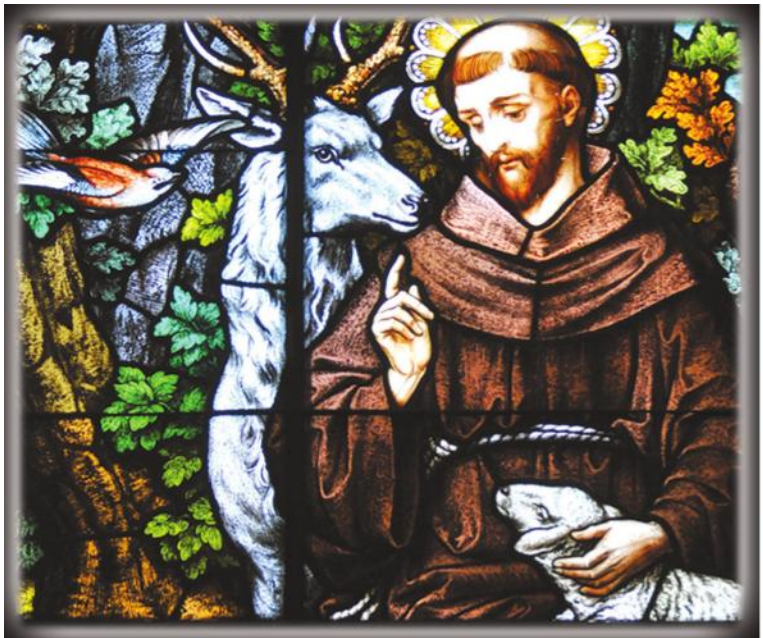

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Parish Prayer

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love. May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Parish Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

Parish Staff

Pastor - Rev. Michael J. Schneller
Director of Religious Education - Christi Schott
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Facilities Manager - Matthew Landry
Administrative Assistant - Teresa Miller
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D.Wright
Cantor - Johnny Tolentino
Sacristan - Paul Vetter

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

Novena

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Adoration

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm - In the Parish Center

Adoration for Vocations

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Center

Infant Baptisms

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

Marriage Arrangements

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

Funeral Arrangements

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Matthew 25 Ministry	$225.00

FEBRUARY 29– MARCH 1, 2020

Envelopes	3,762.00
Loose	$2,323.00
E-Giving	$472.00
TOTAL	$6,557.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Matthew 25 Ministry	$252.00

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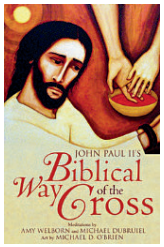


Stations of the Cross
Friday's 6:30 pm

Friday's during Lent the stations of the cross will be celebrated at 6:30 pm in the Church.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: How willing are you to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of

Betsie Melancon

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 7 - 4:00pm - Nancy Clair McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia Pansano, Genevieve Young, Peggy Young Condon, Mark Alan Powanda, Jerry McGuinness, Hans Schroeder
SUNDAY, March 8 - 9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Maurice Picheloup, III, Jack Kerrigan
11:30am - Parishioners
MONDAY, March 9 - 8:00am - All Souls Book of Remembrance
TUESDAY, March 10 - 6:00pm - Special Intention Meredith Landry
WEDNESDAY, March 11 - 8:00am - Harry Spring, Sr.
THURSDAY, March 12 - 8:00am - George J. Mire, Sr.
FRIDAY, March 13 - 8:00am - Special Intention Jack Elder

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 8th - March 14th

Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Christopher Brewster, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Margaret Fanning, Mildred Flynn, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Juanita Herndon, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, John "Junior" Morreale, Joy Morton, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Linda Sayegh, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant and Poydras Homes.

O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.

Our **Prayer Intentions** list is for anyone who needs prayers especially due to illness. If you would like to add anyone to our list, or if you wish to remove anyone from the list, please contact the parish office (504) 891-4479.

Recent pictures received from Cornell Zimmer of the organ façade pipes, the windchest and carvings for our new organ. Zimmer is still planning to begin installation the week of March 22nd to meet our timeline to complete the organ installation by Holy Week 2020.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parishioners are invited to visit these

St. Joseph Altars

The Talamo Family

6122 Patton Street
Wednesday, March 18th - Blessing 6:00 p.m.
Open to Public 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 19th
Public viewing 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Avo Restaurant

5908 Magazine St.
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Public viewing 11:00am-2:00pm.
Blessing at 11:30am

De La Salle High School

Thursday, March 19th - Blessing 9:00 a.m
Public viewing 9:00am - 4:00pm
11:30am - "Tupa-Tupa" Skit followed by the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation St. Francis of Assisi

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be offered throughout the Archdiocese on Wednesdays - March 18th, March 25th and April 1 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic Book Club's book for March is ***Diaries of the Chinese Martyrs: Stories of Heroic Catholics Living in Mao's China*** edited by Gerolano Fazzini. We will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm in the parish center (next to church) to share and express our thoughts. Bring a friend and listen or join the discussion.

