

AUGUST 6, 2023 — FEAST of the TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

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
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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday Gospel Mass.....10:00 a.m.

Community Center Rental

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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

August 6, 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:5-7

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus began to reveal to His disciples that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, be killed and then rise on the third day. This caused much fear for the disciples as they grappled with this unsettling revelation from our Lord. And even though Jesus remained firm with them and even rebuked Peter for his fear, Jesus also gave three of His disciples a very precious gift.

After much traveling, preaching, miracle working and private conversations about His passion with the Twelve, Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up a high mountain to pray. These disciples most likely had no idea what they would soon encounter. As they made the difficult and arduous journey, their minds must have been pondering not only the mighty deeds done by Jesus in the previous months but also His words about the suffering to come. As they struggled with this, much to their amazement, Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white." Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, representing the Law and the prophets. These two Old Testament figures appeared as a way of saying to these disciples that everything that Jesus was telling them was to take place to fulfill all that had been foretold about Him from of old. Perhaps Jesus thought that if His disciples would not fully listen to Him, then seeing Moses and Elijah would help. But Jesus went even further. The Voice of the Father Himself thundered and said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Thus, if these disciples would not ultimately listen to Jesus alone, or if even Moses and Elijah failed to convince them, then the last hope was the Father Himself. And Jesus delivered such a grace.

The Transfiguration was a true mercy. These disciples had never seen anything like it before. But it was most likely this act of mercy that ultimately helped them to accept the hard truth that Jesus was trying to teach them about His coming suffering and death. If the Father in Heaven Personally gave witness to Jesus, then everything that Jesus had said was trustworthy.

As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us.

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Stewardship
July 30, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$1,932.00
Online Giving.....	\$460.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,208.00
Envelopes used.....	64
Weekend Mass attendance.....	84

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.



August 6, 2023 – August 12, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA Mary Kay Keith †
Monday.....	Rosie Peitz † In Honor of St. Jude †
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson Clarence A Baptiste †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz † Mary Kay Keith †
Friday.....	Clarence A. Baptiste † In Honor of St. Jude †
Saturday	Tara Cabrini Romain Smith † 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.

<i>Danielle Davis</i>	<i>Bonito J. Manego</i>	<i>Kay Vincent</i>
<i>Taylor Brown</i>	<i>Shirley Hawkins</i>	<i>Henry Butler</i>
<i>Beverly Bierria</i>	<i>Vertner Woods</i>	<i>Aline Robinson</i>
<i>Althea Augustine</i>	<i>Patricia Eugene</i>	<i>Dorothy Grant</i>
<i>Darril Frick</i>	<i>Geraldine Aguillard</i>	<i>Victor Jackson</i>
<i>Gary Medley</i>	<i>Ronald Cavalier</i>	<i>Gerald Cavalier</i>
<i>Patrick Maheia</i>	<i>Janice Nadler</i>	<i>Lorraine Jackson</i>
<i>Dana Roy</i>	<i>Mary Nadler</i>	<i>Kent Landry</i>
<i>Shirley Ellsworth</i>	<i>Helen Legier</i>	<i>Robin Jackson</i>
<i>Corey Lee</i>	<i>Lynn Evans</i>	<i>Jaden Coleman</i>
<i>Leslie Duplessis</i>	<i>Jacquelyn Buggage</i>	<i>Thelma Hall</i>
<i>Audrey County</i>	<i>Albert Evans, Jr.</i>	<i>Claude Wiltz</i>
<i>Henry Butler</i>	<i>Patricia Parker</i>	
<i>Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.</i>		

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.

Second Collection...August 12-13, 2023 for Catholic Relief Services.

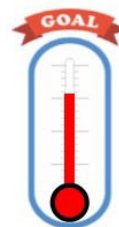
Parish Office...closed Tuesday, August 15th the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Condolences:

On Friday, July 21, St. Mary of the Angels Church offered a fond farewell to **Deneen M. Schexnider** at her funeral Mass. Only four years ago, Deneen was here at SMA for the funeral of her dear mother, Miss Charlene. Growing up with her parents in this Upper Ninth Ward, Deneen attended St. Leo Elementary School, Ursuline High School and Xavier University. After graduation, she moved to Florida to distinguish herself as a Speech Pathologist, Pharmacist, and Bank Teller, endearing herself to many friends along the way. As she makes her way to her new home in heaven, we pray that God's angels will wrap their loving arms around her, and that the gentle smile of Christ Our Savior will welcome Deneen into the Eternal Kingdom of Peace.

SMA Pledge 2023



\$25,000

19,375.00



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 Thornabar, 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 Tumer, 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 soul of *Walter County* requested by son of *Audrey County*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - AUGUST 13, 2023 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

Lord
you are almighty,
too much for our eyes to see.

We find your shadow in the sunrise,
or in the workings of justice,
or your whispering in a
child's laugh,
or a Bach fugue.

You are present in family, near and far;
in good friends; in a Van Gogh; in
the beauty of wheat fields
or in wild geese
winging away.

Oh, thank you for your gifts, Lord.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 9:1-5

I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.

Father, let none of us
ever be cut off from

Christ!

We thank you,
and praise you for
the adoption, the glory,
the law, the worship,
the promises, the
covenants you have given
to the world through your
people, the Israelites.

We thank you and praise you
for the gift of your Spirit to all your people.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Meanwhile the boat...was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. ...He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

Lord, we see you
walking on our sea,
raging with an out of control
pandemic, racial injustice and an
environmental crisis.

You call us to come to you.

Help us keep our eyes on you; never take them
off. We know you will be right with us,
calming our rampant squalls.

And reach out your hand, like you did to Peter,
if, when we are terrified, we
falter and start to sink.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On Friday August 11th, our Franciscan family celebrates the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. St. Clare was a town mate of St. Francis and belonged to a wealthy noble family. She often heard St. Francis preaching penance and conversion and witnessed his poor & humble life style. Inspired by his witness, St. Clare decided at the age of 18 to leave her family and wealth to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ following the example of St. Francis. St. Clare made her commitment at the little chapel of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi while St. Francis and the friars witnessed this holy event.

We are grateful that our Church was dedicated after the site where St. Clare, St. Francis and his early friar companions witnessed these holy events and we also experience holy events at our St. Mary of the Angels Church in New Orleans.

We are also grateful that the Archdiocese of New Orleans and our Franciscan Family is blessed to have the presence of a Monastery of Poor Clare Nuns on Henry Clay Avenue for the past 138 years witnessing prayer and penance for the glory of God.

Through the intercession of St. Clare and St. Francis, may God honor his Blessed Mother for many more years at St. Mary of the Angels Church in New Orleans. Amen.

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