

JULY 16, 2023 — 15th 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
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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 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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“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” *Matthew 13:12-13*

How is it that someone can look without seeing or hear without listening or understanding? This is only possible when one's eyes and ears are working properly, but the mind is distracted, not attentive to what is seen or heard. For example, say you were listening to a book being read and suddenly you realized that even though you heard what was read, your mind was elsewhere and you had no idea what was spoken. This is a common experience for everyone from time to time.

This portion of the Gospel quoted above comes immediately after Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to the crowds from a boat. In that parable, seed fell on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns and in rich soil. Only the seed on the rich soil grew and produced good fruit. Therefore, Jesus' teaching quoted above, as well as His parable spoken before it, teach that there were many who heard the Word of God and witnessed Jesus' miracles but failed to allow His teachings and miracles to produce faith in their hearts.

This Gospel passage is especially important for those who have been Catholics for many years but have become stagnant in their faith. When someone goes to Mass every week, listens to the Gospel and shares in the Eucharist but fails to continually grow in holiness and understanding of the Mysteries of Heaven, then they will slowly lose even the little faith they have. They will become lukewarm Catholics who go through the motions but fail to produce the good fruit that comes from authentic faith.

When you look back at your life as a practicing Catholic, what do you see from year to year? Was there a time when you were strong in faith but have slowly closed your ears to the Gospel and have drifted away from a deep and prayerful interior engagement with our Lord? Or when you look back do you see that the Lord has continuously given you more and more, leading you to a life of true spiritual riches? Has the Gospel entered not only your ears, but also your mind and your understanding? Do you both see and perceive the action of God in your life and in the world around you? Are you actively engaged with the life of grace and find that you grow closer to God every day? Or, sadly, have you lost interest and zeal and now find yourself slowly drifting away from the fruitful practice of your faith?

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Stewardship July 9, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,358.00
Online Giving.....	\$225.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$1,017.00
Envelopes used.....	92
Weekend Mass attendance.....	97

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 16, 2023 – July 22, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Gayle Prattini † Rosie Peitz †
Tuesday.....	Paul & Gail Catalano & Family Fr. Kevin Yarnell (Sacred Heart, FL) Michael Romain, Sr. †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz † Fr. Bradley Reed (Sacred Heart, FL)
Friday.....	Fr. VJay (Sacred Heart, FL) Lorraine Cavanaugh & Family
Saturday	Bishop Gregory Parks (Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL) Donald T., Ann & Dominick



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	Jaden Coleman
Leslie Duplessis	Jacquelyn Buggage	Thelma Hall
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 Hall is available to reserve dates for events. For more details call the parish office.

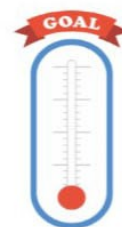
Pledge Fund Raiser envelopes are available in the back of church.

Condolences:

A week ago, St. Mary of the Angels celebrated two funerals, a day apart, for two beloved and prominent parishioners. Friday, July 7 was the funeral for 74-year-old **Robert (Bob) Mauss**, who died on June 29 in the loving arms of his wife Dee. His life had been distinguished by his deep faith and his dedicated service to poor and marginalized people through Catholic Charities, Fourth World Movement, and various other anti-poverty programs. Knights of Peter Claver and Secular Franciscans offered a prayerful tribute to Bro. Bob," as he was respectfully known.

The following day, July 8, a very large and upbeat Funeral Mass was offered for 98-year-old **Willie Caliste**, whose numerous children were all proud graduates of St. Mary of the Angels School. Willie and his deceased wife Bernice spent their married life as SMA parishioners, living only two blocks from church. He was a proud WW II Navy Veteran and a Post Office retiree after thirty years of service. Willie was esteemed by his 8 surviving children, 36 grandchildren, 84 great grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom cherish his memory.

SMA Pledge 2023



\$25,000

\$6,583.00



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 26, 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 souls of *Walter County* requested by son of *Audrey County*; and for *Michael Romain, Sr.* requested by *Shreen Romain*.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JULY 23, 2023 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

For though you're the master of might, you judge with clemency.

Gentle God,
by Jesus' example, you teach
that justice is kind,
that power
can be
merciful.
Let us learn from you.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-27

For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Holy Spirit,
dwelling
in us,
take our
trivial prayers, and
weave them into your own.
When the Father searches our hearts, please
show him your infinite acts of love
intertwined with our
small ones.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed...

A massive tree
grows from a tiny seed. ...

Like the
mustard tree
with the birds from the sky
that are dwelling in its branches,
you have given us
all we need to
grow into
your loving family.

Let us care deeply for one another, and
for our environment, for its
air, plants, water, and
peaceful beasts.

Nourish us with your grace.
Help us grow in care.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

May 21st was our last parish assembly meeting on the Parish Planning Process of our Archdiocese concerning St. Mary of the Angels Church (SMA). Here is a brief update on how the process is going and the draft proposal to our Archdiocesan Parish Planning Commission.

Some churches in our Archdiocese along with SMA were evaluated on their sustainability according to vitality markers. If the markers were many and serious, the Archdiocese will plan how to revitalize the parish or, if necessary, decide the future of the parish in the Fall 2023.

The evaluation discovered that SMA needed to improve in some pastoral and spiritual markers. It was noted that the declining membership was due to few Baptisms and Weddings. It was also noted that there were few youth members and a need for a youth ministry program.

Included in SMA proposal to the Archdiocese, SMA plans a program with the goal of revitalizing our spiritual & pastoral markers and would provide an evaluation after SMA's centenary year celebration in 2025.

1st goal would be to restart our SMA youth program.

SMA envisions reaching out to youth in our neighborhood by offering sports, skills training, movies, tutoring and places to study and other programs. Prayer service and catechesis would be provided. In order to reach this goal, SMA is applying to the NOLA City Council for funding to hire a full-time youth minister and a part time youth minister. Also seeking funding from other sources,

2nd goal would be to put renewed energy into our evangelization ministry to increase Church membership.

We will invite new members, both infants and adults, as well as inactive SMA church members. In order to reach this goal, we will develop ways to evangelize our neighborhoods by encouraging people to join us in all aspects of SMA parish life. Every member will announce that SMA is a welcoming and loving family and we want everyone to be a part of our family as well.

We also plan to catechize the children of the Head Start Program and include their parents. In the beginning it would include after-school-hour-offerings of songs, bible stories, prayers, etc. Eventually leading to sacramental preparation for those who choose.

These plans will only succeed if each SMA parishioner does our part in supporting by volunteering time and talent, sacrifices and prayers.

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