

OCTOBER 29, 2023 — 30th 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. 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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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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“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37–40

Think about the many things you desire in life. What would make up that list? Perhaps there are many good things that would be included, such as a desire for strong family relationships, good health, a happy life, good friends, and financial security. Perhaps there are other things that would be included, such as success in an occupation, nice vacations, a new home, and fun adventures in life. If you were to make a list like this that began with your deepest desire, what would come first? We might all know what should come first, but if you were to honestly examine the desires of your heart right now, what would be on the top of that list?

Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls would be the two greatest commandments. Above all else you will desire to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Is that the deepest desire of your heart?

What’s important to note is that we ought not love God with most of our heart, soul and mind. We don’t just love Him with 51% and then allow ourselves to disseminate the other 49% to other loves. No, 100% of our love must go to God. God must be the single and exclusive object of our love.

If you were to give to God 100% of your love, what would you have left for others? The glorious nature of our love of God is such that the more love we offer to God, the more we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, He does not take it away from us and keep it for Himself in a selfish way as if He is jealous and possessive. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and His love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from Him His infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve.

So back to our original question: Do you love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind? If you do, then it means that every part of who you are is caught up in the mind and will of God. It means that you continuously seek to understand God and all that He has revealed to you. It means that you seek to comprehend His perfect will for you every day of your life. It means that you choose only that which God wills and that you do so with passion, zeal and fervor. It means that you are continuously attentive to God, respond to His gentle promptings of grace, and are led by Him every moment of every day of your life. That is a high calling! But it is the calling you have been given. Then, and only then, will you be loving yourself with the love of God by opening yourself to His outpouring of love, and only then will you be able to act as an instrument of God’s love to those around you.

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Stewardship
October 22, 2023

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received.....	\$2,103.00
Online Giving.....	\$260.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,237.00
Envelopes used.....	73
Weekend Mass attendance.....	109

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 29, 2023 – November 4, 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 & Danny Laux
Wednesday.....	Special Intentions †
Thursday.....	Special Intentions †
Friday.....	Rosie Peitz †
	Joyce Polite †
Saturday	Rudolph McCormick



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.

***parishioner.**

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 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.

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

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.

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

Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, a Holyday of Obligation. Holyday Mass at St. Mary of the Angels is at 8:00 AM in church on All Saints Day.

Rhodes Family of Businesses annual All Saints Day program on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 9:30am Musical Tribute-Mass 10:30am. Rhodes Pavilion, 3933 Washington Avenue. The celebrant will be Fr. Maurice Nutt.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.



My dear brothers & sisters at St. Mary of the Angels Church.

After a month leaving SMA, I am now finally moved into my room at Duns Scotus Friary in Michigan and have unpacked my personal things and computer.

My mind and heart are filled with fond memories of my time at SMA and the beautiful farewell given to me. So many parishioners offered kind and encouraging words, various gifts & photos and a delicious meal together with my relatives and friends.

To all of you the word Thank You does not say it all but rather the meaning of the work. I plan to visit SMA from time to time.

Let us pray for each other as we continue on our journeys with the Lord Jesus and his Mother Mary.

Friar Joe Hund, ofm

Sophie Aramburo Servant Leader Award

Annually, each parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans is invited by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries to select one of its parishioners to receive the Sophie Aramburo Servant Leader Award, recognizing that parishioner's commitment to and involvement in ministry. This year's St. Mary of the Angels' recipient is **Janice Jackson**, who faithfully participates in the weekly Saturday afternoon Mass, who is one of the dedicated church cleaners, and who offers regular assistance to her grandchildren and to her other needy family members as well as to neighbors and friends in need of other forms of aid. Janice is often seen after Saturday Mass carrying a box of food from the SMA pantry to one of her needy neighbors or relatives as an expression of her care and concern for them.

This year's Archdiocesan recipients of the Sophie Aramburo Servant Leader Award will be recognized in a ceremony on Saturday, November 4 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. The following day, Janice's certificate will be presented to her here in church, because when one of us is honored, all of us are honored.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary in **November**:

Shirley Ellsworth, 27	Cynthia Brown, 24	Leah Blazio, 17
Embra Bridges, 13	Sandra Carter, 21	Lynn Evans, 25
Peggy Williams, 12	Lorraine Jackson, 27	Claudette Polette, 18
Wendell Blazio, 10	Cherita Provost, 7	Sherron Bennett, 8
Keith Duplessis, 28	Patricia Eugene, 16	Deidre Landry, 24
Chevelle Carriere, 7	Dorothy Guidry, 28	Derek Rankins, 16
Paz Rankins, 3	Christopher, Guccione, 4	Kentral Hagan, 9
Br. Juniper Crouch, ofm, 4	Br. Andrew Stettler, ofm, 30	

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, November 29, 10:00 am.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn throughout the month of **November** for the souls of *Walter County* son of *Audrey County*; and *Calvin Anthony Aguiard* husband of *Geraldine Aguiard*

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - NOVEMBER 5, 2023 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FIRST READING

MALACHI 1: 14B-2:2B, 8-10

Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?.

Did God create us all?

Do we have one and the same father,
Muslims, Buddhists, Jews,
Christians and
everyone?

God,
Father of us all,
your children ask of you:
bring us together in mind and heart.
teach us to love as brothers and sisters,
as family whose caring shows itself in
deeds, whatever differences
we may have.

THE SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7B-9, 13

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well.

Everything
gets better with love.
Let love be the non-stop flight
taking your Word directly
to places where it can
happily work,
filling us with affection
for those we
serve.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 23:1-12

Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Christ Jesus,
let us share the Gospel,
and ourselves too,
with the ones we serve.
Let us be gentle with them.
And fill us with mercy,
so much mercy.
If tassels, fine clothes,
and terms of respect
can help us to serve others warmly,
then put these all over us.
But since humility must
undergird all service,
let our real place of honor
be the very first place you call us to.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At this weekend's Masses, you'll hear me read a letter from Archbishop Aymond outlining his decision for the future of St. Mary of the Angels Church. As of this writing, I do not yet have his letter in my hands, but I do know that he wants all parishioners to hear this news *FIRST* from their pastor, and not from a newspaper or TV report. I also know that the Archdiocese will be assigning facilitators to assist the affected churches in implementing the Archbishop's Parish Planning recommendations for sustainability into the future. The target date for the implementation of these improvements in local church life will be July 1, 2024, so the new procedures and programs will not be noticeable immediately.

I invite you to join with me in praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance of our steps into a glorious future for the vitality and growth of St. Mary of the Angels Church.

Franciscan Blessings!

fríar Mike Haney, ofm