

September 11, 2022 — Twenty-Fourth 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  
Jeoffre 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

#### 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

Lisa Alexander - 504.945.3186

#### 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](http://smaneworleans.org)

**Stewardship  
September 4, 2022**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$3,097.50
Online Giving.....	\$360.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	<b>\$142.50</b>
Envelopes used.....	.99
Weekend Mass attendance.....	91

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**T**ax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." **Luke 15:1-2**

What a foolish and arrogant thing to say! Jesus was merciful, welcoming, forgiving and loving to those who were sinners. And the Pharisees and scribes complained about this as if Jesus were doing something wrong.

On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of "witch hunt," so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it look like Jesus was an awful sinner due to the fact that He spent time with sinners and welcomed them.

From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the scribes and Pharisees are clear. The "condemnation" they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus' kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open and humble.

We may all encounter those who are religiously "self-righteous" at times. This is an ugly sin and one that should not sit well with us. The problem is that those who are self-righteous are often-times also intimidating and oppressive. Those who condemn others in the name of God are hard to confront. Jesus' initial response was to ignore them and to go about His ministry of love and compassion, telling parables and helping those in need. But eventually He took these religious leaders on directly, condemning them for their pride and arrogance.

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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**September 11, 2022 – September 17, 2022**

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>Bobby Beau, Jr. Vera &amp; Carmelo Jannis</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Kim Cousins</b>
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	<b>Joseph &amp; Antoinette Armant†</b>
Friday.....	<b>Raymond Armant† Cheryl Patterson†</b>
Saturday.....	Special Intentions†



**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)  
**Richard Cavalier** (son of Dan & Shirley Cavalier)  
**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 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)  
**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)  
**Leo Prevost, Sr.** (parishioner)  
**Oliver Price** (parishioner)  
**Desmond Boyd Provost, Sr.** (nephew of Constance Varnado and cousin of Cherita Provost)  
**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.

<b>W. Anthony Williams</b>	<b>Danielle Davis</b>	<b>Bonito J. Manego</b>
<b>Inez Burton</b>	<b>Kay Vincent</b>	<b>Taylor Brown</b>
<b>Shirley Hawkins</b>	<b>Lester Butler</b>	<b>Beverly Bierria</b>
<b>Althea Augustine</b>	<b>Leroy Scott</b>	<b>Bruce Pierre</b>
<b>Darril Frick</b>	<b>Geraldine Aguillard</b>	<b>Victor Jackson</b>
<b>Gary Medley</b>	<b>Ronald Cavalier</b>	<b>Gerald Cavalier</b>
<b>Patrick Maheia</b>	<b>Eric Traub</b>	<b>Janice Nadler</b>
<b>Dana Roy</b>	<b>Mary Nadler</b>	<b>Kent Landry</b>
<b>Shirley Ellsworth</b>	<b>Helen Legier</b>	<b>Robin Jackson</b>
<b>Corey Lee</b>	<b>Lynn Evans</b>	<b>Willie Caliste</b>
<b>Leslie Duplessis</b>	<b>Jacquelyn Buggage</b>	<b>Thelma Hall</b>
<b>Deneen Schexneider</b>	<b>Audrey County</b>	<b>Albert Evans, Jr.</b>
<b>Claude Wiltz</b>	<b>Henry Butler</b>	<b>Lorraine Jackson</b>



## 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: [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.

**Annual Liturgy for the Victims and Survivors of Violence**  
Sunday, September 11th at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Louis Cathedral. If you have been affected by violence and murder, submit the name of your families and home address to the parish office. An invitation will be sent to you to attend this special Mass. If attending this Mass, bring a framed photo of the family member to carry during the procession. Survivors will also be remembered in prayer.

**Confession** available in all parishes Wednesday, September 14, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

**Annual Gospel Music Festival**...Saturday, September 17th at the Historic Carver Theater, 6:00 pm. Security will be in full effect for the event. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food to support Second Harvest Food Bank.

