

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.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Francis Kamau, FMH.....Pastor
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
TBA.....Justice & Charity
Embra 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

504.945.3186

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.

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

January 21, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." **Mark 1:14-15***

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: "This is the time of fulfillment." First, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the "time of fulfillment," in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the "time of fulfillment" of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God's Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word "fulfillment." What does this mean?

The word "fulfilled" can be contrasted with its opposite "unfulfilled." To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride—pride to convince another of one's importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. And He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

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ORDINARY
TIME

Stewardship
January 14, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$2,952.00
Online Giving.....	\$150.00
What we are under this week.....	\$498.00
Envelopes used	80
Weekend Masses attendance	110

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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.



January 21, 2024 – January 27, 2024

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following: "Deceased Parishioners" will be remembered on every date when a specified Mass intention is not requested.

Sunday.....	Parishioners of SMA
Monday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Tuesday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Wednesday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Thursday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Friday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Saturday.....	Deceased Parishioners †



The Sanctuary Lamp is a wonderful way to remember, to pray for and to honor a deceased loved one. Please consider making a

Catholic Charities

St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program.....	504.227.3470
Catholic Charities Care Line.....	866.891.2210

"Christmas at Greccio" Indulgence

This year is the 800th Anniversary of Christmas in Greccio. Greccio is the city in Italy where St. Francis of Assisi displayed the very first nativity scene. Pope Francis recently granted to all churches entrusted to Franciscan care (like St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans; also the Poor Clare Monastery on Henry Clay) the possibility for all faithful Catholics to receive a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024. An indulgence is God's remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance.

The "usual conditions" are:

*a Catholic in the state of grace

*an indulgence can be gained only once a day

*recent reception of the Sacrament of Penance

*recent reception of Holy Communion

*a prayer for the intentions of the Pope

It will be very convenient for any SMA parishioner, or any other person seeking the indulgence, to complete these "conditions" before or after any weekday or Sunday Mass before the deadline.

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

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



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*
Taylor Brown
Beverly Bierria*
Althea Augustine*
Darril Frick*
Gary Medley*
Patrick Maheia*
Dana Roy
Shirley Ellsworth*
Corey Lee
Leslie Duplessis*
Audrey County*
Yvonne Dukes*
Rudolph McCormick*
Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.

Bonito J. Manego
Shirley Hawkins*
Vertner Woods*
Patricia Eugene*
Geraldine Aguillard*
Ronald Cavalier
Janice Nadler*
Mary Nadler
Helen Legier*
Lynn Evans*
Jacquelyn Buggage*
Albert Evans, Jr.*
Shirleen Polite
Lorenzo Esteen*

Claude Wiltz*
Henry Butler*
Aline Robinson*
Dorothy Grant*
Victor Jackson
Gerald Cavalier
Lorraine Jackson*
Kent Landry*
Robin Jackson
Jaden Coleman
Thelma Hall*
Patricia Parker
Anna Cavalier*

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

Calling All Keys

In preparation for the arrival of our new and permanent pastor, it is common practice for all parishioners who have keys to church buildings to return those keys, so that the new pastor may issue those keys to whom he wishes. Accordingly, if you are a parishioner with church keys, please turn them in to the Church Office.



Catholic Counseling Service...mothers of incarcerated children, *you are not alone*, a free support group for mothers

Every Tuesday: February 27th - April 16th

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Location: Zoom and In-Person Options

For more information or to register: Email CCS@arch-no.org or call 504-861-6245. The deadline to register is February 20th.



SMA FOOD PANTRY

In order to feed the poor who knock at our door, we need your help in restocking our non-perishable food supplies in the church's food pantry.

Thank you for your support and concern.



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 **January**:

Althea Augustine, 15	Rudolph McCormick, 3	Helen Legier, 12
Patrick Maheia, 9	Kenneth Nadler, 15	Naomi Farve, 19
Rosalie Hom, 22	Vaughn Valeary, 13	Darren Hagan, 11
Dwayne Mallet, 25	Michael Tumer, 4	Candice Ebbs, 11
Kevin Herring, 4	Jordan Johnson, 6	Landon Davis, 18
Saundria Washington, 2	Sheryl Henry-Batiste, 2	Henry Butler, 28

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Thursday, January 18**, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday, JANUARY 24**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, **Wednesday, January 24**, 2024, 10:00 am.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JANUARY 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THE FIRST READING
DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

THE SECOND READING
1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

THE GOSPEL
MARK 1:21-28



Subcommittee on African American Affairs

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January 10, 2024

Dear Colleague in Christ,

September 9, 2024 (feast of St. Peter Claver) will mark the 40th anniversary of the pastoral letter of the Black Catholic bishops, *What We Have Seen and Heard*. Following upon three workshops that the Subcommittee on African American Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsored at last summer's Black Catholic Congress XIII, we think it opportune to punctuate this anniversary by inviting Catholic communities to revisit this landmark statement.

There are a number of ways in which we can do this, including: special focus with homilies or speakers, small groups or days of reflection with the text of the pastoral; highlighting select quotes from the pastoral monthly on your local web pages and social media outlets; special paratiturgies, like prayer services; or focusing on select themes addressed in the pastoral, for example, the imperative topics of evangelization or Black Catholic history.

We enclose with this note a copy of the text of the pastoral along with the original [study-guide](#) to help with planning at your end. Feel free to contact Deacon Royce Winters of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at rwinters@catholicaoc.org or myself at: jerry@archchicago.org with any questions, inquiries for guidance, planning tips, etc.

Also included with this note is a link to a video of Bishop Terry Steib's [presentation](#) on the pastoral at Congress XIII.

May we take this opportunity during the year that barely begins to hear again the voice of our bishops leading us to fruitful pastures of ministry, education and ownership of our Catholic faith and traditions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago
Chairman, Subcommittee on African American Affairs