

March 12, 2023 — Third 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
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Gale Armant.....Finance
Eric Bennett.....Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duroncellet.....Community Life
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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

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Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." John 4:5-7

Today, throughout the world, Catholic liturgies will celebrate the first of three Scrutinies of those adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The word "scrutiny" comes from the Latin word *scrutari* which means an inquiry, close examination or search of something. It originally referred to rummaging through rubbish so as to find something of value. In a sense, this is what God does with all of us. When we first turn to Him, He sorts through the disorder of our fallen human nature and our sins so as to point to the goodness and beauty of the child He created. As for the liturgical rite that will be celebrated in churches throughout the world today, the *Right of Christian Initiation of Adults* describes it as follows: "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (#141). The Gospel story we read today depicts this action beautifully. It is the long and inspiring story of the woman at the well. This story is filled with symbolism, much of which the casual reader could easily miss.

To begin, it is important to prayerfully imagine the scene. Jesus was all alone sitting next to Jacob's Well around noon. Few women would come to the well at that time of day due to the heat. But this woman came at this time because she knew others would not be around. She was a sinner, and many of the other women of the town knew it. Therefore, in an attempt to avoid them and avoid feeling shame, she came at a time when she could avoid the other women. So the first thing to consider is the suffering this woman was enduring because of her shame and embarrassment over her sinful life.

As she approached the well, she was surprised to hear Jesus ask her for a drink. She was a Samaritan. Jews generally considered Samaritans as ritually unclean. For that reason, Jews would not drink from their vessels. But Jesus broke this unholy custom and looked at her as a daughter of God with innate dignity and value as He engaged her in conversation.

Within the heat of the day, Jesus spoke lovingly to this woman and said, "Give me a drink." Saint Augustine states that, symbolically speaking, Jesus thirsted for her soul, for her salvation. He longed to give her the grace soon to be won through His Cross. Her willing reception of this gift would also bring satiation to the Heart of our Lord. Jesus didn't dwell upon her past; He knew all about it. He could read her soul. All He wanted to do was to rummage through the sin and rubbish that was cluttering her soul so as to discover her dignity within. If she were to allow Jesus to offer her this mercy, not only would she receive true Living Water to quench her spiritual thirst, she would also satiate the spiritual thirst in the soul of our Lord that could only be satiated by the dispensing of His mercy.

As we celebrate the Scrutinies this Sunday, reflect upon this woman at the well. First, she is a symbol of every person coming to faith in Christ and preparing for the Living Water of Baptism this Easter. But she is also a symbol of your own soul, to the extent that it has become cluttered with the rubbish of sin and disorder. Do not let shame, fear or a sense of unworthiness deter you from engaging in this same conversation with our Lord.

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Stewardship
March 5, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$4,629.00
Online Giving.....	\$265.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$1,294.00
Envelopes used.....	145
Weekend Mass attendance.....	127

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

March 12, 2023 – March 18, 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.....	Dana Daigre † Olivia Messa
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Ann Cheatham † Kate Messa
Friday.....	Michael Carey Cheryl Crooks
Saturday.....	Josephine Baptiste † Mary Dunlap Capadano

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	Kay Vincent
Taylor Brown	Shirley Hawkins	Henry Butler
Beverly Bierria	Vertner Woods	Aline Robinson
Althea Augustine	Patricia Eugene	Dorothy Grant
Darril Frick	Geraldine Aguillard	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	Patricia Parker
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

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.

Frank Richard, Saturday, March 18, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

In honor of **St. Joseph Feast Day** there will be a St. Joseph Altar on March 18-19. See Derek Rankins for more information.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.



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.



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 **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	Amari Marshall, 16
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, April 8, 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 19, 2023 - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

THE FIRST READING

1 SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

Not as man sees does God see.

Mighty God,
how they were shocked
when you chose
David.

He was least of all.

Amaze us again.
Pick us. Please say of us,
"they are the ones, the least of all."

Then, do your work
in us.

THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

But now you are light in the Lord.

Christ,
cast your
light upon us.

and
twinkle upon
every sorry place,
every wonderful face,
everyone who might need
your grace.

Amen.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

He smeared the clay on his eyes and he said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam."

Jesus,
won't you cleanse our blind eyes? ...

Wash away the Mud? ...

and move us from
unseeing souls to believers—

from bystanders to disciples,
walkers in darkness
to lamps for your light.

O let our souls see!

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Last January 17th, Archbishop Aymond wrote an article in the Clarion-Herald newspaper entitled "The Archdiocese Embarking on Pastoral Planning." The article highlighted the process which all New Orleans Catholic Churches are undertaking at this time (similar to the efforts of Catholic churches in arch/dioceses across the nation) to secure a lively future for the local church in the years ahead.

Today after the 10 AM Mass, a facilitator from Catholic Leadership Institute will explain the pastoral planning process for St. Mary of the Angels Church. The goal of the process is that through study, discernment and dialogue our church will be a sustainable and viable church for the present and future – a parish that is fully alive in Christ.

The facilitator will present the pastoral, spiritual, fiscal, physical plant and demographics data on the present St. Mary of the Angels Parish. There are some statistics that raise questions about sustainability.

Our gathering for this event will be like a "town hall meeting" where after the presentation everyone will have an opportunity for questions and answers. This dialogue is important to bring everyone into the process and to dissolve any rumors by clarifying and examining the facts presented.

This is the first of two "town hall meetings" to be held at St. Mary of the Angels Church and the second one will be on Sunday May 21st.

SMA is only at the beginning of this process and there are no answers or decisions as to the final result except that the goal is a vibrant and fully alive SMA Church - the Body of Christ.

*St. Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,
Friar Joe Hund, ofm*