Mothers Prayers

(In the Parish Center Upstairs)

Join us in weekly prayer for our children/grandchildren

Sunday Group meets at 6:30 pm
Wednesday Group meets at 9 am

Pick the day that works best for you or attend both session each week!

Mark your Calendar

Our next

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 20th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Lycée School Cafeteria

Volunteers needed: set up, serve, and clean up. If you can help, call the Parish office 891-4479.
Also—Dessert donations needed!

St. Francis of Assisi Vocation Ministry

This weekend we welcome **Jody Dimaggio** Seminarian, who will speak at all Masses about his vocation.

Join us this Thursday and every second Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Pray for Vocations.

If you are interested in joining our Vocation Ministry contact Missy Duncan - mduncan25@cox.net or call the Parish Office at (504) 891-4479.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Lenten Almsgiving

Every Lenten season our parish accepts donations to a particular charity in response to the corporal works of mercy in Chapter 25 of the gospel of Matthew. This year we are accepting donations for Covenant House in New Orleans. Covenant House opens its heart and its doors each year to more than 900 youth & children with nowhere else to turn. Sadly, the vast majority have experienced years of abuse, violence, and trauma. With God's grace, a team of professionals and volunteers help them to heal – and begin new hope-filled journeys.

Covenant House is always in need of items that benefit their residents. Their core group is 204 young men and women – under the age of 22 – and their children.

To ensure a clean and safe space for all of our residents, the home is unable to accept any previously used bedding, towels, toys, stuff animals, mattresses, pillows, makeup, or toiletries.

The following list is taken from their website.

Young Men: **New underwear (sizes small,medium,large),** sweat pants (sizes small,medium,large), long-sleeved white button down shirts, black slacks, pajama bottoms, athletic wear.

Young Women: **New underwear (sizes small,medium,large)**, long-sleeved white button down shirts, black slacks, pajama bottoms, athletic wear.

Little Ones: Baby wipes, clothing for children 0-5 years old, diaper cream.

Personal Items: New journals, art pads/sketch pads, $10-$25 Gift cards for Walmart, CVS, Target, etc., Earbuds—audio-port and lightening cable compatible.

Household: Dish sets, cookware sets, silverware sets, cups & glassware sets, new white sheets and pillow cases (twin/queen), new bath towels and washcloths (white).

Please bring your donated items to church on the weekends of Lent or drop them off at the Parish Center 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Our Matthew 25 Ministry will deliver them to Covenant House on behalf of our parish. As always thank you for your generosity during Lent.

Covenant House has an Amazon Wishlist check out their list to learn about the items in high demand by going to their website: **www.covenanthousenola.org.**

Registration is now open for St. Francis' VBS 2020!

July 27-31

8:30am - 12:30pm daily

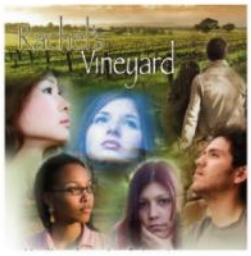
Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering PK4—5th grade. Adult volunteers and youth helpers (6th & above) are needed. Registration forms are available at the entrance of church and on the parish website. For information, contact Christi Schott 504-227-3765 or cschott@stfrancisuptown.com.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life Office

Through April 6th-Please participate in our Spiritual Bouquet for the April Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Choose a prayer(s) and/or something that you will offer up for our retreatants who seek healing after an abortion. It can be any prayer/offering that you wish, prayed or offered when you can. Email your prayer(s)/offering(s) to the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org. Prayer offerings will included in a Spiritual Bouquet to be given to all our retreatants. Show them the love of Jesus in your own prayers and offerings as they take this step in the healing process. Deadline to submit your prayer(s)/offering(s) is Monday April 6, 2020. Thank you!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For Those Hurting from Abortion



There is forgiveness and hope after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion, please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat.

All faiths are welcome! Open to women and men.

Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time.

Date: April 17-19, 2020
Price: $190/person (Financial Assistance Available)
Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann
Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators:
Pam Richard - (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net
Donna Scheuermann - (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com

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Take courage. He is calling you!

