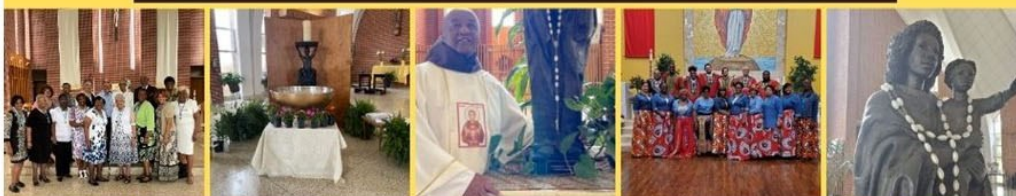


**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**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

June 9, 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."*  
**Mark 3:28-30**

Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, "He is out of his mind." And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul." Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences.

Why is it that certain sins will never be forgiven? What exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinacy, or the refusal to repent, is a sin that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin.

Of all the many sins you struggle with or might struggle with in the future, pay special attention to the sins against the Holy Spirit. Though we should never think we have a right to God's forgiveness, we must always believe that God's mercy is so great that the moment we humbly acknowledge our sin and sincerely repent of it, God will forgive. But the key is "sincerity." In order to be forgiven, the repentance within us must be sincere, authentic, real and complete. We cannot fool God. We can certainly fool ourselves, but not God.

One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God's mercy.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you lack sincerity and thoroughness in your repentance from sin. Are you honest with yourself about the sins you have committed? Have you taken ownership of those sins? If so, have you also confessed them to God and firmly resolved never to commit them again? Take repentance seriously so that you never even begin to fall down the slippery slope that leads to any sin against the Holy Spirit.

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Stewardship  
June 2, 2024

What we need each week.....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received .....	\$2,632.00
Maintenance.....	\$611.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$668.00</b>
Envelopes used .....	87
Weekend Masses attendance .....	88

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Thank you for your support

June 9, 2024 – June 15, 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>Deceased SMA members †</b>
Tuesday.....	<b>Evelyn Johnson</b>
Wednesday.....	<b>Deceased SMA members †</b>
Thursday.....	<b>Deceased SMA members †</b>
Friday.....	<b>Paul Steib †</b>
Saturday .....	<b>Calvin Aguillard †</b>



The **Sanctuary Lamp** light will burn daily during the month of **June** for the soul of **Calvin Aguillard** 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
Adrienne Esteen		



## Prayer to Saint Bakhita

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you gave  
St. Josephine Bakhita the gift to imitate you in her  
trust in the Father's love and openness to the  
graces needed to forgive those who wounded and  
offended her throughout her walk toward eternity.  
In your name and through your power, I ask that  
you share a portion of the grace of faith and  
forgiveness that was given to St. Josephine  
Bakhita with me so that I too can have greater trust  
in God and forgive those who have wounded and  
offended me. Amen.  
St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us.

## 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)



### 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](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org);  
[nolapriest.com](http://nolapriest.com)  
Adrian Dominican: [vocations@adriandominicans.org](mailto:vocations@adriandominicans.org)

"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: **Rever-  
end Francis Kamau, F.M.H. as Pastor of merged parish-  
es: Our Lady Star of the Sea, New Orleans / St. Mary of the  
Angels, New Orleans.**

In order to provide pastoral care for the people of God in the  
Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has appoint-  
ed **Rev. Jogues Abenawe, F.M.H., as Pastor at Resurrection of  
Our Lord Parish, New Orleans, effective June 26, 2024.**

**Registered Parishioners:** Registered parishioners are those  
who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish  
support envelopes consistently.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024,  
in observance of Juneteenth.

*I believed, therefore I spoke.*

*We too believe and therefore we  
speak.*

*2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1*



### 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 **June**:

Jacqueline Buggage, 27	Marlene Robinson, 21
Janice Jackson, 28	Parthenia Beck, 17
Audrey County, 8	Ann Comin, 12
Donna Valeary, 17	Ka'Cell El-Mansura, 18
Corey Johnson, 7	Jabari Polete, 5

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Religious Education Class**, contact *Vanessa Matthews*

**Choir Rehearsal**, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

**Senior Bingo/Luncheon**, **Thursday, June 20**, 11:00am-1:00pm

**Food for Seniors**, **Tuesday, July 30**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Emmaus Ministry**, **Wednesday, June 26**, 2024, 11:30 am

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

### REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - JUNE 16, 2024 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### THE FIRST READING

**EZEKIEL 17:22-24**

*Thus says the Lord: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain.*

Lord God,  
Please love our topmost branches.  
Cleanse the tender shoot  
that is our heart.

Do your  
wondrous works.  
Let us put forth fruit  
and branches  
that sweep  
the sky.

Let birds of every kind dwell there,  
every winged thing, in the  
shade of our  
boughs.

#### THE SECOND READING

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10**

*Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.*

Lord,  
whether we dwell at home or away  
please guide our steps  
into your way.

Help us heal some of the pain that  
we find in neighbors and  
in our planet.

Fill us with your courage,  
walking by faith,  
not by sight.

#### THE GOSPEL

**MARK 4:26-34**

*To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?*

O God,  
plant in us,  
like you do the  
tiny mustard plant,  
all your blessed roots

Please, dig down deep into our souls!  
Rain into our hearts and minds!  
Grow us into so large a bush  
that all of our actions,  
all of our ideas,  
all of our loves nestle  
and shelter  
in your branches.

Make the birds of the sky  
and all of creation  
dwell in your shade.

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### Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Last week I promised to continue giving information about the intended visit to Kenya next year around August. Our visit will be around the country known as the Republic of Kenya but I want to give you a little more information on the African continent.

Africa is the second biggest continent in the world and is made up of 54 countries one of which is Kenya situated astride the Equator on the Eastern side of the continent. Ethiopia and Liberia are the only two countries that were not colonized. Africa covers 20% of the land mass on the planet earth. The population of Africa was 1.4 billion as per 2021 which is 18% of the world population. It is considered the youngest population in the world. According to geology human life began around East Africa about 7 million years ago.

The two major religions of Africa are Christianity 45% and Islam 40% with Islam mostly north of the Sahara Desert. The Sahara Desert is approximately 3.6 million square miles compared to the USA which is 3.8 million miles. Other important features include Lake Victoria which is the source of the Nile River the longest river in Africa. Others are; Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Kenya and the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi river to mention but just a few. The continent is divided into five blocks as follows: North Africa, Southern Africa, West

Africa, East and Central Africa. For more information please google Africa continent.

To be continued.

*Reverend Fr. Francis Anthony Kamau FMH*

*Pastor, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic church.*