

May 7, 2023 — FIFTH 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 Duroncellet.....Community Life
Vaughn Valeary.....Evangelization
Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity
Embra Bridges.....Respect Life
Lynn Duroncellet.....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 Rental

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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

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" John 14:1-2

These consoling and encouraging words, spoken by Jesus to the Apostles at the Last Supper, come immediately after Judas left to betray Jesus and after Jesus told Peter, in the presence of the others, that Peter would deny Jesus three times before the cock crowed. As a result, the Twelve (now Eleven) would have been discouraged, especially Peter. Jesus senses this and says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Peter was told that he would soon commit a grave sin against Jesus. As we are later told, as soon as Peter committed these sins, he went out and wept bitterly. Perhaps, as he did, he would have recalled Jesus' words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Being tempted toward sin can be discouraging. But that can turn into a good thing. If we are not affected by our temptations, then we lack love for God. And if we give into those temptations and fail to experience sorrow, this is even worse. However, discouragement over our sins cannot remain; it must turn into its opposite, the virtue of hope. Hope will result from sin only when we hear and understand Jesus' promise, seen above.

Jesus not only tells the disciples not to be troubled. He also tells them why. Jesus promises them He will prepare a place for them in Heaven and will come to take them to that place in His Father's House, despite their failings. By believing, Peter and the other apostles will be able to dispel the initial discouragement they feel over their failings and turn back to God with the anticipation of Heaven.

Do you get discouraged by your sin? Begin by calling to mind any sin that you regularly struggle with. Habitual sin, especially, will lead to either sorrow, repentance and hope, or to a discouragement that ends in despair and the abandonment of virtue. Like Saint Peter, we must strive to weep bitterly over our sins. We must let our sins, and the temptation toward despair, become a motivation to regain hope, courage, and determination. This will only be possible if we always hear Jesus say to us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled..." We must sense His compassion and tenderness and allow that love to fill us with confidence that we will one day overcome all sin and be welcomed into the Father's House.

Reflect, today, upon any sin with which you regularly struggle. As you do, consider whether your discouragement leads to despair or hope. Hope does not come from your ability to overcome sin on your own. It comes from the compassion of our Lord and His promise to redeem you. If you do have a troubled heart, that is good. It is the starting point for hope. Allow Jesus to lift your troubled heart and to point your eyes to Heaven.

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Stewardship
April 30, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,242.00
Online Giving.....	\$790.00
What we are <u>under</u> this week.....	\$568.00
Envelopes used.....	83
Weekend Mass attendance.....	115

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.



May 7, 2023 – May 13, 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
	Elizabeth Messa
Tuesday.....	Olivia Messa
	Kate Messa
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions†
Thursday.....	Olivia Messa
	Frances Messa
Friday.....	Olivia Messa
	Frank Messa
Saturday.....	George Taylor
	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.

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
Darvil Frick	Geraldine Aguilard	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 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 today 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. The ceremony will also be live-streamed, : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWKe0077OCg>.

Congratulations to Nyra Bierria, granddaughter of Beverly Bierria, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 2nd, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

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.

Second Collection...Peter's Pence, May 27-28, 2023.

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

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



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

Emmaus Ministry, 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."
and for the soul of **Walter County, Jr.**
requested by his mother **Audrey County**

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MAY 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 8:5-8

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.

Phillip brought your word to the possessed.
Unclean spirits went out of them;
great joy came to Samaria.

Lord, please,
show the exit door
to whatever is not love,
truth and goodness.

Let it come out of all people.

Let the Holy Spirit,
enter at once, and
put signs of yourself
within our lives this very day.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:15-18

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous.

How hard it is to
suffer. You, Christ,
suffer with us.

Let us swing wide the door
to let in your suffering,
whenever it knocks.

Let the Holy Spirit entice us
to know you better,
love you more.

Let us come to life
in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.

Jesus, you comfort
and transform us through your Spirit.

Please breathe that Spirit again.

Our whole planet needs it now.

Instruct our scientists how to find cures for a
sick climate as well as for viruses.

Inspire us to learn new ways to
end violence and feed starving children.

Help us listen
for the cry of the poor,
the earth, and the cries of
all who suffer.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

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The St. Louis IX Medallion is given as a tangible expression of our appreciation to Catholic lay men and women in good standing for their many unselfish contributions of time and talent to the life of their parish. The selection process for this honor considers the good works of the nominee and is selected by the parish council leadership along with pastor.

Among the 240 award recipients for the year 2023 is our very own **Mrs. Vera Poole Landry**. Mrs. Landry has been a member of St. Mary of the Angels since 1968. Since joining the parish, she has given her time and talent to this church community. Mrs. Landry is a retired nurse and has used her nursing skills to serve members of the clergy and parishioners of our church community when called upon. During her tenure as a nurse, Mrs. Landry used her anointed hands to care for Cardinal John Joseph Krol (1967-1996 appointed by Pope Paul VI) during his stay at Hotel Dieu Hospital in New Orleans. During her career as a nurse working many long hours; Mrs. Landry served as a Lector and Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for Sunday Mass. Mrs. Landry continues to serve in this capacity today as one of eldest members of this ministry. Mrs. Landry volunteers in various church celebrations and in the following ministries:

Senior food distribution for Catholic Charities

Senior citizens luncheon and bingo

Advocate for Persons with Disabilities with the Archdiocese

Annual Family Day Celebration (cooking her special Stewed Hen over rice)

Stocking medical supplies for Church emergency kit

Volunteered with the MICA project, and All Congregations Together (ACT)

Archbishop Aymond will award the St. Louis IX Medallion to Mrs. Vera Poole Landry for her tireless service to the St. Mary of the Angels Church Community on May 7, 2023. Congratulations!

When one member of our church community is honored the whole community is honored.

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

Friar Joe Hund, ofm