

**MARCH 17, 2024 — FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT**

## *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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#### PARISH COUNCIL

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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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#### 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

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*“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” John 11:43–44*

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus’ initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus’ obedience to Jesus’ command symbolizes the Christian’s response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471–1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

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**Stewardship  
March 10, 2024**

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received .....	\$1,889.00
Maintenance.....	\$120.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	<i>\$1,556.00</i>
Envelopes used .....	70
Weekend Masses attendance .....	103

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

March 24 — **Passion/Palm Sunday;**  
10:00 am Outside Procession  
March 28— 6:00 pm **Holy Thursday Mass  
of the Lord’s Supper**  
(Parish Office closes at noon )  
March 29— 2:00 pm **Stations of the Cross;**  
3:00 pm **Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**  
March 29 — **Special Collection for the Holy Land**  
March 30 — 8:00 pm **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**  
March 31 — 10:00 am **Easter Sunday Mass of the  
Lord’s Resurrection**

**March 17, 2024 – March 23, 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.....	<b>Parishioners of SMA</b>
Monday.....	<b>Gail &amp; Paul Catalano &amp; Family</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Evelyn Johnson</b>
Wednesday.....	<b>Lorraine Cavanaugh &amp; Family</b>
Thursday.....	<b>Fr. Kevin, Fr. Brad, Deacon Chris &amp; Staff of Sacred Heart</b>
Friday.....	<b>Trump &amp; Family</b>
Saturday .....	<b>Josephine Baptiste † Parishioners of Sacred Heart, Pinellas Park, FL</b>



The **Sanctuary Lamp** light will burn  
daily during the month of *February* for the souls of  
**Josephine Baptiste** requested by *Joanne Lewis*; and for  
**Tara Cabrini Romain Smith** requested by *Shreen Romain*.

**Catholic Charities**

St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program.....504.227.3470



## 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.



## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

**Fridays of Lent:** 5:30 PM Adoration and Benediction; 6:00 PM

**Stations of the Cross** on March 22.

**Confessions...** Wednesday, March 20, at 5:00-6:30 PM.

**Fasting and Abstinence...** fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.



## 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 Aguilard\*  
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\*  
Percy Alexander  
Crystal Valeary\*

"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](mailto:sibvocations@franciscan.org);  
website: [www.franciscan.org](http://www.franciscan.org)

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[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)

Adrian Dominican: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto:vocations@adriandominicans.org)

The **Chrism Mass** will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:00 am at St. Louis Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is open to the public but seating is limited. If you are interested in attending, please see Fr. Francis.

In observance of the **Sacred Triduum** and the celebration of Easter, the Parish Office will close at noon on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Every year on **Good Friday**, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. Please give generously.

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## Order of St. Louis IX Recipient

Eglah Devezin with Fr. Francis Kamau, fmn

## Altar Server Service Award

Jabari Polete



## 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 **March**:

Vera Landry, 26	Herreast Harrison, 16
Anna Cavalier, 28	Geraldine Aguiard, 4
Clovis Simmons, 31	Sylvénie Jones Carrière, 13
Gail Winsey, 28	Stephen Washington, 5
Edwin Shorty, 27	Linda Minor, 18
Jovan White, 18	Ya'Sheena Johnson, 30

## PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Thursday, March 21**, 11:00am-1:00pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday, March 26**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, **Wednesday, March 20**, 2024, 11:30 am

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

## REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MARCH 24, 2024 – PALM Sunday

### THE FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 50:4-7**

*All who see me scoff at me; they mocked with parted lips.*

Jeremiah,  
Rutilio Grande, Romero, Dorothy Day:  
morning after morning, you  
opened their eyes.

Sunrise to sunset, open our eyes too!  
that we may see you in all things.

Let us also hear the cry of the poor.  
All trapped in war and violence;  
the sick; the children starving;  
and the cry of the planet.

Let us speak and act on their behalf.

Open our hearts  
that we may love you,  
holding nothing back, nothing at all.

### THE SECOND READING

**PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

*He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.*

Christ,  
you emptied yourself.  
No self-concern,  
no turning  
back.

Teach us to love this way.  
Filled with your Spirit,  
let us surrender  
into your  
love.

### THE GOSPEL

**MARK 14:1—15:1-39**

*A woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured on his head. ... "she has anticipated anointing my body for burial"*

In she rushed.  
Listening to her heart,  
she broke the jar, poured the oil.  
out upon Jesus.

He did not shield his face from pounding and spitting, nor answer when they covered his eyes and jeered, "Who struck you?"


But instead he quickly emptied himself.  
For he so loved the world.

Christ,  
teach us to pour out  
everything but you.

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## GUIDE TO CONFESSION

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**1 Prepare** - Prayerfully compare your life to the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the example of Christ.

**2 Go to confession** - After the priest welcomes you, both of you make the Sign of the Cross. Begin your Confession by saying,

"Forgive me Father for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last Confession.  
These are my sins..."

**3 Act of Penance** - The priest offers suitable advice and gives you an act of penance, which may include prayer, self-denial or works of mercy.

**4 Prayer of the Penitent** - Pray a prayer, such as the **Act of Contrition**, expressing sorrow for your sins and a desire not to sin again.

**5 Absolution** - The priest extends his hands over your head and prays the Prayer of Absolution, making the Sign of the Cross over your head during the final words. You respond, "Amen".

**6 Dismissal** - The priest sends you forth to go in peace. Continue to express your conversion through a life renewed according to the Gospel and the love of God.

### ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy

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