

January 29, 2023 — 4th 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

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 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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

Community Center

504.945.3186

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

SMA WEBSITE: smaneworleans.org

January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 5:1-3***

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today's reading in Chapter Five of Matthew's Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today's Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. "Thou shall not..." was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God's Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you consider the moral life, how do you look at it? Do you see it more as a list of things you can't do? Or do you see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfillment? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God's Law. But unless we understand that the highest form of morality is given to fulfill us on the deepest level, then it will be easy to become discouraged by our calling.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. As you do, begin by considering this journey first from a physical point of view. It would have been much easier for His first hearers of this sermon to simply stay in Capernaum and recline at table, listening to Jesus speak. But the physical journey up the mountain gives insight into the high calling of the moral life. It requires effort and determination. From there, try to imagine yourself listening to Jesus preach.

Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain.

Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Stewardship
January 22, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,557.00
Online Giving.....	\$125.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$918.00
Envelopes used.....	75
Weekend Mass attendance.....	107

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 29, 2023 – February 4, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Maureen Gloria Family Patricia Monteleone
Tuesday.....	Patricia Monteleone Maureen Gloria Family
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Maureen Gloria Family Patricia Monteleone
Friday.....	Maureen Gloria Family Patricia Monteleone
Saturday	Geraldine Aguillard

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 Aguillard</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>Lym 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.

Frank Richard music ministry Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Hotel Hope is an emergency shelter for homeless women with children at 3923 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The families are at Hotel Hope for approximately 30-45 days as a case worker helps them create a plan to become self-sufficient and place them into more stable housing.

We are looking for volunteers beginning at age 18yrs and older to show hospitality to the families as a concierge at the front desk: answering the phone, attending to donations at the front door, etc. Don't worry, we will teach you all you need to know! There are three shifts needed every day: 8am-noon, noon-4pm, and 4pm-8am. You choose how many times a week or month you would like to participate.

The only qualifications needed to become a *Hotel Hope* front desk volunteer is the ability to be hospitable and to love those who are working towards a better life. If you have questions or would like to know ways to be involved, please contact Sr. Julie Marsh at 504-505-0014 or jmarsh@hotelhope.org.



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 **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, February 16, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, February 27, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Grief Ministry Group, Wednesday, March 1, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of **February** for the soul of
Calvin Anthony Aguillard
requested by his wife *Geraldine Aguillard*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:7-10

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer.

Lord,
will you break through our headstrong ways?

Free us to heal wounds and hunger,
to overlook our own desires,
and instead care for
those in need.

Christ,
let us hear your voice,
as you say

"Here I am, and
here they
are."

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

I came to you in weakness so that our faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Paul came,
speaking not words of sublime understanding;
not elaborate terms of human dispute,
but simply, the mystery of Christ,
preaching nothing but
his crucifixion.

Lord, let us love you.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

Lord,
show us how to be salt
and how to give light.

We want to share our bread with the hungry;
we want to shelter the homeless
and clothe the naked.

Teach us.

Show us how to help the immigrant;
to free those who are
prisoners.

Teach us to give,
a little at first,
then all we have.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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In last week's Clarion Newspaper, Archbishop Aymond wrote an article entitled The Archdiocese Embarking on Pastoral Planning.

Our Archdiocese is in the process of study, discernment and dialogue with local churches about being a vibrant church for the present and future.

St. Mary of the Angels along with 13 other churches have been selected by the Archdiocese to enter this planning process to guide and support churches towards experiencing not only sustainability but full vitality – parishes that are alive in Christ. To achieve this, a Parish Sustainability Committee was appointed to review the pastoral, spiritual and fiscal data from each parish. The Catholic Leadership Institute will facilitate parishes through this process.

SMA has been asked to select parish leaders for this pastoral planning process and the following were selected:

Fr. Mike Haney, OFM, Parochial Vicar; Peggy Williams, Parish Council Chair, Gale Armant, Finance Council Chair, Vanessa Matthews, DRE, Paula Arceneaux, Stewardship Chair.

Reports will be made as the process proceeds and you may approach any parish leader above for more information or questions. Also in the upcoming months, there will be at least one townhall meeting to which all parishioners are invited, to hear more from the national leaders of this process.

SMA is only at the beginning of this process and there are no answers or conclusion as to final result except the goal is a vibrant and blessed life to our Church - the Body of Christ.

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm