

October 30, 2022 — Thirty-First 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 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

Lisa Alexander - 504.945.3186

SMA WEBSITE: smaneworleans.org

**Stewardship
October 23, 2022**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
What we received this week.....	\$3,123.00
Online Giving.....	25.00
What we are under this week.....	\$452.00
Envelopes used.....	84
Weekend Mass attendance.....	110

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"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Luke 19:5

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it.

Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are "successful" from a worldly point of view, it's essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That "unfulfilled desire" refers to any way that God is not fully the center of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

October 30, 2022 – November 5, 2022

Sunday.....	Elizabeth Harris †
Monday.....	Larson Family
Tuesday.....	Edmond Charles Blanchard, Sr † Shirley Wise Blanchard †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Edmond Charles Blanchard, Sr † Shirley Wise Blanchard †
Friday.....	Edmond Charles Blanchard, Sr † Shirley Wise Blanchard †
Saturday	Sonya DiBartolo † Justin J. Cordier †



Joseph Armant (brother of Gale Amant)
Raymond Armant (brother-in-law of Gale & Rosalie Amant)
Toni Armant (sister-in-law of Gale Amant)
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 Amant)
Richard Cavalier (son of Dan & Shirley Cavalier)
Georgiana Taylor Chapman (sister of Saundria Washington)
Justin James Cordier (son of James III & Jacquelyn Cordier)
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 Sylvanie Carriere 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 Amant)
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)
Tara Romain Smith, PhD (daughter of Shreen Romain)
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.

W. Anthony Williams	Danielle Davis	Bonito J. Manego
Inez Burton	Kay Vincent	Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins	Lester Butler	Beverly Bierria
Althea Augustine	Leroy Scott	Bruce Pierre
Darrel Frick	Geraldine Aguillard	Victor Jackson
Gary Medley	Ronald Cavalier	Gerald Cavalier
Patrick Maheia	Eric Traub	Janice Nadler
Dana Roy	Mary Nadler	Kent Landry
Shirley Ellsworth	Helen Legier	Robin Jackson
Corey Lee	Lynn Evans	Willie Caliste
Leslie Duplessis	Jacquelyn Buggage	Thelma Hall
Deneen Schexneider	Audrey County	Albert Evans, Jr.
Claude Wiltz	Henry Butler	Lorraine Jackson
Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM	Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.	Dorothy Grant
Aline Robinson	Patricia Eugene	

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 Altar 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 help 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 other 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: vocations@adriandominicans.org

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.

Solemnity of All Saints Day Mass...Tuesday, November 1st, 8:00 am (Holy Day of Obligation)

All Souls Day Mass, Wednesday, November 2, at 8:00 am.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday at 8:00 am.

Daylight saving time 2022: Get ready to fall back Nov. 6th

Christmas Raffle and Dance tickets are available in the back of church.

Black Saints Celebration 2022...November 5, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. Guest Preacher: Fr. Anthony Bozeman SSJ. Parade-Lineup, 9:30am, Bunny Friend Playground. Starts at 11:00 am and Prayer Service at 12:30 pm. Reception: St. Mary of the Angels School Gym.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Concerning Funeral Fees

At the most recent Parish Council meeting, a question was raised about the required cost for a Funeral Mass in church. Numerous opinions and recommendations were voiced, resulting in the promise to consult the Archdiocese of New Orleans Policy Handbook published in November 2021. There we read: "*The diocesan bishop is competent to enact norms governing the allocation of offerings and stole fees in his diocese. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, no fees or offerings should be mandated for the celebration of a funeral liturgy or for the use of the parish church.*" (Section 12.9.1.) The bottom line in this Archdiocesan policy is that no fee can be demanded from a grieving family for a church funeral, but any free-will donation will always be welcomed.



Condolences

Saturday, October 22, at 10:00 AM, a church full of mourners gathered at St. Mary of the Angels to celebrate the Funeral Mass for 33-year-old **Justin James Cordier**. He died in Arkansas, but his family brought him back home for funeral services, since Justin's parents, James & Jacquelyn, still live on Gallier and worship here, and Justin himself was born and grew up here, receiving Baptism and First Communion at SMA church, and having attended SMA school. Justin and his companion Mia are the parents of a two-month-old son Jace, their firstborn. The SMA church family offers its heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies to all of Justin's many family members and friends upon this tragic death. Peace be with you all, always, all ways.

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 **November**:

Shirley Ellsworth, 27	Cynthia Brown, 24	Leah Blazio, 17
Cecil Frelz, 30	Embra Bridges, 13	Sandra Carter, 21
Lynn Evans, 25	Peggy Williams, 12	Lorraine Jackson, 27
Sherron Bennett, 8	Eric Bennett, 16	Keith Duplessis, 28
Lois Patterson, 29	Patricia Eugene, 16	Deirdre Landry, 24
Chevelle Carriere, 7	Dorothy Guidry, 28	Genisa Augustine, 13
Derek Frick, 16	Chris Guccione, 4	Derek Rankins, 13
Kentral Hagan, 9	Br. Juniper Crouch, 4	Br. Andrew Stettler, 30

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, November 18, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, November 22, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Grief Ministry Group, Wednesday, November 23, 10:00 am.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

THE FIRST READING

2 MCCABEES 7:1-2, 9-14

You have mercy on all because you love all things that are.

THE SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-- 3:5

May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 20:27-38, or 20:27, 34-38

The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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It is with great joy to announce that Mr. Albert Evans III has been selected for the MRS. SOPHIE ARAMBURO servant leader award to be presented by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Black Catholic Ministries on November 5, 2022 at our St. Mary of the Angels Church.

Albert Evans, better known to most as Saint, began his service as an active member to St. Mary of the Angels Church very young as an altar server for most of his formative years. As he transitioned to high school, he joined the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) as a Counselor for the group. Saint later became a member of All Congregations Together (ACT), supporting social and fund raising activities for the group along with prayer.

After Hurricane Katrina when the levees broke, Saint assisted Father Bart tremendously with securing neighborhood residents to safety on make-shift rafts from their homes to the roof of SMA's school and helping to provide food and care to all for days until they were all rescued by helicopter.

In 2007, Saint was left paralyzed with a brain injury from an unfortunate incident. As he struggled for a very long time fighting for his life, he took his struggles and used them to help other people get through their fight. Through the grace of God, Albert has volunteered weekly at Touro Hospital for over 12 years mentoring other brain and spinal cord injury and stroke patients by motivating and giving them hope for their future. He continued his fight and joined several organizations to network and give back and pass his goodwill onto many others. He is a member of (ABIS) Advocacy Program for Brain and Spinal Cord recovery patients. Saint even shared his encouragement in the sports arena with Touro's Handicapped Softball and Bowling Leagues.

Albert's most dynamic ministry is in delivering daily prayers and uplifting messages to over two-hundred followers via text messaging. Saint currently attends Saturday Mass at SMA and provides the Church with a monthly prayer and motivational message on the first Saturday of every month. He has remained a vital participant in his faith and is always sharing encouragement to all who come in contact with him.

Congratulations Saint and when one member is honored, the whole Church community is honored.

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM