

**AUGUST 20, 2023 — 20th 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

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### Community Center Rental

504.945.3186

**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](http://smaneworleans.org)



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*At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." Matthew 15:21–22*

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help.

As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, "Have pity on me!" And, "Lord, help me." Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She was begging for the "scraps" of Jesus' mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance.

Do you desire the scraps of Jesus' mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God's mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another's plate is undesirable. But if the "plate" belongs to the Savior of the World and the "food" is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn't change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman.

[mycatholiclife.com](http://mycatholiclife.com)

Stewardship  
August 13, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,814.00
Online Giving.....	\$150.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$736.00
Envelopes used.....	120
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.



August 20, 2023 – August 26, 2023

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Rosie Peitz †
	Ray Wiegand, III
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson
	Ray Wiegand, III †
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz †
	Ray Wiegand, III
Friday.....	Ray Wiegand, III †
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 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
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 Embr 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.

**The Bishop Fernand Cheri III, ofm Gospel Music Festival**..Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:00pm at the Historic Carver Theater, 2101

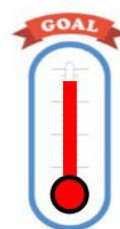
Orleans Ave. Mask wearing is encourage. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food to support Second Harvest Food Bank for admis-

#### 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](mailto:cyo@arch-no.org) or 504-836-0551.

### SMA Pledge 2023



**\$30,000**

**\$20,595.00**



### 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, September 21**, 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 27, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE FIRST READING

#### ISAIAH 22:19-23

*He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.*

Spirit of God, please,  
fix the love of Christ in us,  
like a round peg  
in a round  
hole.

Make  
us your  
one Church that  
“fathers-forth”\* through the  
entire world.

### THE SECOND READING

#### ROMANS 11:33-36

*How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!*

Who has known your mind, O God?

Who has been your counselor?

All things are from you  
and through you  
and with you.

We are on earth  
to glorify you  
in the depths of your  
riches and wisdom and knowledge!

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### THE GOSPEL

#### MATTHEW 16:13-20

*Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living.”*

In a flash, Simon Peter saw  
who Jesus is:

one  
as fast  
as lightening,  
slow as a breeze  
as it caresses a field.

Spirit,  
show us too.

## *Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

Some very encouraging and uplifting words were spoken to and about Black Catholics recently, at the July 20-23 Thirteenth National Black Catholic Congress in Washington, DC, where more than 3000 Black Catholics from across the United States were present, including a couple members of our SMA staff and 100 from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The words were part of a statement sent by Pope Francis which “...encourages the commitment of America’s Black Catholics, drawing inspiration from their faith to continue placing the rich diversity of their gifts and talents at the service of the Christian vision of truth, justice, and peace.” Those words were amplified by keynote speaker Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory, who said “God’s finely focused vision for us, which sees beyond whatever obstacles loom before us, must become our vision for one another...Our faith must not be dampened by the sheer heartlessness of people that so often seem to surround and confront us...Prayer, especially our prayer at the Lord’s table during the celebration of the Eucharist, is our foundation...The Eucharist strengthens us, soothes us and heals us, so that we may build lives that radiate the love, the care and the peace that we so desperately need and desire...We must bring Christ’s healing presence to a world that too often pulses only with despair. We are called in the Eucharist to be Christ’s light in spaces of overwhelming, whirling darkness...God created our human hearts to love, to care, and to support our brothers and sisters, and that is how we will thrive,” said Cardinal Gregory.

What a compliment, and what an inspiring and bold “call to action!”

*Friar Mike Haney, ofm*