

JUNE 4, 2023 — SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY TRINITY

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
Vanessa Matthews.....Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffre Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
Lisa Alexander.....Financial Manager
Saundria Washington.....Housekeeper

PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
Gale Arnant.....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 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

June 4, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity



"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (Year B Gospel)

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

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Stewardship
May 28, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,763.00
Online Giving.....	\$812.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$25.00
Envelopes used.....	101
Weekend Mass attendance.....	119

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.

June 4, 2023 – June 10, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Georgia Thomas †
Monday.....	Benny & Olga Labadot
Tuesday.....	Bob & Margaret Newman
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Georgia Thomas †
Friday.....	Freddie Weidert
Saturday	Bruce Pierre †



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 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

OBCM...the Office of Black Catholic Ministries mission is to advocate for equality in education, social justice and pastoral ministries throughout the Church community. The Director of OBCM, Dr. Ansel Augustine, updates us weekly about events throughout the New Orleans Archdiocese in his Community newsletter, *The Digital Djembe: The Beat of our Village*. Please support the OBCM. Website: <http://obcm.arch-no.org>, E-Mail: bcatholics@arch-no.org

Tuesday, June 13th will be the **Solemn Feast of St. Anthony** with Mass at 8:00 am with Novena prayers and blessing with relic and distribution of blessed St. Anthony Bread.

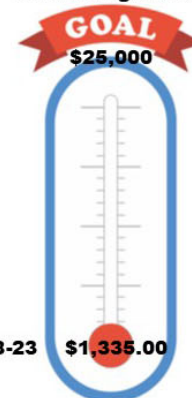
Congratulations! Keilaria Smith received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 28th at St. Louis Cathedral by Archbishop Hughes with Crystal Rondono as her sponsor.

Frank Richard...Music Ministry, Saturday, June 17, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth.

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

SMA Pledge 2023



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 **June**:

Audrey County, 8	Kay Vincent, 4	Janice Jackson, 28
Marlene Robinson, 21	Jacqueline Buggage, 27	Ann Comin, 12
Parthenia Beck, 17	Tori Price, 6	Corey Johnson, 7
Gwendolyn Payne, 2	Donna Valeary, 17	Jabari Polete, 5
Ka'Cell El-Mansura, 18		

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Thursday, June 22, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday**, July 25, 10:00 am until 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, Wednesday, June 28, 10:00 am.

Rosary & Adoration, 2nd Friday in June at 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **June** for the souls of

Jules Joseph Lewis requested by wife *Jocanne Lewis*; and for **Calvin**

Anthony Aguiard requested by his wife *Geraldine Aguiard*.

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

-St. Augustine

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Mary of the Angels Church:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, as we do each year on the Sunday after Pentecost. We ponder the revelation of Jesus about Our Holy God, One God in Three; Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Three Persons in one God; Undivided Unity. These are all expressions the Church uses to describe this wonderful Mystery, one that is very hard to comprehend because we have no point of reference in our experience with which to understand it. But ironically, although it is a Doctrine of the Faith, we are not asked to *understand the Mystery of the Trinity*, only to accept and *believe in this revelation*.

Once, when the great St. Augustine of the fourth century walked along the beach trying to make sense of the Mystery of Three Persons in one God, he stopped to watch a little boy running down to the sea, filling up his little bucket, and running back to pour the water into a hole he had dug. As fast as he poured the water into the hole, the water disappeared and he had to refill the hole. After a number of trips from the ocean with his overflowing bucket, St. Augustine walked down to the child. ‘Tell me my son, what are you doing?’ When the child said he was trying to pour the ocean into the hole, St. Augustine bent down to him and said, ‘Little one, it’s impossible for you to pour the ocean into that hole.’

The child looked into the saint’s eyes and said, ‘Ah, but it would be easier for me to pour the sea into this hole than it would be for you to understand the Mystery of the Trinity.’ Suddenly the little boy disappeared, and St. Augustine knew that God had sent him an angel to teach him something he would never forget: some things just have to be taken on faith.

There have been those who wanted to convert to the Christian faith, but could not accept this doctrine. Perhaps you have tried to understand how there could be three divine Persons, but not three Gods. *Impossible*, you might have thought. You are in good company, but it would be pointless to spend days off in a deserted place trying to fathom this doctrine. We just don’t have the wherewithal to understand it. So, we pray, *Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.*

It’s such a gift from God to possess this beautiful knowledge: God the Father who created me. God the Son who redeemed me. God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies me. We are invited to pray to the Blessed Trinity, or to an individual Person of the Godhead, at any given time. Love is a mystery. The heart has its seasons, even as love does. When you might feel your faith wavering over this or another doctrine of our faith, it’s enough to say, *I don’t understand, my Lord, but I believe it because You, O God, have revealed this, and you can neither deceive nor be deceived.*

How rich is our Catholic Faith. And how comforting to know that though there is so much we don’t understand, God only asks us to love Him and trust Him as our Truth.

The children in Sister’s first grade were listening to her teaching about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was crucified. *Father*, Jesus prayed, *if it’s possible, please let this suffering pass away from me*. Suddenly one child raised his hand excitedly and called out, *So God was praying to God! That’s so cool, Sister!*

Now that’s faith. He knew, long before he could ever understand, that the Father is God and the Son is God. He didn’t need to understand it to believe it. Faith is believing in what we don’t see or understand.

Today as you contemplate the Mystery of the wondrous *Blessed Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, dwelling within you*, may you have just such a God Moment. You deserve it. It’s a Beauty that’s your birthright as a Catholic.

(Reflection by Mother Marie Julie, SCMC)