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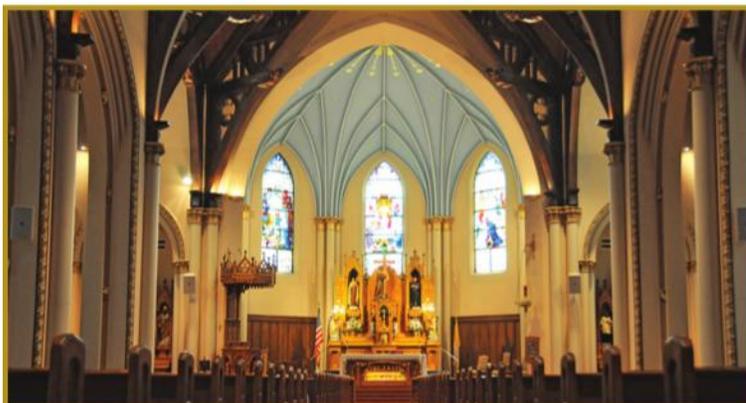
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## PARISH PRAYER

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	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 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

The Eagles, an American rock band, sing these words in their recording *The Best of My Love*: *But every morning/I wake up and worry/What's gonna happen today...*

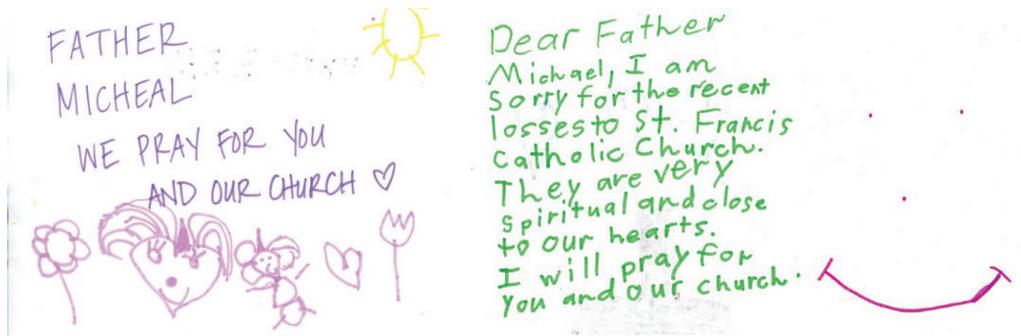
On Saturday, June 28, I never imagined that I would wake and in the afternoon, I would discover that thieves burglarized our historic church. After the police detective left and I secured the church, they came back during the night to take more of what they left behind. They removed the hinges from the side front door to gain entry.

In the afternoon, the thieves broke through the vent in the sacristy door. Unfortunately, we neglected to lock the safe and they stole all the sacred vessels as well as other items in the sacristy and sanctuary. Naturally, we all feel violated and hurt by such a blatant disrespect to our place of worship.

I want to thank so many of our parishioners and family and friends on Facebook for offering their prayers for the return of the objects and the conversion of these perpetrators. If you want to join in the investigation and visit any local pawnshops, coin shops, and antiques dealers, we have inventory photos of many of the objects they stole.



On Monday afternoon, two of our young parishioners in the neighborhood dropped off these touching words of comfort to help ease my worry and anxiety.



The chalice and paten I was able to use for Sunday and daily masses belonged to Fr. Des Crotty. We saved it because it was stored in the chapel in the parish office. Another chalice we will use is on loan from Fr. Peter Finney, III. He served here two summers during his priestly formation. Archbishop Ayomnd granted him a leave of absence from active ministry. So we will be able to remember him at mass during his year of discernment.

This is just another of the too many sad events we watch on the evening news what people are worried about. As I look out over our weekly assembly, I pray for whatever is in your hearts that you wake up and worry over each day. In our parish and many others, people bring their burdens to church. In that sense, then, as in an average assembly of worshippers everybody has problems.

In the Gospel of Matthew for this weekend, Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” These words from Jesus are immensely powerful. We cannot discount how important they are for all us who hear them. Do we believe them?

Our faith is not just about consolation. For those of us who seek and find the arms of Jesus, we know his consolation. In addition, we face a world out there badly in need of some good news, something to hope for, and something to help with the pain of living. Some folks will turn to therapy, Prozac, and 12-step programs and we should advise others to do so. However, others will move deeper into addiction, numbness, bitterness, or despair. Jesus offers to take up all these burdens and to make possible what seems impossible. That is his offer, and he is most serious.

## Uptown Canticle - continued

We can do this by pointing to the cross of Jesus. We can share our experiences. Folks will look to us to show how Jesus makes a difference in our lives. How are each of us showing evidence of this? The burden is easy and light because Jesus shares the burden of carrying it with us who are yoked to him. We do not shoulder the yoke or carry the burden alone. All we need to do is come to Jesus to grow in our knowledge of him, and through him grow in our knowledge of the Father.

As Governor Edwards announced on Monday, June 22 we will continue to be in Phase 2 of Reopening our State for the next three weeks. We encourage you to continue to make a reservation to celebrate and lay your burdens down at the Table of the Lord with us this weekend. I want to commend those attending for following the guideline to wear a mask except when receiving Holy Communion and to thank you for assisting in sanitizing the pews for the next mass. 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)

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. Daily mass in church. Monday, Wednesday through Friday 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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### 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. Continue to maintain social distancing.

**During Mass: Wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.** Be mindful of social distancing and maintain 6 feet of distance from others at all times. For our weekend Masses, a worship aid will be available at the entrances. After Mass, leave it in your pew. You may place your regular offering for support 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.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

June 27-28, 2020

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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 **Improvement & Maintenance Fund**. We appreciate your generosity.

