

MARCH 24, 2024 — PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

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
Jeoffre Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
TBA.....Financial Manager
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PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams.....Chairperson
Edwin Shorty.....Vice Chairperson
Gail Winsey.....Secretary
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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

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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

March 25, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

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Stewardship
March 10, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$3,251.00
Maintenance.....	\$183.00
Online Giving.....	\$155.00
What we are under this week.....	\$194.00
Envelopes used	80
Weekend Masses attendance	86

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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 24, 2024 – March 30, 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.....	Evelyn Johnson
Wednesday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Thursday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Friday.....	Deceased Parishioners †
Saturday	Josephine Baptiste †
	Michael Darby †



The **Sanctuary Lamp** light will burn daily during the month of **February** for the souls of **Josephine Baptiste** requested by **Joanne Lewis**; and for

Catholic Charities

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

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter, April 7, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Special graces can be obtained that day. With the canonization of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II, now Saint John Paul II, declared that "the Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday." From the diary of Saint Faustina, Our Lord said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary, #300) To receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday:

- Place complete trust in God's mercy
- Repent of all your sins and go to Confession within a reasonable time before or on the Feast (during Lent suffices)
- Celebrate God's Mercy by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion always, while in the state of grace (no mortal sin) on Divine Mercy Sunday or on the vigil
- Venerate the image of The Divine Mercy

Be merciful to others, by our actions, words, or prayers
If you are: homebound, can't receive the Eucharist because of marital circumstances, not Catholic, or need to know essentials, then visit thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/how

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.
Heireast Harrison*

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*
Fr. Robert Seay, OFM

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;
website: www.franciscan.org

Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org;
nolapriest.com

Adrian Dominican: vocations@adriandominicans.org

In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has made the following appointments, which are effective July 1, 2024: **Reverend Francis Kamau, F.M.H. as Pastor of merged parishes: Our Lady Star of the Sea, New Orleans / St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans.**

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.

The **Shroud Encounter** will be held at St. Ann Church and Shrine on Saturday April 13th at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday April 14th at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. Children under 18 are free. Contact the church at 455-7-71 or dwilson@stannchurchandshrine.org

The choir will be sponsoring a small **Easter egg hunt** for **children only** after mass on next Sunday, Easter Sunday. Children will need to be present to part take in this event.

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, April 18*, 11:00am-1:00pm

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

Emmaus Ministry, *Wednesday, April 24*, 2024, 11:30 am at the

Munch Factory Restaurant, 6514 Congress Dr.

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MARCH 31, 2024 – EASTER Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

"You know what has happened."

Night surrendered to day,
dark to light,
fear to courage,
death to resurrection.
Peter, whose fear could not admit
he knew the Lord,
now fearless, proclaiming him boldly,
across the barren hills.
Each place he goes,
in every action he takes.
Lord,
give
us too
your Spirit,
give us your life
as you gave it to Peter.
Let us show your story in our lives.

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Seek what is above.

Lord,
O help us to
see what is above:
compassion, gentleness,
kindness, humility, patience,
forgiveness of one another,
bearing with one
another.
Let your peace dwell in our hearts!
Let us put on love
and
find ways to fix the wrongs
we see in our world
today.

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first...

An
angel.
Dazzling light.
Boulders upheaved.
Burial head cloth rolled up.
Women running to tell disciples.
Disciples racing to see for themselves.
Empty tomb proclaiming
the good news!
He was not there!
"Where is he?"
"Mary!"
The one who has loved us
into wholeness is alive.
and with us now.
We say with her,
"Rabbouni!"

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd;

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep'.

Jesus did not have to suffer and die.

He had a choice.

He chose to suffer and die because he cared

About the flock God entrusted to him.

What Jesus wants from us is not our suffering,

but a life of love and service.

Such a life will inevitably bring suffering.

But Jesus supports all those who follow him
down the road of faithful love and generous service.