

AUGUST 13, 2023 — 19th 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 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

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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After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Matthew 14:22-23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious "obstacle" Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It's physically impossible. But that's the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us "sinking" when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What's interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus' witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, "Lord, save me!" This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

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Stewardship
August 6, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$3,130.00
Online Giving.....	\$175.00
What we are under this week.....	\$295.00
Envelopes used.....	99
Weekend Mass attendance.....	115

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.



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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 † Clarence A. Baptiste †
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson Clarence A Baptiste †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz † In honor of St. Jude †
Friday.....	Ray Wiegand, III † In Honor of St. Jude †
Saturday	Josephine Baptiste † Jules Lewis †



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.		

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.

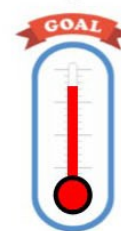
Parish Office...closed Tuesday, August 15th the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Young Adult Catholic Ministry

St. Mary of the Angels is preparing to take the first steps to launch a church Young Adult Ministry program. A Youth Ministry Forum will be held Sat., Aug. 19 from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Ministry Office at 2241 Mendez St., New Orleans. The event is an opportunity for those persons working in Young Adult Ministry in this Archdiocese, or preparing to do so, to come together for a time of prayer, fellowship and networking.

The 2023 Catholic Youth Conference “*Stir Into Flame*” will be Sat., Sept. 30 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM at Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St., New Orleans. Lunch will be provided, and the day includes Mass with Archbishop Aymond. First-timers are especially welcome, and parishes who don't yet have a young adult ministry program are encouraged to send a representative since each parish's representation is vital. Register for either event at cyo@arch-no.org or 504-836-0551.

SMA Pledge 2023



\$30,000

\$19,965.00



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 Rondono, 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 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 20, 2023 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

Lord, the door to your
house of prayer
stands open
always.

No locks,
no "members only,"
no first or second class,
no dress codes.
No dues.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Infinite God,
you pour out your
boundless
mercy and love,
upon
all who
will receive it.

Fond Father,
thank you for your care.
Please help us and our world
to receive it.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!"

Nothing can hold back
the brave woman from Canaah.

Not religious boundaries,
not gender rules,
nothing, when she told him the
needs of her precious child.

Dear Lord,
give us faith like this unswerving woman.
Make us stubborn. Fearless.
Bold, creative.
Whatever it takes.

Let us hear, "O, great is your faith.
Let it be done for you as you wish"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On Tuesday August 15th, our Church celebrates the solemn feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this feast, we honor Mary assumed into glory at the end of her earthly pilgrimage. The Church believes that Mary enjoys this special favor because she lived her life in tandem with her Son. Mary is exalted not only because of her privilege of motherhood but also because – as Jesus said – she has listened to His Word and lived by it. Therefore, this celebration reminds us of the fundamental Christian belief that the pathway to God and to sanctity is our faithfulness to the Gospel.

As we gather to honor the Assumption of Mary on Tuesday, we give thanks for her maternal care and protection. May our Blessed Mother Mary help us to be care-givers and protectors of those who have been entrusted to us. May she also guide us in our Christian discipleship as we seek to live the Gospel as "salt to the earth and light for the world."

This celebration fills us with hope because it anticipates the final victory of God over evil, violence and death. In the power of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we partake of God's love, which is stronger than death.

When our earthly journey ends, an eternal dwelling is ready for us in heaven together with Blessed Mary our mother and her Son Jesus and the angels and all God's children. (Excerpts from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta Homily)

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