

March 5, 2023 — Second Sunday of Lent

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
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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

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

March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



*Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. **Matthew 17:1-3***

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus. Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

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Stewardship
February 26, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,195.00
Online Giving.....	\$395.00
What we are <u>under</u> this week.....	\$1,010.00
Envelopes used.....	91
Weekend Mass attendance.....	184

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.



March 5, 2023 – March 11, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Cheryl Crooks Olivia Messa
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson Louise Hinds
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Dana Daigre † Kate Messa
Friday.....	Ann Cheatham † Michael Carey
Saturday	Mary Dunlap Capadano 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>Kay Vincent</i>
<i>Taylor Brown</i>	<i>Shirley Hawkins</i>	<i>Henry Butler</i>
<i>Beverly Bierria</i>	<i>Vertner Woods</i>	<i>Aline Robinson</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>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>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

Parish Planning Committee meeting, Sunday, March 12th after Mass. Some *Churches* in the *Archdiocese* are facing decisions about their future, sustainability. *St. Mary of the Angels* has been mentioned. Please come out to hear the professionals working in the Archdiocese who will assist us in this process.

Daylight Saving Time begin March 12, 2023. Set your clock forward one hour.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Condolences

Saturday, Feb. 25, SMA parishioners mourned the death of **Janice Dede**, who lived in this neighborhood for awhile but moved away many years ago. Her marriage to Westley Dede, Sr. brought six loving children into this world. Although the family relocated numerous times, Janice kept herself notably involved in her local church as a catechist and Eucharistic minister, whether at Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Jude, or St. Vincent de Paul, or St. Rita, or Blessed Seelos, or wherever. The SMA community offers prayerful sympathy to the many surviving family members and friends of Janice Dede, along with the blessed assurances which our Catholic faith offers to us. May Janice rest in peace!

Baptism Congratulations

Sunday, Feb. 26, during the 10:00 AM Mass at SMA, these five children were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the saving waters of the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jace Lester-James Cordier, son of Justin Cordier (deceased) & Mia Herron;

Kasen Juels Adams, son of Torrey Adams, Jr. & Kaela Butler;

Londyn Tazanna Guidry, daughter of Lynnanna Guidry;

Antoine Hakeem Lewis, Jr., son of Antoine Hakeem Lewis, Sr. & Lynnanna Guidry;

Lynnaea Belle Guidry, daughter of Lyndon Guidry & Jessica Beckem.

We offer our church's congratulations to these children's justifiably proud parents and family members. And we gently remind them that, just as "it takes a village to raise a child," it takes a loving family to raise a child in the Catholic faith. Our prayers and best wishes are with

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2 — Passion/Palm Sunday; 10:00 AM Outside Procession

April 6 — 6:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Office closes at noon until Tuesday, April 11)

April 7 — 3:00 PM Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 7 — Special Collection for the Holy Land

April 8 — 8:00 PM Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 9 — 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

April 10—Parish Office will be Closed

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays of Lent: 5:30 PM Adoration and Benediction; 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross on March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8.

Confessions...Wednesday, March 15, March 22, and March 29, 5:00-6:30 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

BIRTHDAYS

We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary in **March**:

Vera Landry, 26	Hearrest Harrison, 16	Edwin Shorty, 27
Clovis Simmons, 31	Linda Minor, 18	Gail Winsey, 28
Quentin Gaines, 13	Caitlyn Heisser, 22	Jovan White, 18
Ya'Sheena Johnson, 30	Stephen Washington, 5	
Sylvénie Carrière Jones, 13	Bella Tatum, 13	

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, **Tuesday**, March 28, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Grief Ministry Group, Wednesday, March 29, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn throughout the month of **March** for the soul of

Josephine C. Baptiste requested by *Joanne Lewis*.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MARCH 12, 2023 - *Third Sunday of Lent*

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-4A

Strike the rock and water will flow from it for the people to drink.

They dragged themselves across the desert dying of thirst.

They had to question, whether the Lord was still with them.

Yes, God was there, but something had drained their souls of sight.

So too with us. It can be hard to find God in these arid days of our lives.

Help us, please.

THE SECOND READING

ROMAN 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God,
We hope in you.
You never disappoint.
Your love descends on us like rain.

You want us to be graceful gardens.

But our roots need rain!
Please bathe them in your goodness.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

"But whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Lord, when you declare to a woman at the well everything about her life,

we think of our own lives as well.

You know each of our ins and outs too, when we sit and when we stand.

When we yearn for light, love, beauty and peace, for worship of you in Spirit and truth. Still, often we remain dry!

Come, Lord Jesus, quench our thirst for life within your living water.

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The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

"The Light Is On for You" is an initiative of our Archdiocese of New Orleans to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held on 3 Wednesdays March 15, March 22 and March 29 during Lent from 5 to 6:30 pm in every Catholic Church in our Archdiocese.

As part of the Archdiocese's Lenten initiative "The Light Is On for You," let us make a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith. Pray for the grace of Reconciliation that can bring lasting peace to our hearts, homes, and communities.

"Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. Most priests would be willing to help someone back into the swing of things, knowing that the first time back could be a bit awkward.

Are you searching for a pathway to peace with yourself or with another person or for a situation close to your heart? Pray for the peace and reconciliation that our Lord can give when we offer ourselves as instruments of that peace." Excerpts from NCCCB

Our SMA Church will be open and we will leave the light on to welcome all to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and receive Our Lord's love and mercy and peace.

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm