

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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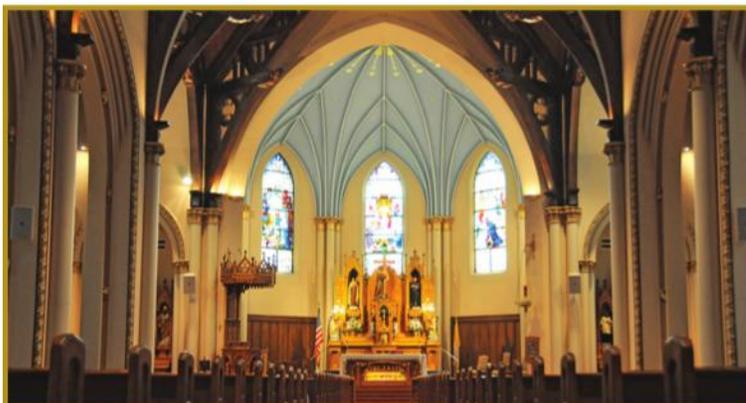
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## PARISH PRAYER

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.

## Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

Concealed and secret things tend to scare children (and sometimes adults, too!). Little ones are afraid of the dark because it conceals too much – they can't see what might be trying to get them so they look under their beds for the boogeyman. They are frightened when they see their parents whispering together with knitted brows and worry written all over their faces. During this Covid-19 pandemic, we fear contracting what can be a deadly virus. In addition, many of the faithful mass attendees, especially the elderly and those with compromised health, fear worshipping with their fellow Catholic parishioners.

Our natural tendency is to avoid whatever frightens us, and this is true for both children and adults. Fear paralyzes us, keeps us from acting and growing. Fear robs us of our freedom and hinders our judgment. Fear, however, can also at times be positive. A healthy fear can bring caution to a hasty response, can prompt us to go to the doctor when we do not feel quite right, can bring us to install an alarm system in our homes to protect body and possessions.

In this Sunday's gospel passage from Matthew Jesus talks about fear: Whom and what we should fear and whom and what we need not fear. Jesus begins with the bold statement, "Fear no one." Yet, in the next breath he tells us to "be afraid of the one who can destroy/both soul and body." Does Jesus contradict himself? No not really. He is helping us sort out fear. We need not fear when we choose to live and "speak in the light" and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Proclaiming the gospel can bring frightening results, for sure. People may misunderstand us, scorn us, and turn on us. Certainly this happened to Jesus. We know that when we align ourselves with Jesus and "proclaim on the housetops" that he has revealed to us, we are not alone. Our greatest source of courage – of proclaiming Jesus' Good News and acting boldly – is the assurance that God has every hair on our head counted. On the other hand, as we say today, God has our back. God counts us worthy to be disciples of the divine Son, and even if others try to "kill the body," God will protect and bring to everlasting Life those who are faithful.

Are you fearless? On the other hand, are you fearful? Which does our daily choosing reveal? We are fearless when we acknowledge God's Presence and proclaim the Gospel by choosing integrity over dishonesty, by putting others' good ahead of selfish whims, by uplifting others in our speech rather than tearing them down. We need to be fearful when we do not think before we act, when we neglect thinking about God every day, when we estrange ourselves from what is right and good, when we turn our backs on Jesus. The choice before us is to choose him. Choosing him will free us from the one thing that can kill us. Choosing him will give us Life.

Whether you are fearless or fearful, we invite you to join us for the celebration of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our nation's observance of Father's Day. What Father does not fear for the life and wellbeing of his children? Join us in praying for the fathers of our parish living and deceased by making a reservation for mass by visiting our website or calling the parish office. I want to commend those attending for following the guideline to wear a mask except when receiving Holy Communion. What a blessing for our parish to have the families of our second graders celebrating their First Eucharist at each of the weekend masses. We are hoping that as we move pass the pandemic, our parish will be able to celebrate a class communion in the future.

In making a reservation for mass, please observe the guidelines in this bulletin and on our parish website. If you are not a registered parishioner, use this occasion to be among the members of the flock of St. Francis of Assisi. You can register on our website [www.stfrancisuptown.com](http://www.stfrancisuptown.com)

## Uptown Canticle - continued

For those parishioners we cannot accommodate in the church or who are fearful to gather with us, Archbishop Aymond has given permission to distribute Holy Communion after mass outdoors. He strongly suggested that we not give Holy Communion to people in vehicles. He recommends that we do so outside where people can form a communion line and observe social distancing. Therefore, this weekend after each mass, weather permitting, I will be available to distribute Holy Communion in the front lawn of the rectory. I suggest that as you approach me to receive the Body of Christ you pray the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father.

Please remember that Archbishop Aymond has dispensed the people of the Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If someone is vulnerable and not feeling well, that should not celebrate Mass in church with other people. Baptisms, Weddings and funerals is limited to 100 worshippers. This number will increase gradually.

We will continue to live stream the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday from church. We have returned to celebrating daily mass in church. Monday, Wednesday through Friday mass is at 8:30 am and Tuesday at 6:00 pm. No reservation is necessary for daily mass. We will no longer live stream daily mass.

***As we enter the hurricane season,  
let us implore the intercession of  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
to hasten to help us and our patron  
St. Francis of Assisi  
to make us instruments of the Lord's peace.***

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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

(Confession)

**Saturday, 3:00 - 3:40 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.**

**At other times by appointment.**

**Sisters of Christian Charity Chapel**

**Located in the Parish Center**

**Enter through front door on State Street**

## **General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:**

### **To sign up to attend Mass:**

<https://www.stfrancisuptown.com/mass-rsvp>

**Entering & Leaving:** All entrances are open. Church pews are marked and roped off. When Mass has ended, please do not gather in groups outside of church or in the parking lot and continue to maintain social distancing.

**During Mass: Wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.** Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times. For our weekend Masses, a worship aid will be available at the entrances for weekend Masses. After Mass, leave it in your pew. You may place your regular offering for support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and other collections in the baskets in the center aisle and side doors. The Offertory procession is omitted. We can express the sign of peace by means of a smile and/or nod of the head.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** Bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion. During the distribution of Holy Communion, form a single line and observe the social distancing blue lines on the floor of the aisles. We ask everyone to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. You will receive the Body of Christ in the form of bread only. When approaching the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, place your hand flatly atop the other and fully extend your arm toward the priest or minister who will place the Host on your hand in a manner to avoid any contact with your hand

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### **Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Composed by: **St. Alphonsus Liguori - 19th Century**

## CHURCH SUPPORT

June 6-7 and June 13-14, 2020

“YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH”

Envelopes	\$9,667.00
Loose	\$4,090.00
E-Giving	\$1,929.00
TOTAL	\$15,686.00

### Second Collections

Matthew 25 Ministry	\$1,332.00
Archdiocesan Military Services	\$966.00

Your generous contribution to support the mission and ministries of St. Francis of Assisi parish has always been greatly appreciated. Your stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for all that God has done for you and your loved ones. We realize that many people are in difficult financial situations. We are grateful for any support you can offer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

Our **Second Collection** this weekend is for our parish **Improvement & Maintenance Fund**. We appreciate your generosity.

## A Stewardship Moment

**“Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.”**

That cannot be good news for anybody. We all have skeletons in our closets that we hope will stay there. But Jesus was not speaking about our faults and failures being exposed. He was talking about the responsibility that comes with our Baptism: to know and to proclaim the Good News about God’s unconditional love for us by what we say and do; by our words and actions. If what we do is not reflective and consistent with what we say, others will know that we are a hypocrite. That skeleton will be out of the closet. Happily, we have the assurance of Jesus that everyone who acknowledges and imitates Him by what we say and do, He will acknowledge before His heavenly Father. Imagine standing with Jesus and hearing Him say, “Father, this is my friend, [insert your name], who acknowledged me before others by word and deed.” And the Father says, “Come, enter into my kingdom!” WOW!



## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, June 20 - 4:00pm** - Nancy Clair McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret “Butsy” Ross, Julia Pansano, Henry Schorr, Liz St.Cyr, Jerry McGuinness, Hans Schroeder, Genevieve Young, Peggy Young Condon

**SUNDAY, June 21 - 9:30am** - Parishioners  
**11:30am** - Betsie Melancon, Sidney A. Mills, III, Rina Lavernia

**MONDAY, June 22** - Harold F. Hand

**TUESDAY, June 23** - Margaret Hoffmann

**WEDNESDAY, June 24** - Henry Schoor

**THURSDAY, June 25** - In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, June 26** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 21<sup>st</sup> - June 27<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
<b>Friday</b>	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4
<b>Saturday</b>	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

## Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Glenn Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Christopher Brewster, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Evelyn Francioni, 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, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant and Poydras Homes and Lambeth House.

*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.*



## Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of  
**Lucille Mire McCann**

# First Communion

*Congratulations to*

- Will Accousti     Miller Knapp**
- Wills Brewster     Connor Miles**
- Lea Guitart     Jude Smiley**
- Madeline Jeansonne     Claire Wolfe**

who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist on Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14. Please continue to keep these children, all the first communicants, and their families in your prayers as we welcome them to the table of the Lord.



## Parish School of Religion (CCD)

Thank you to all the families who were a part of this year's Parish School of Religion. The parish is in the process of planning for the 2020-2021 school year and help is needed. Registration and class schedules will be available in mid-July. If you would like to assist in planning and preparation for next school year or would be interested in serving as a catechist, please contact Christi at [cschott@stfrancisuption.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuption.com) or 225-571-1547 for more information.

## St. Francis' Virtual Vacation Bible School

July 27-31, 2020



Join us for St. Francis' first Virtual VBS! The camp is open to all children entering K—5th grade and will take place online, July 27-31 from 9:30—11:30am each day. Registration is available on Facebook.com/sfauptown and the parish website at <https://stfrancisuption.com/religious-education>. For more information and to register, please contact Christi Schott at [cschott@stfrancisuption.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuption.com) or 225-571-1547.

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PSALM 139

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"Dear Jesus, it's Swimsuit Season!"

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Disability Advocates Virtual Workshop  
Saturday, June 27, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Join the Live Conversation Online or by Phone

## Meet Our Speaker



Mike Patin uses energy, humor and stories to affirm God's goodness and presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God.

Mike has worked in ministry settings since 1984, first as a high school teacher and coach, and then in diocesan ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Since 2003, he has worked full time as a speaker and "faith horticulturist."

Throughout his ministry, Mike has been privileged to speak to groups ranging from 10 to 23,000 in over 130 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. He has spoken at parish missions, conferences, rallies, retreats, leadership institutes, and in-services, addressing youth, adults, families, clergy, seminarians, school faculties, businesses, athletic teams and hospital staffs.

### Staying Spiritually Connected While Being Physically Isolated

The morning will be a "convo-flec-tation"—part conversation with one another, part reflection on the realities we (and those for whom we advocate) face, and part presentation.

Our time together will focus on two key areas: first, the challenges of isolation, grief, cabin fever and other emotions which have come during stay-at-home and how these affect our spirituality. Our second focus will center on key values and practices of our Catholic faith which can help us in such times of "displacement".

## How to Register

You must register in advance for this meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/t/Yuc-urzMitG9ag-tIinoicnN1VOAwnGaKq>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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<b>Caring</b>	<b>Role Model</b>

Honor  
thy Father

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Mothers Prayers Group Meets *Virtually*  
Wednesdays at 10:00am

**Join us in weekly prayer for children/  
grandchildren**

If you are in need of prayer during this stressful  
time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

For more information contact  
Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or  
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com



*Respect Life*  
Every Life is a Gift, From Conception  
until Natural Death

The *Respect Life Committee's* focus for May/June:

*Couples Struggling with Fertility / Infertility*



As we wrap up a month of prayer for  
couples longing to become parents (or to  
have another child,) please know that we  
see you & we're here for you.

Call Melisa for support, resources, & prayer.  
227.3766 or familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

### **Food Resources**

- ✚ **SFA Matthew 25 Food Distribution** - Every Month, our Matthew 25 Food Ministry distributes food to members of our community who are in need of assistance with monthly food supplies. If you are in need of food assistance, please contact the parish office to get help. 891.4479
- ✚ **Catholic Charities' Food Pantry** - Open Monday – Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm. The food pantry is located at 2505 Maine Ave in Metairie.
- ✚ **Additional Food Resources** visit <https://ready.nola.gov/incident/coronavirus/assistance/#food>

### **Mental Health Resources**

- ✚ **State Covid19 Crisis Counseling Line:** Text "Reachout" to 741741
- ✚ **Catholic Counseling Service** - Offers services to individuals, couples, & families through phone & video-conferencing. CCS offers counseling for \$50 a session & a sliding scale to assist anyone looking for counseling, including providing pro bono services when necessary. Call 504-861-6245. Calls are confidential.

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**INFORMATION & INTRODUCTION SESSION:**

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Call or email Melisa Rey to register 504.227.3766 or familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

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#### **PROGRAM FOCUSES :**

- ✚ Strengthen couples in love for God & each other.
  - ✚ Offer insight into God's plan for marriage.
  - ✚ Develop and grow prayer lives of spouses.
  - ✚ Foster deep appreciation & living out sacraments.
- ✚ Practical suggestions to assist couples in living their vocation faithfully & joyfully.
  - ✚ Promote sacramentality of Marriage.
- ✚ Highlight importance of Mary for marriage & family & encourage Marian devotion.

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