

April 16, 2023 — SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER/Divine Mercy

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
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PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
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Gale Armant.....Finance
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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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"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow" (Diary #699).

That day is today! It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, "a whole ocean of graces" is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. "A whole ocean of graces." What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Avila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows.

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Stewardship
April 9, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,554.00
Online Giving.....	\$350.00
What we are <u>under</u> this week.....	\$696.00
Envelopes used.....	
Weekend Mass attendance.....	274

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 16, 2023 – April 24, 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 Megan
Tuesday.....	Olivia Messa Austin Michael
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Olivia Messa Camden Joseph
Friday.....	Olivia Messa Catalano Family
Saturday	Cavanaugh Family Olivia Messa

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>Verner 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>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>		<i>Raymond Dumas, Jr</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 Leaders Sustainability meeting, Sunday, April 16th after Mass.

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

Second Collection...April 30th for Catholic Home Mission.



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	Jeremiah Johnson, 25
Helen Thomas, 11	Jolyn Ruffin, 29	Dianne Clippis, 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	

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**, April 25, 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 bum
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 23, 2023 - *Third Sunday of Easter*

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2: 14, 22-33

"Jesus received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured out him forth, as you see and hear."

The Spirit proclaimed it,
through Peter's, brave words,
"God raised him up,
and released him from
the throes of death!"

Let us understand
and feel your Spirit, O Jesus,
in our neighbors,
and in ourselves.

Let our lives
boldly proclaim
your life, death and
resurrection to everyone everywhere.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-21

He was known before the foundation of the world.

From the beginning of time
through this minute
God has loved us,
ransomed and transformed us
and all creation.

Within
this very truth
we find our meaning.
In this very love we find our hope.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.

Oh
Jesus,
please find us
wherever we hide.
Take away our refuges:
wars, gun violence, climate change
and all.
Come walk with us and be with us now.
Show us the new life that you are.
Open our eyes and
make our minds
and hearts
blaze.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy. The devotion to the Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's and is based upon private revelations to a young Polish nun whom we now know as St. Faustina. St. Faustina reported visions and conversations she received from Jesus. Jesus asked her to paint the vision of his merciful divinity being poured from his Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, so that humankind would take refuge in him.

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The Divine Mercy Image is placed in our church so that it can be venerated by all who attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday and throughout the year.

The message of Divine Mercy is not a new one, but is instead, a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and tradition: God is merciful and forgiving and we also must show mercy and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. But the message of the Divine Mercy devotion calls people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

Jesus, I Trust In You

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm