

March 26, 2023 — Fifth 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

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
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PARISH COUNCIL

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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

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“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” John 11:43-44

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus’ initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus’ obedience to Jesus’ command symbolizes the Christian’s response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, “Come out!” What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin. Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.

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Stewardship
March 19, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,928.00
Online Giving.....	\$550.00
What we are under this week.....	\$122.00
Envelopes used.....	122
Weekend Mass attendance.....	112

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 26, 2023 – April 1, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Olivia Messa Josephine Baptiste †
Tuesday.....	Olivia Messa Josephine Baptiste †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Elaine Lasceski Olivia Messa
Friday.....	Olivia Messa Elaine Lasceski
Saturday.....	Mary Dunlap Capadano † Lasceski 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	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
Jaden Coleman	Roxanne L'Herrise	
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

Funeral Arrangements

MOST REVEREND FERNAND J. CHERI III, OFM

Friday, March 31, 2023

SOLEMN VESPERS

5:00pm

Notre Dame Seminary

2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA

VISITATION

5:30pm— 8:30pm

Notre Dame Seminary

Saturday, April 1, 2023

VISITATION

9:00am— 11:00am

Saint Louis Cathedral

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

11:00am

Saint Louis Cathedral



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.

HOME REPAIRS

During a week in June, a group of skilled craftsmen from Arkansas, along with young adult helpers, will be doing a week of volunteer, minor home repair work in New Orleans. They are seeking homeowners who have need of minor home repairs involving carpentry, electricity, plumbing, indoor or outdoor painting, fencing, landscaping, etc. Labor is free and most materials will be provided by the workers. Please contact Fr. Mike Haney, OFM at the church office (504-945-3186) so that he can have these volunteers contact you in advance about the details of your project.

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, April 20, 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 - APRIL 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-7

He opens my ear that I may hear.

Sunrise to sunset, open our eyes
that we may find you in all things.

Jeremiah, Romero and Dorothy Day:
morning after morning, they
opened their ears.

Let us too hear the cry of the poor,
of the planet, of all in pain
from racial injustice.

Let us speak on
their behalf.

Open
our hearts
that we may love you,
holding nothing back, nothing at all.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

*Rather, he emptied himself, taking the
form of a slave.*

No self-concern,
no turning
away.

Christ,
teach us to love
in your way.
Filled with your Spirit,
let us surrender
into your
love.

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THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 26:14-27, 66

*And when they had mocked him, they
stripped him of his cloak, dressed him in his
own clothes, and led him to crucify him.*

Sweet Jesus, you so loved the world that you
set your face like flint toward us, and gave
your back to those who beat you, and your
cheek to the ones who plucked your beard!

No? Did you ever shield yourself
when you were struck?

Instead, you humbled yourself and
emptied yourself out of love.

Let us be amazed
by your love, and share in it.

Let us say with the pagan centurion,
"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:



It is with great sadness that the Archdiocese of New Orleans announces that Most Reverend Fernand Joseph Cheri, III, OFM, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, died today, March 21, 2023. He was 71 years of age and served our Archdiocese of New Orleans as Auxiliary Bishop for almost 8 years.

In a message, Archbishop Aymond shared this news with clergy and religious of the archdiocese writing: "It is with a sad heart that I inform you that Bishop Fernand Cheri died this morning. He has been called home to the Lord. We mourn his death and thank God for his life and ministry. May he rest in the arms of the risen Christ."

Franciscan Bishop Cheri was loved and highly respected by our Franciscan Family in New Orleans.

As a diocesan seminarian and later as a priest, Bishop Cheri was inspired by the Franciscan Friars at St. Mary of the Angels (SMA) especially their ministry to the material and spiritual needs of the people in our mission churches in the

Delta. Bishop Cheri was also inspired by the Franciscan Friars at TAU Friary and their Lazarus ministry to people with AIDS in New Orleans.

These ministries had an influence on Bishop Cheri to join the Franciscan Order and he made his solemn profession to the Rule and Life of St. Francis of Assisi at our SMA Church in New Orleans on August 17, 1996.

St. Mary of the Angels Church Community was dear to Bishop Cheri in that whenever he visited New Orleans, he would stay at SMA Friary and was warmly welcomed as a family member of our fraternity and church community.

Bishop Cheri attracted young people to serve the Church especially in music ministry in both his parish assignments and as a Bishop. He inspired young men in New Orleans to form an emerging religious community as Franciscan Brothers of the Holy Family and he was their spiritual guide.

Bishop Cheri was often the singing celebrant for Franciscan feasts of St. Francis at SMA and St. Clare at the Henry Clay Monastery. Bishop Cheri was also a popular guest speaker and revivalist. He traveled within the Archdiocese of New Orleans and nationally preaching and sharing his love of music.

Both our Franciscan Family and SMA Church Community feel the loss of Bishop Cheri's presence and we feel the joy that we were gifted with his spirit and love and believe that Bishop Cheri is singing with the choir of angels in heaven and praying for all of us.

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