

OCTOBER 22, 2023 — 29th 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
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Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
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PARISH COUNCIL

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Marlene Robinson.....Justice & Charity
Embri 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

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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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The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" **Matthew 22:15-17**

It has been said that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." In other words, two people who are enemies with each other will often join together if they see an opportunity to jointly attack an even greater enemy. This is what was happening in today's Gospel. Jesus was considered the greatest enemy of the Pharisees and the Herodians, and both of these groups joined together in a plot to trap Jesus even though they greatly disliked each other.

The Pharisees were very nationalistic and were strict observers of the Law of Moses. It was their view that the people should not have to pay taxes to the Romans, and many of the people agreed. The Herodians supported the Romans and, therefore, were supporters of Herod, the Jewish ruler appointed by the Roman Emperor. One of Herod's responsibilities was to obtain taxes from the Jews for use by the Roman government. Those who opposed the paying of taxes to the Romans could even be put to death.

This joint questioning of Jesus had one goal: to get Him in trouble. If Jesus said it was unlawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Herod's soldiers could arrest Him. If Jesus said that the people should pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees could turn the people against Him. It appeared to be a lose-lose question posed to Jesus. Of course, Jesus' answer was perfect. Without violating the Law of God, He also refrained from violating the civil law. Upon hearing His answer, all who heard Him "were amazed, and leaving him they went away."

The lesson learned from this passage is an especially important lesson to apply to family life. It is very common for conflicts to arise from time to time among those who are close to each other. When that happens, we can often take the approach of trying to trap the other person and trip them up with our deceptive reasoning. When this happens between two people, the conversation often turns into a shouting match with each party seeking only to find fault with the other. The solution to such situations is simple. Every conflict must be resolved by the truth. Jesus did this perfectly. He did not attack when He was attacked. He did not defend Himself irrationally. He did not shy away from the confrontation. He did not manipulate the truth to His own advantage. Instead, He spoke openly and honestly the full truth and refused to engage his opponents in their trickery.

Consider this question. What if you were in Jesus' position and the Pharisees came to you, asking you this question? What would you be tempted to answer? Most likely, you would try to answer them in such a way that appeased them. You might whisper, "We shouldn't pay the taxes but don't tell that to the Herodians." And if the Herodians were to ask you that question, you might be tempted to give a different answer that appeased them.

Oftentimes, when we feel as though another person is trying to trap us, condemn us, or challenge us, we become more concerned about our defense than with the honest truth. We can become afraid to say anything that will give them reason to attack us. We will be tempted to twist our answers rather than speak forthrightly with sincerity and honesty. This will never resolve a conflict. The only way to resolve anything is with the truth.

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Stewardship
October 15, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$1,728.00
Online Giving.....	\$50.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$1,822.00
Envelopes used.....	72
Weekend Mass attendance.....	103

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 22, 2023 – October 28, 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
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Larry Duplessis, Sr. †
Friday.....	Rosie Peitz †
	Joyce Polite †
Saturday.....	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.

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 Aguilard	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 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 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 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

Emmas 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.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, for All Saints Day, and will reopen on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

All Saints Day Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3368 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM, followed by Blessing of the Graves, at St. Louis #3 Cemetery, 3421 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans.

The Archdiocesan Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be hosting a workshop, *Engaging Senses in the Life of the Church*, for parish advocates and anyone else who is interested in learning more about ensuring people with disabilities have access to the full life of the Church. The emphasis of this workshop will be about how to address sensory issues and limitations for some members of the Church. The workshop will be held at the Melancon Center at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, from 8:30-11:30 am on November 4, 2023. All are welcome.

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



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
Lisa Alexander, 31		

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Thursday, November 16**, 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 29, 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 22: 20-26-6

If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.

Lord,
remind us
that the needy:
the immigrants, the
widows, the oppressed,
the victims of discrimination,
the orphans, the poor,
our common home,
all our neighbors—
are for sure
friends of yours.

Make them our
friends too. Let
us be your compassion.

THE SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.

Paul's people received the word
from the Holy Spirit.
with joy.

They did not just light a lamp;
they became the lamp.

Everyone they met
could find the
way.

O God,
send your Spirit.
Let us too be
your light.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:34-40

The whole law and the prophets depends on these two commandments...

*"Love the Lord, your God
with all your heart with all your soul
and with all your mind. "And love your
neighbor as yourself."*

Lord, let this be.
Show us how.

Let your love be
the lens that lets us see,
the map that takes us where we go,
the power that enlivens our lives,
the light pointing to the path,
and the very grace
that saves us.

O God, kindly fill us with
your love.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past week, October 16-20, Brother Juniper and I were in Kansas City, MO, for a meeting of about 400 Franciscan Friars from all across the United States. The purpose of this historic gathering was to celebrate the formation of a single new Franciscan Province from the previously existing six United States provinces. The six former leadership teams were dissolved into a new leadership group, appointed by the world headquarters of the Franciscans in Rome. This merger creates the exciting prospect for Franciscans to locate friar in places and in ministries where we have not previously served, and to bring our Franciscan charism to them. In doing so, we will be implementing the challenge of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) who said during his lifetime: "Let us begin, for up until now we have done hardly anything."

We are grateful for your prayers and for your support as we make this new beginning.

fríar Mike Haney, ofm