

January 15, 2023 — 2nd 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.

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.

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

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

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

January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Saint John the Baptist speaks these words about Jesus at the moment that he sees Jesus coming to him in the distance. John knew, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus was the "Lamb of God." He knew, by this interior revelation, that Jesus would become the Sacrificial Lamb Who would lay down His life for the salvation of the world. Perhaps John did not know the details of how this would happen, but he didn't need to. He was content knowing this sacred mission of the Messiah, and he was content knowing that Jesus was that Messiah.

Today, as we ponder John's words, we are able to see them more clearly. Jesus is the One Who gave His life on the Cross for the remission of sins. He is the One Whom we now receive sacramentally in Holy Communion as the "Lamb of God." It is His flesh and His blood, poured out for us, that we now consume with the deepest reverence and love.

At Mass, these are the final words spoken by the priest after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John saw our Lord coming to Him.

As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through His many teachings, miracles and actions done during His public ministry. In the Liturgy of the Word at every Mass, we are called to unpack these words of John, coming to understand the mystery of the life of Christ more fully. And through our participation in the reception of Holy Communion, we come to know Him Who is the Lamb of God in the most personal and intimate of ways, when we enter into holy union (Holy Communion) with Him.

Reflect, today, upon these very familiar words of Saint John the Baptist. As you do, begin by prayerfully pondering the knowledge that John might have had about Christ the first time he saw Him. Why did John say these words? How fully did he understand their meaning? Did he know that his words would be echoed throughout time? As you prayerfully ponder the interior knowledge that John might have had at that time, try also to reflect upon all that we now know about these holy words. Reflect especially upon the suffering and death of the Lamb of God and the way in which He has transmitted His Saving Sacrifice to us in Holy Communion. What a gift! What a mystery! What a joy! Behold the Lamb of God within your heart, mind and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day.

Glorious Lamb of God, You have come and taken away the sins of the world through the sacrifice of Your sacred life on the Cross. Please help me to understand Who You are and all that You have done for me, especially every time I come to behold You and receive You in Holy Communion. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Stewardship
January 8, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$3,567.00
Online Giving.....	\$150.00
What we are over this week.....	\$117.00
Envelopes used.....	80
Weekend Mass attendance.....	101

Our Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.



January 15, 2023 – January 21, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Special Intentions†
Tuesday.....	Special Intentions†
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Special Intentions†
Friday.....	Special Intentions†
Saturday.....	Tara Cabrini Romain Smith†

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>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>Henry Butler</i>	<i>Beverly Bierria</i>	<i>Vertner Woods</i>
<i>Althea Augustine</i>	<i>Patricia Eugene</i>	<i>Dorothy Grant</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>Janice Nadler</i>	<i>Lorraine Jackson</i>
<i>Dana Roy</i>	<i>Mary Nadler</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>	<i>Henry Butler</i>	<i>Aline Robinson</i>
<i>Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM</i>	<i>Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.</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 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.

Respect Life annual *Baby Shower/Baby Bottle Campaign* will begin on 1/14/23 -2/11/2023.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 1/16/23 in observance of *Martin Luther King, Jr.* Day On Not Off.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day On Not Off event which will take place on Monday, January 16, 2023. This event is for high school students and older. All minors must have a safe-environment certified supervisor with them. On service day, pre-registered participants are asked to gather at 7:30 a.m. at the CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, 2241 Mendez St., in New Orleans, for an opening prayer service, blessing and send-off led by Archbishop Gregory Aymond. Volunteers will depart the CYO Office at 8:30 a.m. to work at their assigned service site until about 3 p.m. Completed registrations are due to the Office of Black Catholic Ministries (OBCM) by Jan. 6. For more information, email bcatholics@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-6207.

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	

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 **January**:

Althea Augustine, 15	Miriam Morgan, 6	Helen Legier, 12
Patrick Maheia, 9	Kenneth Nadler, 3	Saundria Washington, 2
Naomi Farve, 19	Rosalie Hom, 22	Darren Hagan, 11
Vaughn Valeary, 13	Michael Turner, 4	Candice Ebbs, 11
Jordan Johnson, 6	Landon Davis, 18	Sheryl Henry-Baptiste, 2
Dwayne Mallet, 25		

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Bible Study, Mondays, **Cancelled until further notice.**

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Thursday, January 19, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, January 24, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Grief Ministry Group, Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 am.

Rosary & Adoration, Friday, February 10, 2023, 12:00 noon

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JANUARY 22, 2023 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 8:23 - 9:3

Anguish has taken wing; dispelled in darkness.

From a murky comer
west of the Jordan
there shone a
small light.

It showed though all the world's
darkness and distress,
and lifted poles from shoulders, and
smashed yokes and taskmasters' rods.

Christ, help us.
Let us glimpse your light.
Fill us with angst at the
poverty in our midst.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17

It has been reported that there are rivalries among you.

Jesus,
when we are divided,
gather us together into one soul.

Yours.
If we put on
strife,
give us your heart
instead.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

"Come after me," he said,
They dumped their nets and went with
the deep desires of their hearts.
They learned to heal,
to love.

Lord, thank you for calling us too,
for accepting the beauty,
the blindness of us,
the warmth, the cold of us.

Teach us to leave our nets and our works,
to come and follow you in love,
to seek out your
people.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On January 16th, we celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day as a national holiday. "It is an opportunity to recall once again this year, the witness and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Let us remember not only the justice that he pursued, but how he pursued it.

Rev. King was driven by the biblical vision of righteousness and truth, a vision that he understood to be reflected in our nation's founding documents. He believed in what he called the "American creed," the belief expressed by our founders that all men and women are created equal and endowed by God with a sacred dignity and undeniable rights to life, liberty, and equality.

More than a half-century after his death, America faces many challenges — this ongoing pandemic, issues of economic inequality and racial discrimination, violence in our communities, the struggle to welcome immigrants and refugees. In recent years, our nation has also become more polarized and our divisions angrier.

As we look to our future, let us continue to draw from Rev. King's wisdom, especially his commitment to the Beatitudes of Jesus, and the principles of nonviolence and love for our enemies.

In his *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Rev. King reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of a beautiful web of relationships of mutual care, each of us depending on others as others depend on us. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," he wrote. "We are ... tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Let us go forward in that same spirit of fraternity and solidarity, and let us carry on his work for equality and justice. As we remember Rev. King, let us continue to learn from him and imitate his example and prophetic witness." (USCCB Statement by Rev. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles)

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

Friar Joe Hund, OFM