University in Washington, D.C. The Black experience, she said, is embedded in "everything we think of as 'American history.'"

SMA Church Community is doing its part in promoting Black Health and Wellness by providing test and vaccination clinics in our community center and providing food and health supplies to the neighborhood. SMA proudly salutes our health care heroes for their sacrifices and risks before, during and after the Covid Pandemic.

We pray, Dear God continue to support and protect our health care heroes and their families. Heal dear Lord, those infected with the virus and comfort those who lost loved ones. Amen.

Let us pray that the Lord will make us instruments of Peace and Love to all.

Friar Joe Hund, ofm