

JULY 2, 2023 — 13th 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

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.

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
Joffrey 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 Arment.....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

504.945.3186

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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“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:37–39

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It’s almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is Love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus’ sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God’s own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus’ perfect sacrifice. The moment that sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled.

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Stewardship June 25, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,279.00
Online Giving.....	\$370.00
What we are under this week.....	\$951.00
Envelopes used.....	76
Weekend Mass attendance.....	114

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.



July 2, 2023 – July 8, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Rose Peitz † Elizabeth Messa
Tuesday.....	Georgia Thomas † Gayle Pratini †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rose Peitz † Olivia Messa
Friday.....	Georgia Thomas † Junior Kelly †
Saturday	Bruce Pierre † Gayle Pratini †



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	Jaden Coleman
Leslie Duplessis	Jacquelyn Buggage	Thelma Hall
Deneen Schexneider	Audrey County	Albert Evans, Jr.
Claude Wiltz	Henry Butler	Patricia Parker
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 Office... closed Monday, July 3rd at 12 noon through Tuesday, July 4th. Reopens Wednesday, July 5th.

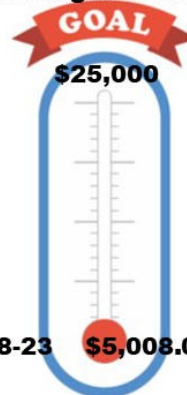
Parish Hall is available to reserve dates for events. For more details call the parish office.

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 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 **July**:

Yvonne Dukes, 11	Lorraine Grant, 25	Almena Falls, 27
Clyde Jackson, 18	Barbara Edmonson, 9	Gale Armant, 30
Stella Doby, 24	Joycelyn Dabon, 5	James Cordier, 25
Barbara Williams, 27	Linda Watson, 30	Mervin Smith, 25
Wilhemina Herring, 25	Emma Moore, 26	Deirdre Pendleton, 4
Victor Augustine, 14	Chelsea Gary, 9	Jasmine Eugene, 27
Fr. Joseph Hund, 9	Fr. Michael Haney, 11	

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Thursday, July 20, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

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

Emmaus Ministry, Wednesday, July 27, 10:00 am.

Rosary & Adoration, 2nd Friday of every month at 12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **July** for the soul of *Walter County, Jr.*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JULY 9, 2023 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on a donkey.

The King proclaims justice.
and banishes war,
and puzzles the proud.

Jesus,
Messiah,
though is meek.
riding on a donkey.

Oh lowly King of the Universe,
please be our strength.
Assert your peace
now, from sea
to sea.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:9, 11-13

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his spirit that dwells in you.

Our lowly flesh, tinged
with joy, weighed down with woe,

Christ takes as his own.

His Holy Spirit
comes to us, to
dwell in our hearts
as they are.

Lord, let us
revere these soul-bodies
and those of our
neighbors, because of you.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:25-30

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...

O Lord,
we are indeed burdened. We have poisoned our
air, neglected our inequalities, and
children are starving.

"Christ came that
The Bread might hunger,
that The Fountain might thirst,
that The Way might be tired on his journey,
that The Truth might be accused of false witness,
that The Healer might be wounded."*

Lord,
You know our humanity well, and all the trouble
we can get into. So, Jesus, we come to you.
Please show us your heavenly Father,
who loves every hair on our head.
Let us learn from you,
and follow you, and find rest.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

This weekend is our July 4th Independence Day Holiday celebration. With the recent commentaries about our US Constitution, it is good to reflect on the influence of Christian virtues in the Constitution.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, . . ." Psalm 33:12

Christian views of God in the Declaration of Independence:

"Laws of nature and of nature's God": Gen. 1:1, Eph. 2:10, Romans 2:14

"Endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights": Gen. 1:27, Gen 2:7, I Peter 4:19

"Supreme Judge of the World": Ps. 67:4, Isa. 33:22, II Tim. 4:1,8

"Divine Providence": Deut. 8:18, Ps. 23, Ps.40:5, Romans 8:28

Christian views of people in the Declaration of Independence:

"All (people) are created equal". Equal under God's law: Romans 3:23, and God's love "equal opportunity": John 3:16

"All are endowed by their creator (not civil government) with certain unalienable rights – Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness".

"The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." John Quincy Adams

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us commit ourselves to live the virtues inspired in our Constitution and we will truly be blessed as a nation whose God is the Lord.

***St. Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,
Friar Joe Hund, ofm***