

OCTOBER 8, 2023 — 27th 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. Michael Haney, OFM.....Parochial Vicar
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM.....Pastoral Associate
Br. Juniper Crouch, OFM.....in Residence
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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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SMA WEBSITE: smaneworleans.org

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Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." Matthew 22:1-3

Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these "invited guests" refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus' invitation? To answer that question properly, we must "read" the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast "into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" because he doesn't have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

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Stewardship
October 1, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$4,164.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,100.00
What we are <i>over</i> this week.....	\$1,664.00
Envelopes used.....	103
Weekend Mass attendance.....	111

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.



October 8, 2023 – October 14, 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.....	Bailey Laux Danny Laux
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Rosie Peitz †
Friday.....	Bailey Laux
Saturday	Special Intentions † Special Intentions †



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.

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 Archdiocese 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 her 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 Archdiocese 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;
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.

Second Collection...World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 22, 2023 and through the world.

Annual Fatima Rosary...October 14, at 12:00 at St. Mary of the Angels.

OBCM...the Digital Djembe newsletter gives black Catholics updates on upcoming events around the Diocese.

email: bcatholics@arch-no.org or **website:** nocatholic.org/obcm.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

The Annual Black Saints Celebration

will take place on Saturday, November 4th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

Parade line-up: 9am.

Begins: 10am Sisters of the Holy Family Motherhouse.

Ends: 11am-11:30am at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Prayer Service: 12:00 at St. Paul the Apostle Church



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 **October**:

Daniel Turner, 13	Claude Wilks, 3	Dorothy Grant, 13
Maria Johnson, 12	Dennis Batiste, 15	Patsy LaBranch, 8
Gail Stewart, 12	Shirley Marshall, 13	Claudette Polete, 18
Wendell Blazio, 10	Cherita Provost, 7	Gabrielle Jones, 8

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, November 28** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **October** for the souls of *Walter County* son of *Audrey County*; and *Robert Mauss* husband of *Deidre Mauss*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-10A

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every face.

We are
running fast
to your mountain, Lord.

Wipe away
tears from our eyes.

Take away the fog of bias, of war,
hunger, homelessness and the web
of destructive chaos that hides you from us.

Oh Lord, you have called us all here.

Let us take care of each other, and
the home you have given us, so
together we can enjoy your
feast of rich food and
choice wines.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

All things work together
for those who
love God.

Filled up or starving,
in fortune or
in void,
let these be
equal
in
us.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-4 or 22:1-10

The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.

O Christ, your father prepared a banquet for us.

He set the table, killed the fattened calf,

He gave us the very finest wine
and he invited us to come,
each and every one,
every single

one, to this table of plenty.

Oh Jesus,

what shall we wear?

Would you be our garment?

Let us put on your mind and your heart.

Then we can relish the morsels, savor the wine,
and taste your love, which is the most
desired of all foods.

Let us help you nourish everyone we meet
with all they will ever need.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Eucharistic Ministers are church members who volunteer to carry Holy Communion to parishioners whose age or health prevents them from participating in weekend Mass at St. Mary of the Angels. Here at SMA we have the wonderful custom at weekend Mass of blessing and sending forth these Eucharistic Ministers after the assembled congregation has received Holy Communion. This practice unites all of us receiving Holy Communion in church with our absent sisters and brothers who will be given Holy Communion at home or in the hospital.

Such Eucharistic Ministers may also assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ when Holy Communion is offered to the assembly during weekend Mass in church. When they begin their service as Eucharistic Ministers, they are trained and prepared in a one-hour program sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. After this initial training, their certification as Eucharistic Ministers must be renewed every five years in a one-hour re-delegation workshop.

I am mentioning this in order to welcome any parishioner who might wish to become a Eucharistic Minister to inform me so that I may arrange for your necessary preparation. And for those parishioners who are already serving as Eucharistic Ministers, your current certification expires at the end of November 2023. If you wish to continue in this ministry, on Saturday, October 21, at 10:00 AM in church, we will be offering a re-certification workshop for you. Your participation is expected.

Franciscan Blessings!

fríar Mike Haney, ofm