### A Stewardship Moment

“...for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the little ones”

The deacon explained to a group of seven year old’s preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist that God sent them into the world with a unique array of **Talents, Abilities and Gifts (TAG)** that God wanted them to spend a lifetime to **Discover, Accept, Develop and Use** to the best of their ability for their own benefit and for the benefit of others. He asked the class “What would the world be like if everyone was using all of their **TAG** to the best of their ability for themselves and others; accepting the benefit of the gifts others had to offer; everyone happy with their own gifts and happy for others who had different gifts. One little seven year old girl in the front row quickly raised her hand and said, “Oh, deacon, that would be Heaven!” The little girl reminds us that intelligence and knowledge are not a guarantee of wisdom and that the learned sometimes outsmart themselves, while the “little ones” can be very wise.



## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, July 4 - 4:00pm** - Nancy Clair McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret “Butsy” Ross, Julia Pansano, Henry Schorr, Elizabeth St.Cyr, Genevieve Young, Peggy Young Condon

**SUNDAY, July 5 - 9:30am** - Parishioners

**11:30am** - Betsie Melancon, Claire Baehr Serpas

**MONDAY, July 6** - Esther & Phil Miller

**TUESDAY, July 7** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

**WEDNESDAY, July 8** - Henry Schoor

**THURSDAY, July 9** - In Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, July 10** - Harold F. Hand

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
<b>Monday</b>	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday</b>	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

### 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  
**Betsie Melancon**

**First Communion**

**St. Francis' Virtual Vacation Bible School**

*Congratulations to*

**July 27-31, 2020**

**Emory Ehrensing      Adelaide Moore**  
**Audrey Graham      Quintin Moore**  
**Maxine Graham      Emma Ralston**



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://stfrancisuoftown.com/religious-education>. Registration is due no later than Monday, July 6. For information and to register, please contact Christi Schott at [cschott@stfrancisuoftown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuoftown.com) or 225-571-1547.

who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. 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.



**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**

**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**



**FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS**



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**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

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We apologize in the delay posting our Father's Day Flowers offering.

## Breaking Open the Readings

### First Reading



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Zechariah 9:9-10*

### Trusting in Humility

The dream for world peace ever stirs the heart of humanity. Imagine a world where nations stopped their aggression, where terrorists laid down their weapons of mass destruction, and where nations respected one another's territories and customs.

Closer to home, imagine a neighborhood where people got along, where diversity was treasured, and where violence was no more. We all long for the security that comes from peace.

Many nations, however, still hold that peace comes from a well-built arsenal. Leaders believe that a strong defense inhibits aggression and causes the desired peace.

But the prophet Zechariah envisions another kind of leader. He sees one who is just, who rescues people from their oppression. Meek, he rides a simple beast of burden, and yet his dominion extends all across the world. This leader accomplishes the desired gift of peace not from weapons, not from intimidation, but from the example of humility.

Our leaders will continue to put their trust in weapons as long as we do too. If we live in trust, we can build a place where peace will reign from sea to sea. Imagine the world at peace. Imagine it starting with you.

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### Second Reading



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Romans 8:9, 11-13*

### Following the Rules

What rules do you live by? You observe the laws of church and state. You fulfill the expectations of your family. You follow procedures at the workplace. If you strive to live faithful to God, society, and yourself, you follow some good interior rules.

But sometimes we live by rules of habit. We do things because we have always done them. In itself, that is not bad. But sometimes circumstances change. The rules you apply to the oldest child might bend when the youngest comes of age. Procedures you follow at work might be put aside to help someone in need. Rules are good. They help society live in peace. But if the rules become tyrants, they thwart the very order they aim to preserve.

St. Paul cautions the Romans, "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

In the past, the Romans had lived according to the law of the flesh. They did what they could get away with. They observed rules for the sake of survival. But now they are Christians. The Spirit of God dwells within them. They live now by the law of love. They make decisions differently, thinking of others, not just of themselves.

The rules we live by deserve to be followed especially as they express the desires of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit of love presents the supreme law. As Christians, we please God when we obey the Spirit of Christ.

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For more information on how to pray with scripture and ways to incorporate the daily scripture readings into your life, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' resource list at <http://usccb.org/about/communications/covid-19-crisis-resources-from-catholic-publishers.cfm>.

## How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life](https://respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life).

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

**Our mission field is daily life.**

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## Is the Holy Spirit calling you to mentor engaged couples in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony?

Please consider attending a training for Mentor Couples to get more information.

### TRAINING FOR MENTOR COUPLES

The training will be presented by the authors of *In Home Marriage Prep*, Jan and Lloyd Tate, at Notre Dame Seminary in the Pastoral Center on Saturday, August 29, 2020, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

For more information or to register, contact Melisa Rey at 504.227.3766 or [familylife@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:familylife@stfrancisuptown.com)



**Mothers Prayers Group**  
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For more information contact  
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### **Mental Health Resources**

- ✚ **State Covid19 Crisis Counseling Line:** Text "Reachout" to 741741
- ✚ **Catholic Counseling Service** - Services to individuals, couples, & families-\$50/session or sliding scale or pro bono services when necessary. Calls are confidential 504-861-6245.

### **Food Resources**

- ✚ **SFA Matthew 25 Food Distribution** - Monthly, food distribution to those who are in need of assistance with monthly food supplies. 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.
- ✚ **More Resources visit:** <https://ready.nola.gov/incident/coronavirus/assistance/#food>

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