

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
Jeoiffe Duplessis.....Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.....Secretary
TBA.....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

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



"I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."
John 15:15-17

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

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Stewardship
April 28, 2024

What we need each week	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$2,132.00
Maintenance	\$55.00
Online Giving	\$1,315.00
What we are under this week	\$153.00
Envelopes used	71
Weekend Masses attendance	101

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Thank you for your support

May 5, 2024 – May 11, 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	Kim Larson (birthday)
Tuesday	Evelyn Johnson
Wednesday	Paul & Gail Catalano & Family
Thursday	Fr. Kevin, Fr. Brad & Deacon Chris Sacred Heart, Pinellas Pk, FL
Friday	Paul Steib † Lorraine Cavanaugh & Family
Saturday	Aguillard Family Shirley Hawkins †



The **Sanctuary Lamp** light will burn daily during the month of **May** for the soul of **Kevin Landry** requested by Lynn Evans.

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	Henry Butler*	Beverly Bierria*
Vertner Woods*	Aline Robinson*	Crystal Valeary*
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*	Robin Jackson	Percy Alexander
Corey Lee	Lynn Evans*	Jaden Coleman
Leslie Duplessis*	Jacquelyn Buggage*	Thelma Hall*
Audrey County*	Albert Evans, Jr. *	Patricia Parker
Yvonne Dukes*	Shirlean Polite	Anna Cavalier*
Rudolph McCormick*	Henry Scott*	Herreast Harrison*
Very Rev. Henry Davis, S.S.J., V.F.		Fr. Robert Seay, OFM

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.



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF MOTHER MARY LANGE

Almighty and Eternal God,
 You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust
 in Your providence. You endowed her with humility,
 courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of ser-
 vice to the poor and sick.
 You enabled her to found the
 Oblate Sisters of Providence
 and provide educational, social and
 spiritual ministry especially to the
 African American community.
 Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ
 in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial
 hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to
 the highest honors of the altar in order that, through
 her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper
 understanding and a more fervent love of You.
 Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart
 by granting also this favor
 (here mention your request)
 which we ask through the intercession of
 Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.



Catholic Charities

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

"Pray for Vocations" is Religious Life and the Priesthood and
 vocations are open to both men and women. Approach a "Vocations 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.**

Sunday, May 12, 2024, is **Mother's Day**. Happy Mother's Day to all who share in the vocation of motherhood.

Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, May 18-19. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa is an opportunity for you to support the faith of our African brothers and sisters. By participating in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you show your dedication to the growing African Church and its commitment to being good stewards of resources, building trust, and delivering the Gospel to all.

Benefit Planning for Children and Adults with Special Needs
 The Archdiocesan Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a workshop on enrolling and protecting financial benefits for people with disabilities. The workshop will provide information by Carole Cuckell Neff on legal planning for adults and children with special needs. The workshop will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:30-11:30



*St. Mary of the Angels would like to congratulate **Lyric Matthew Darensbourg and Jeremiah Michael Johnson** as they receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist this Sunday.*



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 **May**:

Wesley Ruffin, 11	Gloria Gillard, 16
Cynthia Jones, 17	Victor Augustine, 27
Joanne Lewis, 28	Katherine Guccione, 11
Clementine Soniat, 9	David Eugene, 9
Mervin Brochard, 18	Paulette Duplessis, 11
Shelly Jones, 31	Warrenetta El-Dukes, 27
Kentral Hagan, 19	Roxanne L'Herrise, 9
Tiayana Marshall, 2	Lydon Guidry, 21
Bryce Eastwood, 3	Karlin Dukes, 8
Brian England, 26	Angel Washington, 19
Breyanne Johnson, 8	Fr. Robert Seay, OFM, 17

PARISH CALENDAR

Religious Education Class, contact *Vanessa Matthews*
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

Senior Bingo/Luncheon, **Thursday, May 16**, 11:00am-1:00pm

Food for Seniors, **Tuesday, May 28**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Emmaus Ministry, **Wednesday, May 22**, 2024, 11:30 am

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

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MAY 12, 2024 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26

The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The Spirit,
the one that fell upon those
who listened as Peter preached,
that same Spirit sings
in the streams of
our lives; cries out
within the hungry, the immigrant,
the discriminated, the trafficked,
the children left alone;
the warming planet,
the lost and lonely:
whispers inside our souls.

Lord, unplug our hearts
so that we can hear.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:11-16

In this way the love of God was revealed to us. God sent his only Son into the world so that we may have life through him.

God
spoke
The Word to us,
healing
the afflicted,
feeding hungry ones,
laying down his life
to show love's
extent.
That name is
Jesus.
The Word is Love.
Jesus, let us love
one another
in you.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17:11b-19

Love one another as I love you.

They were his close friends.
He had chosen them.
So, sad were they.
And sad was he that
he must leave the earth.
Yet he loved them so much
he could not lose them from his life.
He would place his Spirit deep within them.
And within the rest of us.
Soul of Jesus,
constant companion,
teacher of all good, remind us
what Jesus said and did, and who he is;
how he loves us and makes his home within us.
And the thing that he asks is that we love one another.

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During this week we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension – that moment when Jesus, having completed his human mission on Earth, left us, not alone, but with the promise of one who would come to us, the Holy Spirit who would be with us until the end of time.

Today, our Gospel gives us a snapshot of what the young Church had come to believe by about eighty years after Jesus died – and what a snapshot it is – amazing, glorious, joyful, inspiring, awesome.

It is a snapshot with bright colors, simple lines and a clear narrative, yet a snapshot which brings us right to the very heart of God – LOVE.

It is an amazing Gospel, a gospel we might well decide to reflect upon for the rest of our

lives. I jest not!

Join me as we enter the last week of this year's Easter and prepare once more for the coming of the "Spirit of truth, who can teach us all wisdom." And how badly we may need that Spirit for the rest of this year. It begins with the simplest and most profound command of Jesus: "Love one another."

Join me in reflecting on this wonderful Gospel.

Many thanks,

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