

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

February 4, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Mark 1:32-34

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. "The whole town gathered at the door" when evening came. This was Jesus' first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him.

The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention.

This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it's the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life?

In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory "amazements" common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

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Stewardship
January 28, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$2,281.00
Online Giving	\$410.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	\$909.00
Envelopes used	70
Weekend Masses attendance	114

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.



February 4, 2024 – February 10, 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.....	Bob Mauss †
Saturday	Deceased Parishioners †



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

Volunteer for the Community Center Rental

Pastor Kamau is actively seeking someone who is willing to volunteer time to process applications for the **Community Center Rental**. The person must be able to understand and explain contracts. This person will also be responsible for scheduling by coordinating available dates with the Church Administrative Assistant. Being able to price out the event, show the hall, schedule security, collect all monies with proper receipts, and schedule contract signing with the pastor, are all part of the process. All necessary forms and training will be given.

This request is necessary for the Church to carry on with rental of our facility, which is an essential part of our budget. If you are interested in handling this commitment, please call the Church Office at 504-945-3186, and leave a message for Fr. Kamau.

May God touch your hearts to give of your time to support your Parish finances.

God bless you all,

Fr. Francis Kamau

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE
We place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

*Bless our Families
Heal our Land*

35th Year

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**



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 Aguillard*	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
Yvonne Dukes*	Shirleen Polite	Anna Cavalier*
Rudolph McCormick*	Lorenzo Esteen*	Percy Alexander
Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.		

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

Announcements: Weekend Mass announcements must be approved by the pastor no later than Thursday before the bulletin is printed including 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.

National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family... February 4, 2024. First Sunday of Black History Month. *Bless our Families/Heal our Land.*

Good people of SMA... We will soon be using a new way to communicate and share news about upcoming events and things happening in our church. On February 17-18 weekend Masses, we will show you how to update your contact information by using your cell phone.

Palms... we are gathering palms for Palm Sunday. If you have palms and would like to donate them, please bring the church.

Second Collection... February 25, 2024 for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

Henry Scott, 2	Shirley Hawkins, 27	Enola Helmster, 3
Anna Cavalier, 28	Geraldine Aguiard, 4	Janice Nadler, 28
Jerri Merridy, 9	Beverly Bierria, 16	Mary Hinds, 19
Wardell Carriere, 10	Elijah Scott, 7	Tommy Pugh, 7
Diane Pugh, 24	Sean Johnson, 12	Nayvi Hawkins, 25
Thelonius Green, 15	Paula Arceneaux, 17	Kristyana Johnson, 2
Rose Santa Cruze, 17	Darrin Duroncelet, 18	

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 26**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, **Wednesday, March 27** 2024, 10:00 am.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THE FIRST READING

JOB 13:1-2, 44-46

"The ones who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'"

Pollution! Covid!

Discrimination!

Trafficking!

O Divine Physician,

Give your healing touch.

Send us in your name and power to rid the world of all that is infected now.

Let nothing in this world

remain outside

your touch.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31—11:1

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the Glory of God.

Whether we eat or drink, or whether

we dig ditches, compose songs,

feed the hungry, write books,

count stars in the skies,

or in anything we do,

Holy Spirit, let us

do everything

for the glory of God.

Since in him we live

and move and have our being.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

O Healer,

wounded by our sins,

we kneel before you.

Reach out to us.

Lay your hand upon us,

and please heal us.

And from your abundant pity,

send us, broken and ragged,

to fix our damaged earth,

eliminate the virus,

end social bias, and feed the hungry.

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TEACHING OUR FAITH

What do I need to know about the Readings?

The first reading is always taken from the Old Testament (except during the Easter season when we read from the Acts of the Apostles).

The first reading always relates to the gospel reading for that day. The second reading is always taken from one of the letters in the New Testament or from the Book of Revelation. The second reading does not correspond to the Gospel passage but, instead, is a continuation from the previous weeks' passage. The Gospel passage is the most important reading because it is Jesus speaking to us through his words and his actions. We sit during the first two readings, but we stand for the Gospel in acknowledgement that we are hearing the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the significance of the responsorial psalm?

The psalms were originally written as Jewish songs of prayer, praise, and petition. The early Christians sang psalms when they broke bread and shared the cup in remembrance of Jesus. We have continued that tradition over the centuries. Today, the responsorial psalm relates to the theme of the first readings and the Gospel.

Why do we stand up after the homily for the Nicene Creed?

We stand up to proclaim publicly what we believe. We profess that we believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the Catholic church, in the Communion of Saints, in the forgiveness of sins, and in life after death. The Creed is first and foremost a prayer, not merely an oath of membership, which professes the creative and saving love of God and how this has been revealed, experienced, and known in history. This is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our faith.

Do Catholics re-crucify Christ at every Mass?

No, we do not. Jesus died only once. During the Mass we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on Calvary, and we unite ourselves to the sacrifice that Christ made by offering to God all that we are all that we do.

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