

**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



WE WELCOME ALL TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST WITH US

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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
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 12, 2024
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15-16

We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God. Today we honor that definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

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Stewardship
May 5, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received	\$3,294.00
Maintenance.....	\$621.00
Online Giving.....	\$300.00
What we are <i>under</i> this week.....	<i>\$6.00</i>
Envelopes used	122
Weekend Masses attendance	127

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Thank you for your support

May 12, 2024 – May 18, 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.....	Shirley Hawkins †
Monday.....	Mr. Trump & Family
Tuesday.....	Evelyn Johnson
Wednesday.....	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday.....	Deceased SMA members †
Friday.....	Deceased SMA members †
Saturday	Deceased SMA members †



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 Grani*
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

Prayer to Saint Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child

and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

○ St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to

you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen

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 service 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

Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org;
nolapriest.com
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“Pray for Vocations” to Religious Life and the Priesthood and encourage our youth to think and pray about such a “vocation of life.”

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 Merger of *St. Mary of the Angels* and *Our Lady Star of the Sea* has been officially renamed **St. Josephine Bakhita Parish** by Archbishop Gregory Aymond. The name St. Mary of the Angels will remain on the church building.

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.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will re-open at 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

There will be a **Eucharistic Procession** at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 7th, 2024, from Notre Dame Seminary to St. Rita Church, New Orleans as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.



*Lyric Matthew Darensbourg
and*

*Jeremiah Michael Johnson received the
Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on May 5, 2024*



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 19, 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-11

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind.

Blazing like wind-driven fire,
you flash through
all creation.

You are
far
and
near.

Not just in one place and time,
but everywhere.

We
welcome
your Spirit in us.
Set a fire in our hearts
every minute of every day!

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR

GALATIANS 5:16-25

...For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with expressible groanings.

Spirit of Jesus,
you know our needs.

We crave clean air,
ceasing of hunger, an end to bias,
no more war, and your love
of each of us.

Please, take our flawed
prayers to the Father.

Wrap your prayers around them.
Let our spirits cry out
in joyful harmony with you,
Abba!
Father!

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-23 or 15:26-27, 16:12-15

And when he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Fear
locked the door.
It always loves to do this.
But real love entered in anyway,
bringing (within its wounds) God's peace.
This peace went to all around; joy and peace!
He breathed upon them and sent them
everywhere, to all the earth,
out of love, not out of fear.

God,
remember us:
Veni Sanctae Spiritus.
Come, Holy Spirit
of life and love
to us, and send us
out to all corners of creation.

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The Gospel today is typical of John recounting something that Jesus said and then adding a quite long and complex commentary to it. Diving into it might be seen by some as relevant and interesting, but almost certainly by others as irrelevant and boring. Therefore, maybe the Lord, with eternal wisdom, guided me to reflect on 'joy'.

When Jesus said the words, "*I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.*" I presume he meant what he said. If so, it seems that 'joy' was something so important to Jesus that he just had to share it with us while still in the world. Pope Francis, just last year, said, "*We either proclaim Jesus with joy — or we do not proclaim him at all.*"

This seems to capture what Jesus meant; the importance, the urgency, the vibrancy of 'joy' as central to the Christian message. And yet, I ask myself, where, in our Churches, our Parishes and our communities is that 'joy' striking and evident? I can see 'serious' and 'sombre'; I can recognize 'solemn' and 'dignified'; I can identify with 'silence' and 'mystery' and 'majesty', but where do I see, and recognize, and identify 'joy' in who we are and what we do?

As fewer and fewer people, especially young people, attend our Churches and as the strain on Dioceses to maintain Parishes increases, and as world issues become more urgent and problematic, it is a question we must ask ourselves – as individuals and as Christian communities.

But when we focus on any one thing to the exclusion of others, no matter how valuable, important and good it is, then we become stuck, paralyzed within an ever-narrowing world, and we are in danger of losing both what we value and ourselves!

Take 'Faith', for example. It is so important for so many of us. It is from our Faith that we get our identity and find the beliefs, values and principles which underpin our lives. We hold on to it closely, guarding it against attack, always trying to ensure that we don't lose it. We protect it with doctrines, authorities, rules and institutions.

All of this is good. Our Faith is important to us. It is a pearl we have found, or inherited, that we dare not lose.

I know which of the two I like. What about you?

Many thanks,
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