

April 30, 2023 — **FOURTH 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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

Community Center

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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

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." *John 10:1-3*

The people of Jesus' time would have easily understood this story. It was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd's voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd's voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd "comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God's people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God's true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

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Stewardship
April 23, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,242.00
Online Giving.....	\$230.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,128.00
Envelopes used.....	85
Weekend Mass attendance.....	103

Online donor:

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 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Ray Hession Barbara Hession
Tuesday.....	Bruce Pierre † Joe Paille
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Linda Paille Amelia Ogden †
Friday.....	Joseph Ogden, Sr. Paul Catalano & Family
Saturday	Mr. Trump & 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 Aguiard	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	Jay Orman
Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.		Raymond Dumas, Jr

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

Emmaus 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.

Congratulations to Vera Landry who will receive The Order of St. Louis IX on May 7th at 2:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonabel Blvd., Metairie. Archbishop Aymond will present medallions to 240 members of the laity for outstanding service to the Church.

Each year on **Good Shepherd Sunday** the Archdiocese of New Orleans designates a special second collection to help support the medical and retirement expenses of our diocesan priests. This collection is scheduled for the weekend of May 6-7, 2023. The ceremony will also be live-streamed, : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWKe0077OCg>.

Emmaus Grief Ministry will meet on May 24th at Landry's Seafood House. If you are interested in joining this ministry, see Beverly Bierria or Embra Bridges after Mass.

Frank Richard...music ministry on Saturday, May 13th at 4:00pm Vigil Mass.



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 **May**:

Jay Orman, 6	Wesley Ruffin, 11	Edwin Walker, 28
Sedric Stewart, 9	Gloria Gillard, 16	Cynthia Jones, 17
Victor Augustine, 27	Katherine Guccione, 11	Joanne Lewis, 28
Clementine Soniat, 9	David Eugene, 9	Paulette Duplessis, 11
Mervin Brochard, 18	Shelly Jones, 31	Kentral Hagan, 19
Roxanne L'Herisse, 9	Tiayana Marshall, 2	Fr Robert Seay, 17
Lyndon Guidry, 21	Bryce Eastwood, 3	Karlin Dukes, 8
Brian England, 26	Angel Washington, 19	Breyanne Johnson, 8

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, May 24, 10:00 am.

Rosary & Adoration, every Friday in May at 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **May** 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."

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MAY 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 6:1-7

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Lord,
choose us as
your children who
will give care to the poor,
will wash their feet as you did,
will go out to spread the word of God.
Fill us, please, with wisdom and the Holy Spirit.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:4-9

Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

Dear Christ, please call us
to be a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people of your own.

We want to
be with you
in the middle of the
human race and all creation,
calling your people out of
darkness into light.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Jesus, as your disciples,
our hearts are troubled.
Is there some escape, we ask, from
war, gun violence, racism, climate change?

Be with us now, please.

To know you is to know and love
the Father and the Spirit. And that is
everything. No fear there.

You are our way, our truth, and our life.

Wherever you abide is the place that we
always want to be—circling in eternal,
self-giving love, with you, the Father,
and your Holy Spirit.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today the 4th Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Bishop Robert Barron explains "that one of the most enduring and endearing images of Jesus is that of the good shepherd who guides and lays down his life for his sheep. We cannot be indifferent in regard to him. We have to give our whole selves to him, without compromise or hesitation. Once we hear his voice, we have to drop everything and follow."

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. "To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." Pope Benedict XVI.

Will we make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life?

Encourage our children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in or archdiocese to respond to God's call.

Pray for the priests and friars who have ministered to us throughout our life, both living and dead.

Friar Joe Hund, ofm