**Frank Richard**...Music ministry, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

**SMA Family Day**...September 25th. Please wear your SMA Shirt.

**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.**



Remember to support our  
**Outreach Food Pantry**  
by placing your food items in  
the little red wagon.  
Thank You



## PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

Kenneth Cuneo

Edjunique Francois

Christina Valeary

Tyler J. McCormick

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 **September**:

Vertner Woods, 29	Lena Clay, 20	Karen Gilbert, 22
Augustine French, 24	Jennifer Daigle, 19	Dan Cavalier, 22
Eglah Devezin, 3	Cheryl Johnson, 2	Debra Theard, 5
Charlotte Newton, 8	Jeanne Tillery, 12	Marvin Alexander, 20
Vina Baptiste, 29	Debbie Roberts, 20	Deneen Washington, 22
Christie Jones, 6	Hannah Guccione, 11	Christina Valeary, 28
Kristin DeSilva, 6	Nyra Bierria, 23	Lane Davis, 3
Bailey Tatum, 16	Sky Paxton, 26	Sanjay Gaines, 14
Br. Daniel Barrett, 13		

## 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**, Thursday, October 20, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**Food for Seniors**, October 25, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

**Grief Ministry Group**, Wednesday, September 28, 10:00 am-

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

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 – *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

### THE FIRST READING

**AMOS 32:7-11, 13-14**

*Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!*

What would Amos say today?

That our scales are rigged for cheating and that corporate greed is the norm?

That women in the *maquilas* in Salvador are trampled.

That Guatemalan coffee growers can't feed their own kids?

Please bring us your justice.

Teach us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

### THE SECOND READING

**1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8**

*This is good pleasing to God our Saviour, who wills everyone to be saved.*

Jesus—  
earth's ransom—  
have you chosen us

to bring your blessed promise to all the world?

Help us,  
today, yesterday  
and tomorrow,

To pray everywhere,  
every minute,  
and to love  
well our  
each and  
every neighbor.

### THE GOSPEL

**LUKE 16:1-13 or 16:10-13**

*The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of the light.*

Dear God,  
give us big hearts.  
Make us sly like foxes.  
Sharp as two-edged swords.  
Shrewd as lawyers.

Whatever it takes!

Let us  
grow in  
holy cunning:  
stewards to help you bring  
every single person  
home to your  
heavenly  
mansion.

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## *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:*

Last Thursday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> our SMA Church Community sponsored and hosted the annual Interfaith Community Peace and Prayer Walk.

The purpose of the Peace Prayer Walk is to bring an awareness to our neighborhood that we all need to come together to save our neighbor and the time is now.

The invitation to the Peace Prayer Walk states that if you're really ready to make a difference, then come out, bump fists with someone you don't know, introduce yourself and tell them we're all in this good fight together to bring Peace, Love, Hope, and Understanding to our neighborhoods. Let them know how you and your church are addressing community problems, combating crime, and helping families to deal with social issues.

At 6 PM, Church ministers and members from various faith-based communities assembled at SMA Church and after a brief introduction and opening prayer started the peace walk down Gallier Street to Bunny Friend Park and return on Desire Street to St. Mary of the Angels Church. During the walk there was singing, prayers, scripture readings, short history on the struggles and accomplishments of the neighborhood and the walkers wore peace logo t-shirts.

It was very encouraging to witness neighbors turning on their porch lights and waving to the walkers. It was inspiring to see young and old persons joining the Walk and mothers pushing strollers with their children. Returning to SMA Church all enjoyed refreshments and socializing.

Together, it is the average person who can and will make a difference in communities, cities, states, and the world to eventually decrease crime and bring harmony where there is vast division!

Like the Great Late, U.S. Rep. John Lewis Proclaimed, "Time to Start Some Good Trouble!" "Necessary Trouble!" Then Let's Get to It for the time is now.

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

*Friar Joe Hund, ofm*