

**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 23, 2024  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. **Mark 4:38-39***

Do you desire to hear God speak to you? The most common way this happens is through prayerful meditation on the Gospels. Over the centuries, the saints have prayerfully pondered the Gospels and have offered various insights on the stories and our Lord's actions. Their insights are not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, they are first an exercise of prayer and meditation, revealing that the Scriptures have various layers of depth and meaning.

One Church Father, Saint Bede, explains from his prayerful pondering of today's Gospel passage that the boat in which Jesus crossed the sea represents the Cross by which safe passage is obtained to arrive at the shores of Heaven. The other boats that followed represent those who have faith in the Cross of Christ and follow. Though they suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, they press on, relying upon the saving power of the Cross. Jesus being asleep represents His sleep of death, and His waking represents His resurrection. The pleas of the disciples represent our need to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by His death and resurrection, which is able to silence the demons and disordered passions. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God.

God is able to speak these and many other truths to us through His actions and words contained in the Scriptures. There is no limit to the depth and meaning we can receive through His holy Word. Therefore, though it is useful to reflect upon the saints' various interpretations of the Gospels, it is also very important to reflect upon these passages ourselves, so as to allow our Lord to reveal to us the message we need to hear.

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## Stewardship June 16, 2024

What we need each week .....	\$3,600.00
Envelopes & loose received .....	\$2,433.00
Maintenance.....	\$35.00
<b>Online Giving.....</b>	<b>\$341.00</b>
What we are <b>under</b> this week.....	<b>\$1,167.00</b>
Envelopes used .....	68
Weekend Masses attendance .....	107

Thank you for your support

## June 23, 2024 – June 29, 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>Deceased SMA members †</b>
Saturday .....	<b>Jules Lewis †</b> <b>Rowena Hinds †</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 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](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 appointed **Rev. Jagues Abenawe, F.M.H.**, as Pastor at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, New Orleans, effective June 26, 2024.

**Fr. Anthony Okon** will celebrate the Saturday Vigil/Sunday Gospel Masses June 29/30 at SMA. Fr. Francis will celebrate the Masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Welcome Fr. Anthony.

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

**Second Collection...**The Holy Father's Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 29-30, 2024. Envelopes are located on the usher's table in the back of church.

To help hungry children in our community, **Second Harvest Food Bank** is expanding its summer feeding program and urgently needs more volunteers.

**Parish Office...**will be closed Thursday, July 4, Independence Day.



## The 21st annual Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference.

The Men's Conference will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that will help men, young and old, live more effective lives.

This year the Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference will be held in Baltimore Maryland on Thursday October 10th through Sunday October 13th. Conference attendees will be able to partake in workshops, health fair, praise and worship sessions, as well as fellowship with other Black Catholic Men of Faith.



### 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
Shreen Romain, 11	

### PARISH CALENDAR

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

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

**Senior Bingo/Luncheon**, *Thursday, July 18*, 11:00am-1:00pm

**Food for Seniors**, *Tuesday, July 23*, 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 30, 2024 – 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### THE FIRST READING

**WISDOM 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

*For God formed man to be imperishable;  
the image of his own nature he made him.*

God,  
in your own image you fashioned us,  
made all creation for us to use,  
to keep wholesome,  
searching for  
you.  
Let us always search  
And let us find you  
at one with  
the in and out,  
of our daily lives.

#### THE SECOND READING

**2 CORINTHIANS 8:7,9, 13-15**

*Though he was rich, for your sake he  
became poor so that by his poverty you  
might become rich.*

From lofty  
heights he lowered himself:  
His birth was not into plenty,  
but into poverty.  
Lord,  
you who entered our world this way,  
may we find you, see you,  
touch you, hear you,  
know you better,  
love you more?  
You shared your wealth with us.  
Let us share your love with others.

#### THE GOSPEL

**MARK 5:21-43, or 5:21-24, 35B-43**

*He took the child by the hand and said to her,  
"Talitha koum", which means, Little girl, I say  
to you, rise!"*

An official, Jairus, falls at Jesus' feet and pleads.  
A suffering lady boldly touches his cloak.  
And you grant their wishes  
through your  
touch.  
Jesus, we believe.  
Let your healing flow into us, too:  
through your poor, your hungry, your troubled;  
your daisies, hummingbirds, skies, music,  
books.  
Let us find you everywhere, in all things.  
Please touch us with  
your grace.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before the European invasion, Africa was "one Big country". From 1884 to 1885 the continent of Africa was demarcated into present day countries. This was done at what came to be known as the Berlin Conference held in Germany by several European countries. Africans were not invited to the conference and America declined the invitation. Currently, there are 54 African countries which were shared among the European countries. Since then, all have regained their independence over the years.

Kenya regained its independence on December 12, 1963 adopting some form of government resembling the British system. Between 1952 and 1963, Kenyan natives organized the famous Mau Mau rebellion which fought the British military leading to our independence. Kenyans lowered the Union Jack and hoisted the current Kenyan flag accompanied by the National Anthem which begins with the words: "Oh God of all creation, bless this our land and nation...." Kenya will be turning 61 years this December 12, 2024. We have come a long way but we have also made some remarkable progress since gaining our independence. We credit the British for introducing the English language which has remained the official language of Kenya and the introduction of formal learning. All school going kids must learn English and Kiswahili which is our National language. There are over 45 languages that are spoken in Kenya including European, Arabic, Asian and several others. Today Kenya is a multi-cultural country which is home to people from all over the world. Under the British rule, Kenya was divided into eight provinces but in 2010, we wrote a new Constitution which created 47 counties each under a governor while retaining the Federal or Central government as it is known.

To be continued.

Reverend Fr. Francis Anthony Kamau, FMH

Pastor, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church/Our Lady Star of the Sea