

JANUARY 28, 2024 —

FOURTH 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.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Francis Kamau, FMH.....Pastor
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Vanessa Matthews.....Director of Religious Ed
Jeffre 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
TBA.....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

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 28, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. Mark 1:23–26

It's interesting to note that this unclean spirit immediately knows Who Jesus is. This is because each of two opposites emphasizes the other very clearly. For example, the color black is most clearly seen when it is placed in front of something white. Or something hot is most noticeable after experiencing something very cold. And a loud noise is most jarring when someone is sitting in silence. And so it is with Jesus and evil. Jesus, the Holy One of God, is most clearly seen when He comes in contact with an unclean spirit.

This fact gives us some wonderful insights into our journey toward the heights of holiness. Oftentimes, when one experiences a profound and transforming conversion, it is because they were first living a life of sin. When one who is living in sin encounters the saving grace of God, it is quite noticeable. And that is good.

But there is also another spiritual insight we can take from this. To further the analogy, it is also true that when the color black is put next to something dark blue, or something hot is touched after holding something quite warm, there is less notice taken. So it is with the spiritual life. When we are striving to obtain true holiness of life, and when we are already living the many virtues to which we are called, the next step closer to God might not be nearly as noticeable. Instead, growth in perfection for one who is already striving for perfection will be very subtle. And that is also good.

This is important to understand because sometimes, when a person has gone through a powerful conversion earlier in life, they want to return to the experience they had when they initially converted. But that should not be our goal. Instead, we should continually strive to experience these more subtle changes that take us from a life of holiness to one of even greater holiness. In this case, if you do not sense a powerful contrast of spiritual experiences within you, that may be simply because there are no serious sins you are trying to overcome. Thus, the ideal for every Christian is to eventually experience less contrasting spiritual experiences and more that are gentle and subtle as our Lord continues to gently perfect you in many ways.

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ORDINARY
time

Stewardship
January 21, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$2,083.00
Online Giving.....	\$200.00
What we are under this week.....	\$1,317.00
Envelopes used	61
Weekend Masses attendance	100

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 28, 2024 – February 3, 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.....	Gail & Paul Catalano & Family
Tuesday.....	Lorraine Cavanaugh & Family
Wednesday.....	Trump & Family
Thursday.....	Donor Deceased Friend†
Friday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Saturday	Geraldine Aguillard (birthday)



The *Sanctuary Lamp* light will burn daily during the month of February for the souls of *Lenora L'Herisse* requested by *Geraldine Aguillard* and *Rowena Hinds* requested by *Mary Hinds*.

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*

"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

Announcements: All weekend Mass announcements must be approved by the pastor no later than Thursday before the bulletin is printed and announcements after Mass. Emails or text messages are acceptable to allow less miscommunication.

Reimbursements... must have prior approval by the pastor and receipts attached to the reimbursement form and turned in as quickly as possible after the purchase is made, but no later than the month in which it was done.

Baby Bottle and Baby Shower Campaign. The annual SMA Baby Bottle/Baby Shower Campaign will begin on Saturday, January 29th and run through Thursday, February, 29th. Parishioners are invited to donate baby items such as diapers, clothes, bottles, etc. Or we will have baby bottles available on the display table, if you prefer to donate a financial gift. Your gifts will be distributed to agencies serving mothers and their babies. Thank you for participating in this worthwhile endeavor. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Registered Parishioners: Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

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.

2024 Archbishop Lyke Conference - June 18-22

Standing in the Need of Prayer – Reclaiming Our Black Catholic Liturgy

The Lyke Conference begins on Wednesday evening around 6:30 pm

The Rivers Music Institute begins on Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

The Lyke Conference concludes Saturday morning with the closing liturgy, at 11:30 am

DFW Airport North

EMBASSY HOTEL

401 Bass Pro Drive

1-800-Embassy

Cut off date for the conference room rate: May 27, 2024

Hotel Group Code (for room rate): C ALC

Singles = \$159 + \$13.975% tax

Doubles = \$169 + \$13.975% tax

If you are planning to attend the conference, you can register online: lykeconference.com/lyke-conference-registration.



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

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 Turner, 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, February 22**, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday, March 23**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, **Wednesday, January 31**, 2024, 10:00 am.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 4, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THE FIRST READING

JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle.

Months of misery,
endless nights.
Swift days,
restless
hearts.

Oh yes,
us and Job.

Our world suffers.

Jesus, Jesus, we welcome you.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

Make us weak
to speak to the weak.
To slaves, show us chains.
Pour your grace freely through us,
into others.

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THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:29-39

He approached her, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Lord,
whole towns thronged to you—
with demons and sickness
needing to be healed.

In our day
we, as well,
flock to find you.

Please, Lord, heal us too.

Take our hands.

Help us up.

Let us take
your good news
to the broken of heart,
to the imprisoned and the weak.

TEACHING OUR FAITH

About the Mass

Sometimes we get so accustomed to doing something – like going to Mass that we never get around to asking the questions we have about it. Chances are you have a few unanswered questions about the Mass, or you may know someone who has questions. Here's a closer look at some of the things many people ask about the Mass.

What does the word "Eucharist" mean?

The word "Eucharist" is from a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." For us, it is another term used in conjunction with the Mass and holy Communion. When we celebrate the eucharist, we give thanks to God for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

What do I need to know about the Mass?

It's important to know that there are different parts to the Mass.

The introductory part of the Mass includes the procession, the greeting, the penitential rites, the Gloria (except during Advent and Lent), and the opening prayer.

The next part of the Mass is the **Liturgy of the Word**. It includes the readings, responsorial psalm, Gospel, homily, Creed, and Prayer of the Faithful.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. During the Eucharist prayer, we witness the miracle of bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ. We proclaim the mystery of our faith and join in prayer, share a sign of Christ's peace with each other, ask the Lamb of God to have mercy on us, and humbly approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. (If you are unable to receive the sacrament, you may make a spiritual communion, receiving Jesus into your heart.)

After the distribution of holy Communion, we have a chance to meditate before the **dismissal rites**, which include the closing prayer, a blessing, the commission to go out into the world to love and serve the Lord, and the final hymn.

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