Adult Confirmation

Adult classes for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin April 1st and meet for six weeks. If you are over 18, are a practicing Catholic, and have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but were never confirmed, please contact Christi Schott at 227-3765 or cschott@stfrancisuptown.com for more information. Adult Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 31 at the St. Louis Cathedral.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 7, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Philip Neri (Metairie)

This event is for couples married 50 years or more. Please register by Friday, March 20th by contacting the parish office (504) 891-4479 or going to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

CONVERGING ROADS

Converging Roads
Health Care Ethics Conference

Dignity & Disability in Medicine| Continuing Education Credits

Saturday, March 14, 2020
8:30AM to 6:15PM
Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Notre Dame Seminary, present the second annual *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference. The conference theme is Dignity & Disability in Medicine, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Cost ranges from $69-$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion. Student scholarship rate is $15.

To register or for more information, **convergingroads.com** or email **sara@forlifeandfamily.org**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Listen to Him

Heavenly Father,
by turning to your Son in faith
and answering his call to holiness,
all the communities of the earth find blessing.
Help us listen to your beloved Son,
especially when other voices also call out to us.
Attune our ears to the words he speaks.
Open our hearts in mercy, humility, compassion, and love.
Give us courage and wisdom
to set forth from places that are familiar
and go where you send us,
to walk steadily forward,
confident that our final destination is your eternal kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 8, 2020
Moving Forward

Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. The beginning of Abram's story is the beginning of the covenant relationship between humankind and God. Abram, who barely knows the Lord at this point, decides to trust this mysterious God. He leaves all that is familiar to him to set out for a new homeland. He would face frightening challenges along the way, but he would continue to trust in God's hidden plan.

Peter should have known God far better than Abram ever did. Peter spent months with God's own Son, yet this disciple had no clearer idea of where God was leading them than Abram did. When Jesus is transformed, Peter thinks the end of the ages has come, the decisive turning point in human history when God raises up the just and glorifies his chosen one. In response, Peter stops going forward. He suggests they all stay on that mountain. He does not understand that Jesus still faces the hardest part of his mission. Peter also is yet to realize his mission and cross.

In our Second Reading, we hear that God's grace has been manifest and our salvation brought to light. Nevertheless, the way forward may often be unclear. We may fear what lies ahead. Lent is a time to share those fears with God and to draw strength from the season's disciplines and from the witness of others so that we will "bear our share of hardship" and keep moving forward.

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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 9
God's Standard

The prayer in the First Reading confesses the failure of God's people to stay faithful to him. When they behaved no better than other nations, God let his people be scattered among those nations. God demands that his people live by a higher standard, as we hear in the Gospel passage. God, whose mercy overflows, expects us to treat others with that same remarkable compassion. In what specific way can you share God's compassion today? *Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 10
Reversals

Isaiah's warning is vivid: God will allow his people to be struck down if they do not repent of their wrongdoing, leaving them as blood-red as their sins. Jesus also speaks about reversals: true disciples serve others rather than seek honor and privileges for themselves. Make a list of people who radically changed their lives for Christ. What do their stories teach you? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 11
Misunderstood

Jesus and Jeremiah both spoke for God and suffered greatly for it. Jeremiah laments that his enemies are waiting for him to speak one wrong word so that they can declare him a false prophet and get rid of him. Jesus tells how he, too, will be rejected by his people. Jesus' words seem lost on his disciples, who want the very honor and glory that he warns them against seeking. Perhaps they simply did not like what Jesus was telling them. What is Jesus saying to you that you find hard to accept? *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 12
What Is in Our Hearts?

God knows what is in our hearts far better than we do. God knows who is growing in holiness and who is dying "in a lava waste." The rich man never bothered to probe his heart, much less open it in love to Lazarus. Even in death, the rich man puts himself before the beggar, for he asks Abraham to send Lazarus for water, as if Lazarus were a servant. Open your heart to God. Ask God to show you the people you fail to love and what you can do to serve them. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 13
The End of Rejection

Despite the terrible action his brothers take, Joseph eventually forgives them and even saves them during a famine. The religious leaders who try to arrest Jesus might also have envied him because the crowds were surrounding Jesus instead of them. Finally, these leaders get rid of Jesus, only to hear that he rose from the dead. It was not too late for them to be forgiven and to share in the new life God offered in his Son. Pray for or talk with someone who needs to hear that God loves and forgives them. *Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 14
Prodigal Love

Our God who delights in clemency is like the father who watches for his younger son's return. The father's love is extravagant. First, he pours love out on the son who took from him and left, and then he pours his love upon the son who speaks of him with resentment and contempt. We are far stingier with our love, preferring to love only those who seem to deserve it. Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rejoice that God shows his love abundantly. *Today's Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*

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