

**April 10, 2022 — Palm Sunday of the Passion 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  
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  
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**PARISH COUNCIL**

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson  
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson  
Gail Winsey.....Secretary  
Gale Armant.....Finance  
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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

**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

**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

**SMA WEBSITE:** [smaneworleans.org](http://smaneworleans.org)

**Stewardship  
April 3, 2022**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$4,259.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$659.00
Envelopes used.....	136
Weekend Mass attendance.....	108

**Thank you for your support**

**April 10, 2022 — Palm Sunday**



There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on 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 and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

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**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 Rondeno)  
**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 Sylvénie Carrière Jones)  
**John Legier** (husband of Helen Legier)  
**Louis Legier** (brother of John Legier)  
**Gloria Lewis** (sister of Lorraine Jackson)  
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**Bertha Moore** (mother-in-law of Emma Moore)  
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**Adrian Robinson** (cousin of Constance Varnado & niece of Leah Blazio)  
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**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)

**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>
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<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>	<i>Audrey County</i>	<i>Albert Evans, Jr.</i>
<i>Claude Wiltz</i>		

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 10, 2022 – April 16, 2022**

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Homlak, Jr Family Living &amp; Deceased</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Homlak, Jr Family Living &amp; Deceased</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentionst</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Homlak, Jr Family Living &amp; Deceased</i>
Friday.....	<i>Eileen Budde Voteker</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Special Intentionst</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

### Grief Ministry Support Group

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. Contact Embra Bridges or Beverly Bierria. 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](mailto:sibvocations@franciscan.org);  
website: [www.franciscan.org](http://www.franciscan.org)

Archdiocese of New Orleans: [vocations@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org);  
[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)

Adrian Dominican Sisters: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto: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.

The **Chrism Mass** will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral.

**Parish Office** will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 18, 2022. Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

**Second Collection...**April 15, 2022. *Pontifical Good Friday Collection* helps Christians in the Holy Land, helps the church administer in parishes, provides Catholic schools and offer religious education and helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

**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

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 — 6:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (Office closes at noon until Monday, April 18)  
April 15 — 3:00 PM Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
April 16 — 8:00 PM Holy Saturday Easter Vigil  
April 17 — 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

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 [smaneorleans.org/give](http://smaneorleans.org/give) to see how easy it is!

## BIRTHDAYS

We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary in **April**:

Darrell Frick, Sr, 30	Michael Blazio, 15	Helen Thomas, 11
Jolynn Ruffin, 29	Dianne Clipp, 29	Vanessa Matthews, 3
Rosalie Arment, 16	Valencia Hawkins, 4	Lynn Scott, 10
Crystal Valeary, 12	Felicia El-Mansura, 19	Gerard Labostre, 27
Terrence L'Herisse, 4	Alexandra Howard, 21	Imani Polette, 15
Ariane Morgan, 5	Danielle Davis, 28	Bruce El-Mansura, 30
Destiny Jones, 25	Trinity Price, 21	Jeremiah Johnson, 25

## 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 26, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

**Grief Ministry Group**, Wednesday, April 27, 10:00 am -11:30am

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

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - APRIL 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### 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 that he knew the Lord, but now fearless, proclaims 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 with our lives.

### THE SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 5:6B-8**

*Seek what is above.*

Lord,

O help us to  
find what is above.

Compassion, gentleness,  
kindness, humility, patience, forgiving 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:  
war in Ukraine, social injustice, climate crisis, children starving, death penalties, human trafficking.

Help us fix it all.

### THE GOSPEL

**JOHN 20:1-9**

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

An angel.

Dazzling light.

Boulders moved.

Burial head cloth rolled up.

Women running to tell disciples.

Disciples running to see for themselves.

The empty tomb proclaiming 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:

Holy Week is most definitely 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.

It begins with Passion Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church. Then Mass is celebrated with the Gospel Passion.

The Easter Triduum is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and shared with His apostles. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve persons, just as Jesus did. This is because, at the Last Supper, He instituted the priesthood as a ministry of humble service to all.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the Passion of our Lord proclaimed. We venerate the Cross to show respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. Part 1 is the blessing of the new Fire of Glory and Preparation of the Candle, the Light of Christ, and Easter Proclamation. Part 2 is the Liturgy of the Word with Old & New Testament Readings on how God saved His people in the past and sent His Son as our Redeemer. Part 3 is the blessing of water and renewal of Baptismal Promises. Part 4 is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross to be worthy of wearing the Crown He wore.

Blessed and joy-filled Holy Week and Easter Celebration on all our SMA Church members, ALLELUIA!

*Friar Joe Hund, OFM*