

April 24, 2022 — Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

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 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.

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

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
April 17, 2022**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$2,402.00
Online Giving.....	\$295.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$903.00
Envelopes used.....	81
Holy Week Mass attendance.....	263

April 24, 2022 — Second Sunday of Easter



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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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 Saudria Washington)
Walter County, Jr. (son of Audrey County)
George Crouch (brother of Br. Juniper Crouch)
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)
Jules Lewis (husband of Joanne Lewis)
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)

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 Aguiard</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 24, 2022 – April 30, 2022

Sunday.....	<i>Parishioners of SMA</i>
Monday.....	<i>Brad Overmeyer †</i>
	<i>Eileen Budde Votteker †</i>
Tuesday.....	<i>Eileen Budde Votteker †</i>
	<i>Bernie Burley †</i>
Wednesday.....	<i>Special Intentions †</i>
Thursday.....	<i>Beverly LeGault †</i>
	<i>Eileen Budde Votteker †</i>
Friday.....	<i>Eileen Budde Votteker †</i>
	<i>Joseph Teahen †</i>
Saturday.....	<i>Diane Cook (healing)</i>
	<i>Roy Teahen & 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

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;
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.

VOTE SATURDAY, APRIL 30. An Early Childhood Education Proposition is on the April 30 ballot. For some years now, St. Mary of the Angels Church has been leasing space in the School Building to the Head Start program, so we are FIRM supporters of Early Childhood Education. If you share this conviction, then please vote **"YES"** for this proposition on the ballot, and help to get our youngest children off to a great educational start. They deserve and need our help.

Angelic Voices Choir 2022 Easter Raffle Financial Report. Ticket income \$4770; Plus donations \$140; Gross Income \$4,910; Less 1st prize \$-500; Net Income \$4,410. Congratulations to all for a very successful Easter Fund Raiser.

Parish phone landlines are out of order. Please use cell phone 269-539-7074 to contact the office.

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.

Prayer for Ukraine

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother. Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. **Amen.**

Written by Archbishop Mimmo Battaglia of Naples

BIRTHDAYS

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

Darril Frick, Sr, 30	Michael Blazio, 15	Helen Thomas, 11
Jolynn Ruffin, 29	Dianne Clipps, 29	Vanessa Matthews, 3
Rosalie Armant, 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 Polete, 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 - MAY 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41

So they left rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

“Worthy to suffer dishonor.”

Jesus, let us
agree to your suffering.
Then caress it
boldly
and be thrilled to speak it,
with our lives:
your
love.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14, 12-13, 17-19

I heard everything in the universe cry out.

Oh,
Loving Father,
please help us
end war in Ukraine,
fix the environment, mend
all injustice, feed all the hungry
and care for all children everywhere,
so that
everything in heaven and on earth, under
the earth and
in the sea, everything in the cosmos cry out:
“Glory and honor and might
and blessing be to
the Lamb.”

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

So the disciples whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.”

Fish without number.
Nets too heavy for lifting now.
You gave more than they could ever hold.
And John saw with his
eyes of love that the man on the
shore was
Jesus!

We too want to see with the
eyes of love, and
be weighed down with
the miraculous catch of care.
“Lord, you know that we love you.”
Let us feed your
lambs.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy. The devotion to the Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's and is based upon private revelations to a young Polish nun whom we now know as St. Faustina. St. Faustina reported visions and conversations she received from Jesus. Jesus asked her to paint the vision of his merciful divinity being poured from his Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, so that humankind would take refuge in him.

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The Divine Mercy Image is placed in our church so that it can be venerated by all who attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday and throughout the year.

The message of Divine Mercy is not a new one, but is instead, a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and tradition: God is merciful and forgiving and we also must show mercy and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. But the message of the Divine Mercy devotion calls people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

Jesus, I Trust In You

St. Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,
Friar Joe Hund, ofm