

April 9, 2023 — EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 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

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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On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. John 20:1-3

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today's Gospel concludes by saying, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus' resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

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Stewardship
April 2, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$4,638.00
Online Giving	\$195.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$1,233.00
Envelopes used.....	137
Weekend Mass attendance.....	133

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.



April 9, 2023 – April 15, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Barbara Frick †
Monday.....	Kate Messa Elizabeth Messa
Tuesday.....	Kate Messa Frank Messa
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Frances Messa Shane Slocum
Friday.....	Shellie Slocum Bobby Lee Crook
Saturday	Cavanaugh Family † Fruehwirth 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.

<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>Darrel 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>Patricia Parker</i>
<i>Jaden Coleman</i>	<i>Roxanne L'Herrise</i>	<i>Jay Orman</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

Beginning with **Easter Vigil**, we will return Blessed Water to the holy water fonts at all the doors of our church. Everyone will have the option to bless themselves upon entering and leaving our church and some may choose not to bless themselves.

Parish Office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023 and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 10, 2023. Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Parish Leaders Sustainability meeting, Sunday, April 16th after Mass.

Music Ministry...Frank Richard, Saturday, April 22, 4pm Vigil Mass.

"Have a blessed and Happy Easter!"

Franciscan Friars & Staff



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 **April**:

Darril Frick, 30	Michael Blazio, 15	Edwin Shorty, 27
Helen Thomas, 11	Jolyn Ruffin, 29	Dianne Clipps, 29
Vanessa Matthews, 3	Rosalie Armant, 16	Valencia Hawkins, 4
Lynn Scott, 10	Crystal Valeary, 12	Felicia El-Mansura, 19
Gerard Labostre, 27	Terrence L'Herisse, 4	Imani Polete, 15
Ariane Morgan, 5	Altony Augustine, 16	Jeremiah Johnson, 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, April 20, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday**, May 23, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

Grief Ministry Group, Wednesday, April 26, 10:00 am.

Rosary & Adoration, Friday, April 14, 2023, 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn
throughout the month of **April** for the soul of
Most Reverend Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III, OFM.
"If anybody ask you who I am, tell them that I'm a child of God."
and for **Bruce Pierre** requested by
Rosalyn Pierre Singleton

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - APRIL 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2: 42-47

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Please bring us together, Lord.
Feed your people with
your gift of grace:
it makes us
one in
you.

Thank you for your love: it unites us.
Let it be the one nourishment
that gives us strength
to care for each
person's
needs.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave
us a new birth to a living hope.*

Christ,
though we haven't
seen you, we love you.
Though our poor minds cannot
grasp you very well,
we believe in you.
And with indescribable joy
in your resurrection
we hope in
you
always.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Merciful Christ, please
come right through our barricaded doors;
breathe your Holy Spirit upon all of us.
Pick us up when we fall. Give us your peace
that comes from your perfect love of us.

Not to hoard such treasure;
we want to give it out
to everyone who would believe.
Make us instruments of the power
of your resurrection!

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is truly Risen, Alleluia!

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection from death to life. The liturgical symbols present in this holy feast lead us into the meaning of the sacred mystery of Jesus' Resurrection. Here are a few symbols.

The Easter candle represents the light of Christ rising in glory dispelling the darkness of our hearts and our world.

The Easter water represents cleansing and new life in becoming Easter People.

The Easter lilies represent the trumpets sounding the joyful Alleluia chorus.

The Easter color of white represents the bright moment of Jesus' Resurrection.

Even the Easter egg has a spiritual meaning. The enclosed shape of the egg is similar to Jesus' tomb carved out of a rock and sealed. A small chick is present and growing over time in the egg. The chick eventually cracks the egg and a new life comes forth. Jesus burst forth from the tomb to bring a new life of faith, hope and love into our world. A truly inspiring symbol for all of us.

In our celebration, may we be filled with the same spirit of those disciples who witnessed Our Risen Lord and proclaimed: Jesus is truly risen, Alleluia!

May the Risen Lord Jesus bless all our SMA Church members with peace & joy, Alleluia!

Friar Joe Hund, ofm