

February 19, 2023 — 7th 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

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

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20-22

The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life.

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Stewardship
February 5, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$4,722.00
Online Giving.....	\$745.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$1,867.00
Envelopes used.....	129
Weekend Mass attendance.....	111

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.



February 12, 2023 – February 18, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Ray Hession Barbara Hession
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson Rowena Hinds †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	All Souls in Purgatory † Deceased of Wolschler Family †
Friday.....	Deceased of Wolschler Family † Tara Cabrini Romain Smith †
Saturday	Deceased of Wolschler Family Tara Cabrini Romain Smith † Deceased of Wolschler Family †

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.

Danielle Davis	Bonito J. Manego	Inez Burton
Kay Vincent	Taylor Brown	Shirley Hawkins
Henry Butler	Beverly Bierria	Vermer Woods
Althea Augustine	Patricia Eugene	Dorothy Grant
Darvil Frick	Geraldine Aguilard	Victor Jackson
Gary Medley	Ronald Cavalier	Gerald Cavalier
Patrick Maheia	Janice Nadler	Lorraine Jackson
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	Aline Robinson
Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM	Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.	

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.

February is **Black History Month** celebrating African American history & heritage.

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

Volunteers are needed for the 5th District Police breakfast on February 18th at 8:00 am.

Parish Planning Leaders Meeting, Sunday, February 26th after the 10:00 am Mass.

March 4th **NOLA Men's Conference**, St Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonabel Blvd., Metairie. Please call Gale Armant for more information.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Ash Wednesday Mass, February 22, 8:00 am and 6:00pm. Ashes are available at the parish office. Not available from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm.

Fasting and Abstinence...fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.



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 **February**:

Henry Scott, 5	Shirley Hawkins, 27	Enola Helmstetter, 3
Jerry Merridy, 28	Janice Nadler, 28	Geraldine Aguiard, 4
Beverly Bierria, 16	Paula Arceneaux, 17	Rose Santa Cruze, 17
Mary Hinds, 19	Wardell Carriere, 10	Elijah Scott, 7
Patricia Beoh, 1	Zelma Washington, 18	Diane Pugh, 24
Darrin Duroncelet, 18	Thelonius Green, 15	Sean Johnson, 12
Khristyana Johnson, 2	Jalia Jones, 22	Nayvi Hawkins, 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, March 16, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Friday**, February 24, 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 Aguiard requested by his wife *Geraldine Aguiard*.

And for *Walter County, Jr.* requested by his mother *Audrey County*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Lent

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostril the breath of life.

Father
you make us from clay.
You whisper your life into us daily. Yet we sin.

Thank you for
sending
Jesus

to re-form
us.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-19, OR 5:12, 17-19

But the gift is not like the transgression.

Dearest Father,
you soften our sins with your grace;
you make them soil for the seed that you plant.

The crop that you raise
is your only
son.

Please let our love in you for each other
be a portion of your yield:
a small part of your
love for
us.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.

Jesus,
Word of God, you walked the desert
and you thought and prayed.
Who was it that you had chosen to be?

The devil slithered around
and hissed, "Choose me! Choose me!
But instead, you chose the Father, above all
things, and you loved your neighbors
even as you loved your Father.

And so we choose you. Jesus. Take us also
to a desert; speak to our hungry hearts.
Deepen our understanding of who you really
are: our true bread of life. as you do.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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This Ash Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent our annual penitential season. Our Ash Wednesday Gospel teaches us to pray, give alms, fast, do works of charity and advocate for justice.

Fasting means **giving up** our reliance on those things we don't need and giving to those in greater need than ourselves.

Alms giving means **giving to** the vulnerable by reaching out to them with material & emotional support and standing with them in solidarity with their brokenness.

Prayer means **giving in** to spiritual practices by lifting our own broken pieces and those of others in prayer connecting us with each other and God.

Works for charity and advocating for justice means **giving out** our voice and actions to make justice and peace dawn for all especially the voiceless.

These penances are only a means and the real end is for our conversion – changing our ways and attitudes – confessing our sins and living a renewed Gospel life.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, every parishioner will be given a small nail to be carried in pocket or purse during the Season of Lent to remind us of God's mercy and love in forgiving our sins. On Good Friday, we will place the nails in a special container marking the end of our Lenten journey and being reconciled with our Savior Jesus.

Additional Confession times are available on Wednesdays, March 15, 22 & 29 to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and God's Peace. May we have a spiritually fruitful Lenten Season.

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm