

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 — 22ND 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

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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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" Matthew 16:24-26

Just before Jesus gave this teaching, He predicted to the Twelve for the first time that He would "suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." In fear, Peter objected, saying, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." To Peter's statement, Jesus responds firmly, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." What a difficult thing that must have been to hear from Jesus!

Jesus was ready and willing to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. He knew that by dying He would transform death itself into the very means of eternal salvation. He knew that laying down His life in this way was the greatest act of love He could offer; therefore, Jesus didn't hesitate at all. He was ready and willing to give His human life so that we could live.

To understand this we must realize three things. First, by assuming our human nature, Jesus forged a bond between God and humanity. Second, by sharing in our death He made it possible for us to cling to Him in our own death. Third, by rising from the dead, Jesus made it possible for those who cling to Him in death to also share in His Resurrection. Though we will only fully understand this great mystery of redemption in Heaven, we must strive to comprehend it as best we can here on earth.

Peter did not understand this, at least not at that moment when Jesus first revealed it. Peter allowed fear to tempt him to interfere in Jesus' glorious act of salvation. This is why Jesus rebuked him so strongly. It was a loving rebuke meant to free Peter from his fear and to give him courage to embrace the Sacrifice Jesus was about to offer.

The passage quoted above follows Peter's rebuke and is Jesus' instruction on how we will all share in His gift of salvation. In order to rise with Christ, we must freely die with Him. We must deny ourselves, meaning all selfishness and sin, and imitate Jesus' heroic sacrificial gift of His life. The result will be that we are united to Him in His death and in His Resurrection to new life.

Fear can paralyze us. But fear, in this case, is a response that is based on an error. We embrace that error when we act out of selfishness. Each of us will die. That's a fact. The question is how we die. We can either die selfishly, seeing our earthly life as the center of all. Or we can die in a self-giving way with our Lord by uniting ourselves to His act of sacrificial love. We do this by turning our eyes away from ourselves and seeking out every way that we can imitate Jesus' death. We must strive to serve, live sacrificially, put God's will first, unite ourselves to Christ, and make love for our neighbor our mission in life. This is what Jesus did. When we do this, we take up our cross, follow Him, die with Him, and are prepared to share in His Resurrection. This is the only way to eternal life.

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Stewardship
August 27, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$1,565.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,370.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$437.00
Envelopes used.....	85
Weekend Mass attendance.....	113

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.



September 3, 2023 – September 9, 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 †
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz †
Friday.....	Jim Michaelis †
Saturday.....	Bruce Pierre †
	Sonya DiBartolo †



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	Claude Wiltz
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.	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.

Parish Office...closed on September 4th for Labor Day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation...Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm.

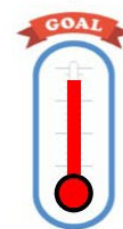
The Bishop Fernand Cheri III, ofm Gospel Music Festival Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Historic Carver Theater, 2101 Orleans Ave. Mask wearing is encourage. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food to support Second Harvest Food Bank for admission. A collection will be taken to support the work of the OBCM.

Second Collection...September 17th for Catholic Communication Campaign.

Family Day Celebration...Sunday, September 17th, after Mass in the Community Hall.

HAPPY LABOR DAY

SMA Pledge 2023



\$30,000

\$21,863.00



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 **September**:

Christie Jones, 6	Kristin DeSilva, 6	Nyra Bierria, 23
Lane Davis, 3	Bailey Tatum, 16	Sky Paxton, 26
Sanjay Gaines, 14	Vertner Woods, 29	Lena Horn Clay, 20
Karen Gilbert, 22	Augustine French, 24	Jennifer Daigle, 19
Dan Cavalier, 22	Eglah Devezin, 3	Cheryl Johnson, 2
Debra Theard, 5	Jeanne Tillery, 12	Vina Baptiste, 29
Debbie Roberts, 20	Deneen Washington, 22	Kisha Pendleton, 9

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, September 27, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **September** for the souls of *Walter County* son of *Audrey County*; and *Tara Cabrini Smith Romain* daughter of Shreen Romain

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-9

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.

Lord,
make us watchers.

Help us to watch,

in love, over our brothers and sisters.

Let us help them lay their hands on what

is justly theirs:

food, shelter, freedom, schooling,

health care,

and human rights.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-10

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.

There is only one thing,
one rule to live by,
one debt we
owe.

Love one another.

Lord, Jesus,

be with us when it is easy,

and be with us when love is difficult.

Give us your help when love

makes demands.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

If two of you agree.. About anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

Pandemic, racial injustice, trafficking
of humans,
global warming, homelessness ...
Lord, what can we do?

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything you ask,
it will be done for you
by my Father in heaven."

Christ, Lord of love,
let us not think twice;
let us trust in your words.

Let us all come together and pray as one.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Some of you church members have already heard Fr. Joe mention at Sunday Mass that he is preparing to be transferred to Detroit in his home state of Michigan. His last day and last Mass with us here at St. Mary of the Angels will be Sunday, Sept. 24. The church staff is preparing a well-deserved appreciation and recognition banquet for our beloved and dedicated pastor. We want Fr. Joe to know and to feel the deep gratitude that we have for his leadership and inspiration.

Every parishioner, at no cost, is most welcome to attend this catered banquet and program of memories beginning at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 in the Church Community Center (gym.) We will need an accurate count of parishioners attending this event, so please call or contact the Church Office (504-945-3186) before Sept. 18 with your name and phone number, and the names of the family members who will be attending with you. For proper planning purposes, no reservations will be accepted after September 18, 2023.

In Christ, St. Francis of Assisi, and the Virgin Mary,
fríar Mike Haney, ofm