

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 — 24th 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

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*“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” **Matthew 18:32-35***

Love, kindness, gentleness, mercy...these and many like qualities are easy to think about. They inspire us to be holy by growing in virtue. But sometimes we need more. Sometimes pondering the beauty of the virtues and fruits of the Spirit do not suffice to help us embrace a life of holiness. This is one of the reasons for our parable today.

The *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola present us with a structure by which a spiritual director may lead a retreatant through a thirty day private retreat. Ignatius outlines thirty days worth of meditations. Interestingly, Ignatius does not begin by inviting a person to ponder the beautiful virtues to which they are called. Instead, for the first week, he has the retreatant ponder the horror of sin and the devastating effects that sin has upon a soul. By doing this, the person's eyes are more fully opened to their own sin so that, in the subsequent three weeks, they will be more properly disposed to reflect upon the inspiring life of Christ and His many virtues.

In a sense, our Gospel today is an ideal Gospel to ponder during that first week of an Ignatian retreat. And for that reason, it is an ideal Gospel to ponder anytime we want to get our spiritual lives in order. It is very easy to become complacent in our Christian walk. It is easy to become lukewarm in our prayer and even in our moral life. If that is you to any degree, then this Gospel is worth your careful and thorough attention.

The sin that Jesus addresses in this passage is the sin of unforgiveness. It clearly depicts the wrath of God that will be inflicted upon those who refuse to forgive others. The “wicked servant” to whom this is addressed was a man who was forgiven a “huge amount” by God. This is all of us. Every one of us has been forgiven by God an amount that cost Jesus His very life. The consequence of our sins was the death of the Son of God. Each of us deserves the penalty of death. But death has now been transformed into the very means of new life through the forgiveness of sins. And if we want to receive the forgiveness of sins and the new life that awaits us, we must fully share in God's forgiveness. Not only must we receive His forgiveness, we must also forgive those who have sinned against us. Completely. Totally. Without reserve.

In this parable, the wicked servant failed to forgive his servant's small debt. In fact, every sin committed against us, no matter how grave in the eyes of God, is a small debt compared to the debt we owe God. For that reason, we must never hesitate to forgive. Never. If this is difficult, and if reflecting upon God's mercy, kindness, compassion and love do not compel you to completely forgive everyone to the fullest extent, then spend time with this parable. “You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” These are words directed at us when we fail to forgive completely from the depths of our hearts. They are merciful words from Jesus to help us wake up to what we need to do.

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Stewardship
September 10, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,134.00
Online Giving.....	\$200.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,266.00
Envelopes used.....	90
Weekend Mass attendance.....	101

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 17, 2023 – September 23, 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 † B.J. Labadot
Tuesday.....	Benny & Olga Labadot
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz † Marie Salvant
Friday.....	Alvin & Toni Savarese
Saturday.....	Robert Mauss † Sonya DiBartolo † Tara Cabrini Smith Romain †



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>Claude Wiltz</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 Aguiard</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>Patricia Parker</i>

Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.

Farewell for Fr. Joe

We want Fr. Joe to know and to feel the deep gratitude that we have for his leadership and inspiration. So, every parishioner, at no cost, is most welcome to attend a 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.**

Fr. Joe's new address:

Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM
Duns Scotus Friary
2600 Harvard Road
Berkley, MI 48072-1578

Condolences:

A 10:00 AM Funeral Mass was celebrated for **Kay Vincent** at St. Mary of the Angels Church on Saturday, September 2. This 84-year-old great grandmother died at Ochsner Hospital on August 24, 2023. "Miss Kay" was the mother of nine children, grandmother of 13 grandchildren, and great grandmother of 19 great grandchildren. "Back in the day," when her children were in school here, she was very involved in both church and school activities, ready whenever asked to bake another batch of her famous bread pudding. She was a friend to many, a teacher to some, and a servant of the Almighty One. The many people present for her Funeral Mass were a testimony to her life of giving. A grateful church family offers our condolences to the many who mourn the passing of Kay Vincent, and we pray that she may rest in peace.

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.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.



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

SMA Pledge 2023



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green	Kenneth Cuneo
Edjunique Francois	Christina Valeary
Michael Anthony McCormick, II	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
Br. Dan Barrett, 13		

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 24, 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Call on him while he is near.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
search for him at break of day,
call to him in the night,
look for him in
work and play,

We do seek you, God, always and
everywhere ...
in your call to us to fix our planet and
our broken social justice systems.
Let us not miss one detail
of your presence
in each of our
lives.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A

*Christ will be magnified in my body,
whether by life or by death.*

O Christ, please
be at one with
our small
selves,
When the world
sees us
let it
behold
you and your glory
within everything we do and are.

Anne Osdieck

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-6a

*When those who had started about five o'clock
came, each received the usual pay.*

Christ,
you know everyone:
each one's, wants, and needs.

What will be
your call
to the vineyard,
to the place of grace,
where you heap the fortune
of everlasting life and love on us?

Thank you for your wonderfully constant
call to each of us to work and
live among your vines.

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Catechetical Sunday

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" — a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened." (Matthew 11:28)

As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith.

This call may have reached you through your pastor, the director of your parish's religious education program, or through your role as a Catholic school teacher. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God, whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you.

On this Catechetical Sunday, we honor **Barbara Ann Williams**, a catechist who has served our SMA community for the last eight years working with first communion students. Barbara came to SMA after St. Phillip the Apostle Church closed after Hurricane Katrina. Barbara served as a catechist at St. Phillip for over thirty years preparing children for First Eucharist. Barbara has dedicated nearly 4 decades sharing her faith and preparing children to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

We ask that God strengthen all catechists and parents with His gifts that they may teach by word and by example the truth that come from Him.

Yours in Christ,

Vanessa C. Matthews, DRE/PCL