

JUNE 25, 2023 — 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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 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 Rental

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SMA WEBSITE: smaneworleans.org

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Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Matthew 10:26

This line is spoken by our Lord within the context of preparing the Twelve for the persecutions that are to come. Prior to this passage, Jesus said, "But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans." After saying much more about the persecutions to come, Jesus gives them a certain hope and encouragement in the passage above.

First of all, Jesus directly addresses one of the effects many people suffer when they encounter some form of persecution: fear. "Fear no one," He says. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God's care for them, allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Christ and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we will remain confident in God's truth and not be deterred by lies.

Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope. "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." This is a reference to the end of time when Jesus returns to earth for the Final Judgment. At that time, every deceitful attack that people have endured will come to full light for all to see. Every virtue, including every hidden virtue, will also come to light. In the end, truth will reign and all will be judged by God's Truth. This should be very consoling to those who have suffered injustice in life.

Persecution comes in many forms. Of course, persecution issued against you because of your faith is the worst form of persecution. But most often, persecution comes in other forms. Jealousy toward another could lead to gossip about them. Revealing the sins of another in a public way is the sin of detraction and is a form of persecution. Passive aggression, slander, the "silent treatment" and so much more are all forms of persecution. Any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, this is persecution.

One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus' words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be fully restored for eternity.

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Stewardship
June 18, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,726.00
Online Giving.....	\$550.00
What we are <u>under</u> this week.....	\$324.00
Envelopes used.....	83
Weekend Mass attendance.....	116

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 25, 2023 – July 1, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA Georgia Thomas
Monday.....	Rose Peitz † Elaine Gundy
Tuesday.....	Rose Peitz † Elaine Gundy
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Georgia Thomas
Friday.....	Elaine Gundy Kate Messa
Saturday	Shirlene Brown † Levi Jackson Brown



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 Aguillard	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

Parish Hall is available to reserve dates for events. For more details call the parish office.

Congratulations to Director of Black Catholic Ministries, Dr. Ansel Augustine, on receiving an award for his book, Leveling the Praying Field, from the Catholic Media Association. The afterward was written by the late Bishop Femand Cheri III, and can be found on Amazon.



Remember to support our
Outreach Food Pantry
by placing your food items in
the little red wagon.
Thank You

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 Cornin, 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 29**, 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 of every month 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*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JULY 2, 2023 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

2 KINGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof...

At times,
when prophets
like Romero speak,
they lay down their lives.
If we are not ready to go that far,
to speak out loud and clear,
then give us the grace
to stand by them,
and learn
to speak quietly, each
in our own way,
for you.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11

You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Jesus Christ.

To live for God.

O Christ,
what does it mean?

Are we to receive the prophet,
and at other times to
become united?

Will you help us offer a cup of cold water,
but let us also to receive one?

Be with us every minute
of our lives.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:37-42

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward

For our whole earth it is clean air.

For war's end it's a peace treaty.

For a virus end it's a vaccine.

For the hungry it's a meal.

For our racial problems it is justice and love.

For all who thirst, it's a cup of water.

O God, you ask little of us.

Please help us give each other the
"cup of water" we all need. Give us desire and
your knowledge and insight to fix all the
problems we have. Let us not ignore those souls
that thirst. We all thirst for your living water.

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To our St. Mary of the Angels Family

The challenges that our beloved city is facing has left many of us with a feeling of uncertainty, insecurity and fear. But today's gospel gives us a special message to trust in God who cares for us. This excerpt is taken from St.

Francis de Sales notes:

When we seek to escape from our troubles, we must do so patiently, gently, and calmly. We must look to God for help rather than our own efforts. If we look to ourselves only, we will wear ourselves out. Walk simply in the way our Lord shows you and don't worry. Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving. Involve yourself in a variety of healthful activities. Also, revealing the cause of your anxiety to your confessor or a reliable person empowers you to find relief. If we always tend toward God's love, neither tribulation nor fear of future troubles will separate us from this love. Our love is founded on Jesus Christ, who cares for us and never betrays us. Great indeed is the confidence our Savior wants us to have in His care. All who trust in this confidence reap great fruit. (Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially *Introduction to the Devout Life*.)

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

St. Mary of the Angels Staff