

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 — 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 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

504.945.3186

### 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)

September 24, 2023  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.” Matthew 20:8-10*

When we consider the question of whether or not life is fair, we should always begin with the Son of God. Jesus was certainly not treated fairly. In fact, it is hard to conclude that anyone who has ever lived received a more unjust treatment than Jesus, at least from an earthly perspective. He was perfect in every way. He treated everyone throughout His life with perfect virtue. He never lied, cheated, stole, etc. Yet we all know what happened to Him. He was falsely accused, dishonestly judged, brutally abused, and murdered on a cross. From an earthly perspective, it is clear that this was not fair.

Jesus’ life, along with ours, must not be evaluated from the perspective of earthly justice. It’s not that treating others unjustly is permissible by the will of God. Each of us has a moral responsibility to act in justice as a minimum requirement. But we are also called to exceed earthly justice and live by the new standard of supernatural grace. From that perspective, Jesus’ suffering and death was not tragic; it was glorious. His Cross was not an instrument of injustice, it was His throne upon which He established His new Kingdom. Once grace enters the picture, all apparent injustice is turned upside down and must be looked at from a different perspective.

The parable we read today presents to us the scenario in which God has chosen to bestow His grace and mercy in abundance to all who turn to Him. We can never earn the right to His mercy. Nothing we can do will ever give us the right to the gift of eternal salvation. Therefore, this parable especially challenges us to look at Heaven and the life of grace on earth from the perspective of “gift.” All is a gift from God. Whether we convert at the end of our lives, after living sinful lives, or whether we have spent our whole lives serving the will of God, all is a gift in the end, all is grace.

Only when we comprehend God’s goodness and infinite generosity will we be able to overcome our temptations toward jealousy and selfishness. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, if it is a genuine love and service of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Part of that perspective is the burning desire to generously bestow God’s infinite grace and mercy upon everyone who turns to Him. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God’s grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when laborers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day’s wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labor through life.

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

Stewardship  
September 17, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,072.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$1,266.00</b>
Envelopes used.....	65
Weekend Mass attendance.....	122

**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 24, 2023 – September 30, 2023

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sunday.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>Rosie Peitz †</b> <b>B.J. Labadot</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Bob &amp; Margaret Newman</b>
Wednesday.....	<b>Special Intentions †</b>
Thursday.....	<b>Rosie Peitz †</b>
Friday.....	<b>Alvin &amp; Toni Savarese</b>
Saturday.....	<b>Robert Mauss †</b> <b>Sonya DiBartolo †</b> <b>Tara Cabrini Smith Romain †</b>



**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	Vermer 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.	Patricia Parker
	Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.	Edwin Walker

### 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 Alter Servers, please call Br. Andrew Stettler, O.F.M. at 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 Jerri Merridy, 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 helps 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](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.

**Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.**

#### Condolences

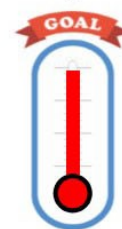
On Friday, Sept 15, St. Mary of the Angels celebrated a Funeral Mass for **Barbara Ann Robinson (Berniard)** who died on Sept. 1 in Texas. Barbara was born, reared, worked and married (at SMA) before eventually moving to Texas. She distinguished herself in her employment in New Orleans public health hospital as a dietician, at the Port of Embarkation, and at a couple of lounges before she eventually opened her own establishment. But she was known most of all by her love for her family. Her mausoleum burial took place at Providence Cemetery. We pray that she may rest in peace, in the loving arms of our gracious God.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, St. Mary of the Angels church was filled with family and friends of 26-year old **Jovan ("Nue") Brown**, who died tragically on Sept. 3. In the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass, he was remembered as a true peacemaker with a heart of gold, who was always in good spirits, and who cherished every moment with his family and friends. Within the past year, Jovan's grandfather, Jerome Blanchard, was also buried through this church. May the assurances of everlasting life and of God's never-ending love bring comfort to this grieving family, and may Jovan rest in peace of all the angels and saints in heaven.



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

#### **SMA Pledge 2023**



**\$30,000**

**28,873.00**



#### **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, October 19**, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday, October 31**, 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 - OCTOBER 1, 2023 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### THE FIRST READING

**EZEKIEL 18:25-28**

*But if he turns from their wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life.*

Fondest Father,  
you have called  
us each by name,  
and you ask us to walk,  
step by every step  
alongside  
you.

Instead of running the other way,  
let us go with you always  
with our hand  
in yours.

#### THE SECOND READING

**PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5**

*Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus...*

Christ  
Jesus,  
let us share in your Spirit,  
and be of one mind,  
with you.  
United  
in heart,  
in your love,  
let us work to bring  
a justice that restores health  
to all of our sisters and our brothers  
everywhere, and to the planet we all  
call home.

#### THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 21:28-32**

*He said in reply, "I will not but afterward changed his mind and went."*

At times  
we refuse your asking.  
We say no to what you bid  
but  
we actually do as you ask, later.

And at other times  
we say yes, but alas  
our lives spell out  
a big no.

Jesus,  
please change our minds  
to always say  
yes to you.

Help feet to follow words

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### *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:*

Last Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary of the Angels Church celebrated Family Day. Many families attended the 10 AM Gospel Choir Mass wearing their SMA shirts with joy-filled music and participation. As a bonus, there was a special blessing of the new church & friary emergency generator. The emergency generator will provide electricity during hurricanes so that church members and neighbors may be served during power outage. After the blessing, everyone went to the church hall to enjoy a delicious meal with raffle and bingo games. It was truly a day to celebrate as a church family and as a family of God.

As the saying goes: "whenever you say hello, the day will come when you will have to say good bye."

As announced the last few weeks, I will be saying good bye and transferring to my new assignment at Duns Scotus Friary in Berkley, Michigan. At Duns Scotus Friary, I will be taking a sabbatical year of renewal and study and to prepare for my next assignment and ministry.

My six years at SMA have been a blessing. The SMA Church Community have prayed and supported me as their pastor in so many events and endeavors. I am grateful for the lay leaders who shared time, talent and treasure as parish and financial council members; as liturgical ministers; as parish staff; as catechists; as youth ministers; as volunteers in various church ministries & fund raiser events and members of various church organizations. Congratulations to everyone for sharing their gift no matter what size or shape it will be rewarded in heaven.

I plan to visit when possible and God willing be present for SMA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 2, 2025. Pray for me and I will pray for you as well,

St. Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us,

*Friar Joe Hund, ofm*