

**April 23, 2023 — THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

## *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  
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

**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

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

**Community Center**

504.945.3186

**SMA WEBSITE:** [smaneworleans.org](http://smaneworleans.org)

**April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



*"But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." **Luke 24:21-23***

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus' Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: "but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them."

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were "conversing and debating" about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus' death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn't bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God's will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives.

If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

[mycatholiclife.com](http://mycatholiclife.com)

**Stewardship**  
**April 16, 2023**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$1,991.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$309.00</b>
Envelopes used.....	79
Weekend Mass attendance.....	94

**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 23, 2023 – April 29, 2023**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>Fruehwirth Family</b> <b>Megan</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Roosevelt &amp; Rebecca Stewart †</b> <b>Austin Michael</b>
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	<b>Caden Joseph</b> <b>Roosevelt &amp; Rebecca Stewart †</b>
Friday.....	<b>Lorraine Cavanaugh &amp; Family</b> <b>Roosevelt &amp; Rebecca Stewart †</b>
Saturday .....	<b>Gail Fruehwirth &amp; Family</b> <b>Roosevelt &amp; Rebecca Stewart †</b>

**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>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](mailto:sibvocations@franciscan.org);

website: [www.franciscan.org](http://www.franciscan.org)

Archdiocese of New Orleans: [vocations@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org);

[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)

Adrian Dominican: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto: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.

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

**Parish Hall** is open for booking. For more details call the parish office.



#### Condolences

On Saturday, April 15, St. Mary of the Angels Church celebrated a Funeral Mass for the 84-year-old **Ernest Briscoe, Sr.** He and his wife Brenda were parishioners here, but eventually moved to Slidell, where he succumbed to prostate cancer after a battle of three long years. Stately Easter lilies and many colorful funeral bouquets adorned the sanctuary, while numerous relatives and well-wishers filled the church's nave with their prayerful remembrance. Especially during this Easter Season, a grateful SMA church family is delighted to offer our prayers to the Briscoe family for their dearly beloved's eternal rest and peace.



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 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	

### 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, May 18, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**Food for Seniors**, **Tuesday**, May 30, 10:00am until 12:00 noon

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

**Rosary & Adoration**, Friday, May 12, 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 30, 2023 - *Fourth 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:*

We are pleased to announce some recent signs of growth at our St. Mary of the Angels Church. In these first few months of 2023, our Church celebrated the most monthly Baptisms since 2017 and more Baptisms are planned for later this year. We welcomed the following children.

Sunday February 26 – Kasen Juels Adams, Lester James Cordier, Londyn Tazanna Guidry, Lynnaea Belle Guidry, Antoine Hakeem Lewis, Jr.

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> - Christopher Anthony Rankins, Jr, Paz Rose Rankins, Braylen Christian Tatum.

Also, special mention that Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> was the largest Sunday attendance in some years at St. Mary of the Angels.

It is a time to rejoice but also a time for all of us to put renewed energy into our ministry of evangelization.

Let us invite new members both infants and adults as well as inactive SMA church members.

Let us develop ways to evangelize our neighborhoods by encouraging people to join us in all aspects of SMA parish life.

Let us announce that SMA is a welcoming and loving family and we want everyone to be a part of our family as well.

May the Easter Candle lead us to be a Light of Christ in our world. Amen, Alleluia!

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

*Friar Joe Hund, ofm*