

**JULY 30, 2023 — 17<sup>th</sup> 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

504.945.3186

SMA WEBSITE: [smaneworleans.org](http://smaneworleans.org)



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*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” Matthew 13:47–50*

This parable is the third of three parables Jesus tells in a row. The first compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a “treasure buried in a field.” When a person finds it, they sell everything they have so as to buy that field. The second parable likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a merchant who is in search of fine pearls. “When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” In both of these parables, the discovery of the Kingdom of Heaven is a great joy. The person discovering the treasure or the pearl is so elated that he is willing to trade all that he has so as to obtain it.

The third of these three parables, however, is much different. In this case, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a net that gathers all people at the end of the age and separates them, the good from the bad. The parable then concludes with a frightening image. The wicked will be thrown “into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

In the end, for those who enter the glories of Heaven, there will be unending joy. And this fact must be understood so as to draw us into those riches of grace. Anticipation of such a gift should motivate us to diligently seek out the many graces our Lord wishes to bestow upon us. But sometimes we need a bit more of a nudge. We can easily become complacent in our life of faith and our search for God’s will. For that reason, Jesus includes the third parable, outlining the consequences some will endure at the end of time. Though it might not be a happy thought, it is a holy thought because it reveals God’s definitive justice and judgment at the end of time.

Do you believe in the Justice of God? Do you believe that He will exact definitive judgment upon those who reject His holy will in this life? Do you believe that Hell is real and is a possibility for us all? If this thought is difficult to accept, then it might be worth further prayerfully pondering this third parable. Justice and judgment are real. If we are not fully motivated in life to diligently seek out the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven, then we should at least honestly face the reality of the consequences that await.

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Stewardship  
July 23, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$1,642.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$1,758.00</b>
Envelopes used.....	62
Weekend Mass attendance.....	83

**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 30, 2023 – August 5, 2023

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b> <b>Josephine Baptiste †</b>
Monday.....	<b>Rosie Peitz †</b> <b>Mary Kay Keith †</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Evelyn Johnson</b> <b>Clarence A Baptiste †</b>
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	<b>Rosie Peitz †</b> <b>Mary Kay Keith †</b>
Friday.....	Special Intentions †
Saturday .....	<b>Tara Cabrini Romain Smith †</b> <b>Josephine Baptiste †</b>



**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
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](mailto:sibvocations@franciscan.org);  
website: [www.franciscan.org](http://www.franciscan.org)

Archdiocese of New Orleans: [vocations@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org);  
[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)

Adrian Dominican: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto:vocations@adriandominicans.org)

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

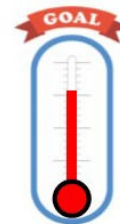
Pledge Fund Raiser envelopes are available in the back of church.

CYO Youth Ministry Forum...Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10am— 12:30 pm. Lunch provided by the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office, 2241 Mendez St., NOLA. Contact Vanessa Matthews for more information or if you are attending.



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

### SMA Pledge 2023



**\$25,000**

**\$18,093.00**



### 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 **August**:

Lucille McCormick, 31	Jean Jones, 20	Aline Robinson, 14
John Candiff, 29	Alton Minor, 20	Thelma Hall, 18
Constance Varnado, 6	Freddie Edmonson, 5	Paulette Parquet, 11
Barbara Williams, 27	Crystal Rondeno, 21	Byron Beoh, 12
Jacqueline Ferguson, 7	Linda Thomabar, 18	Shirley Cavalier, 1
Michael Washington, 25	Vernice Mallet, 29	Lydon Guidry, 25
Albert Evans, 26	Tara Phillips-Thomas, 3	Julie Hagan, 29
Alfred Howard, 13	Gaynell Gaines, 22	Britney Turner, 10
Sommer Matthews, 5	Kent Landry, 18	Lynnyana Guidry, 11
Jailyn Heisser, 29	Devin Covington, 19	Sydney Frick, 4
Lyric Darenbourg, 29		

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Religious Education Class**, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

**Choir Rehearsal**, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

**Senior Bingo/Luncheon**, Thursday, **August 17** 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**Food for Seniors**, **Tuesday**, September 26, 10:00 am until 12:00 noon

**Emmaus Ministry**, Wednesday, August 30, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **August** 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 - AUGUST 6, 2023 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

#### THE FIRST READING

**DANIEL 7:9-10**

*His clothing was snow bright.*

#### THE SECOND READING

**2 PETER 1:16-19**

*We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven.*

#### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 17:1-9**

*His face shone like the sun.*

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*"Happiness" – that which we long and yearn for – is already ours if we want it. We won't gain it without some risks, and losses, and doubts, but it is there for us... and it is ours to pass on to our children.*

*Brian Maher, the Oblates*

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Church will celebrate the Feast of our patroness St. Mary of the Angels and the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our SMA Church. In the Spring of 1925, the Most Rev. John Shaw, Archbishop of New Orleans Archdiocese, invited the Franciscan Friars from Cincinnati to assume the care of a proposed parish in the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, later named St. Mary of the Angels Church. It was on August 2, 1925 that the first Mass was celebrated with about 60 people present in a temporary church on Congress Street. So, in slightly more than one year (2025) our SMA church will be celebrating its much-anticipated centennial jubilee.

The title St. Mary of the Angels is very dear to our Franciscan family because St. Francis had a special love for a neglected, simple chapel dedicated to Blessed Mary in the woods near Assisi. St. Francis learned from spiritual experiences while praying there that this chapel was filled with rich grace and often visited by heavenly spirits. So, he often said to the friars, "my sons, see that you never abandon this place...for this place is holy indeed; it is the dwelling place of Christ and His Virgin Mother."

Throughout the 100 years, the people of SMA demonstrated faithfulness and resilience in encountering many natural and social challenges. The first wood structured church burned down and the people worked to replace it. In 1965 Hurricane Betsy destroyed the second church building and the people were determined to build a large, beautiful, strong building. Then in 2005 Hurricane Katrina flooded and destroyed property in the city of New Orleans. The people once again were determined that SMA church & school would remain open and worked hard to clean and repair the church, rectory and school and convinced the Archbishop to keep SMA open for worship and as a community center.

SMA Church is the people of God. SMA people are still faithful and resilient and determined to continue as a place of worship and a Light of hope to the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward for years to come so help us God.

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