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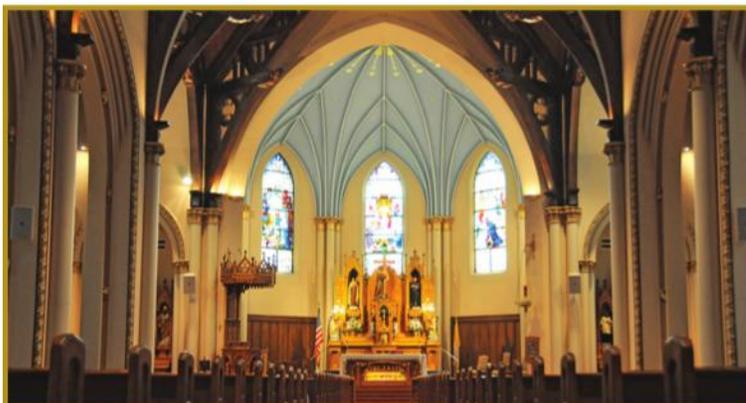
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PARISH PRAYER

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, Jayne Edwards
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

Getting ready is work, and work requires motivation. It's good to heed the old proverb "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." But some folks say, "I do my work at the same time each day: The last minute!" And Mark Twain, speaking for all experienced procrastinators, took it one step further when he quipped, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."

The parable about the wise and foolish bridesmaids is not a parable about sharing one's excess oil in a lamp. The parable is about being ready. If Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries had done more pre-nuptial preparation perhaps the marriage would either have not happened or lasted longer than 72 days. The wise bridesmaids found it prudent to have extra oil on hand just in case. They took steps to be prepared since they were unsure how long the wedding party might be delayed. The foolish bridesmaids found out that the last minute was too late to get prepared.

When the foolish bridesmaids returned from seeking additional oil, the bridegroom had already arrived, and he would not open the door because he did not know them. All had the same chance to be part of the reign of God. The foolish and the wise bridesmaids each had the opportunity to be prepared.

In parables like this one proclaimed at the end of this liturgical year, Matthew encourages us to remain prepared by living attentively in the present while being aware of the future. We should imagine ourselves standing on the edge of the grave with one foot on a banana peel. We can slip into eternity so quickly. The reign of God is coming, yet we must be alert to God's active presence among us now. We must avoid frantic last-minute attempts to straighten out our lives, but live daily in prepared anticipation. If we are faithful to the teachings of Jesus, then there is no need for fear. We must hold on to that faith long into the night as we wait, even though the bridegroom is nowhere in sight — stay awake, serve and hope, pray and wait.

Life is but a collection of minutes. Each minute has fresh potential. I can choose to use each minute for some greater good or do otherwise. In this parable, the bridesmaids did not know the hour of the bridegroom's arrival. So some missed the Lord's coming because they were not living each moment to its full possibility.

If I only have a collection of minutes, what will I do with my stash? Will I spend my moments bringing the reign of God an inch closer to reality? Will I find a way to combat the barriers separating me from my sisters and brothers? Will I choose to delve into the roots of injustice and follow — or even blaze — a trail to greater unity, justice and compassion?

Those wise bridesmaids with oil enough to light their lamps and welcome the Lord were not perfect. But they were persistent in their efforts at goodness, at caring and tending to others. They may not have always shone as brightly as they might. But they may have never given up or turned away from the challenge to lighten the load of God's least ones. They may not have always been outspoken against evil and injustice. But they have prayed to God to be able to find their voice and have continued to ask God for the grace to persevere. Being wise means being prepared for the bridegroom. In what facets of your life are you well prepared for the bridegroom? In what areas of your life do you struggle to prepare well?

Uptown Canticle - continued

Preparation is an urgent personal responsibility. The maidens with no oil could not borrow it from others, and it did them no good to go and buy more. It was too late. They had the same opportunity to be prepared, but for whatever reason, they had not done so. We have this day, this hour, this minute to prepare a welcome. Our preparation is a personal responsibility that cannot be borrowed from anyone else or “bought” at the last minute. Our preparation must be prayerful, purposeful and practical.

Like the bridesmaids, let us now be awake and ready to stand, kneel, sit, bow, and sing ourselves in common action as we welcome our Eucharistic Lord united in body, mind and voice. For *“Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”*

We invite you to join us this weekend for one of our masses either in church or via live stream of the Sunday 9:30 am mass.

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, 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 Archbishop Aymond has dispensed the people of the Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If someone is vulnerable and not feeling well, we ask that you not celebrate Mass in church with other people. We will continue to live stream the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday from church.



YEAR 2021 MASS BOOK & SANCTUARY CANDLE

Mass Intentions for the year 2021 will be accepted beginning **Tuesday, November 10th**. Return your Mass requests by mail, collection baskets at the weekend Masses, or directly to the Parish Center.

Mass for Parishioners will be alternated between the 9:30am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday.

Mass donations are \$5.00 per mass/ per intention.

When requesting Masses, the following guidelines apply:

4:00 p.m. Saturday - Multiple Intentions

9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.

Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.

Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri. - Single Intention

6:00 p.m. Tues. - Single Intention

Looking for Volunteers

During this Covid-19 pandemic many parishioners have commented how they appreciate the live-stream of the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. And until the obligation to attend Mass is reinstated, we have invested in advanced technology to continue the live-stream. Two Way Communications of Metairie installed 3 cameras to record the Masses. The computer monitors and additional equipment are located in the choir loft.

We are recruiting volunteers who have technology skills and are willing to be trained to serve as a live-stream technician.

Interested? Contact Matt or Melisa in the Parish Office 504-891-4479.

CHURCH SUPPORT

October 31—November 1, 2020

“YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH”

Envelopes	\$1,015.00
Loose	\$1,134.25
E-Giving	\$1,362.00
TOTAL	\$3,511.25

Second Collections

Matthew 25 Ministry	\$300.00
Building and Maintenance	\$513.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

A Stewardship Moment

The parable of the five wise virgins who brought extra oil and the five unwise who did not seems to suggest that Jesus was a Boy Scout and was well aware of their motto, “Be Prepared.” It is more likely that the Boy Scouts were aware of that parable, and others, and based their motto on the teaching of Jesus. People who live in areas prone to hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, blizzards and other climate or geology related events know the value of being prepared. Jesus clearly meant that being prepared involved more than having an extra vile of oil for a lamp or the right supplies and equipment in the event of an emergency. He intended that we should live our life always prepared to grow in the understanding and use all the talents, abilities and gifts God has given to each of us, to the best of our ability, for ourselves and for others. That is truly “being prepared,” especially the part about using all that God has given us *for others*.

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.



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 7 -

4:00pm - Nancy Clair McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret “Betsy” Ross, Julia Pansano, Patsy Gibbons, Cathy Moriarity, Special Intention Cynthia Gilmore

SUNDAY, November 8 - 9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Patricia Gibbons, Special Intention Cynthia Gilmore

11:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, November 9 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

TUESDAY, November 10 - Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

WEDNESDAY, November 11 - Jerrye Baehr Martin

THURSDAY, November 12 - John G. Piglia, Sr.

FRIDAY, November 13 - Patricia Gibbons

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 8th - November 14th

Sunday	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

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, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Evelyn Francioni, Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, 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, Robert Schwab, Ainsley Saleun, Antoine Saleun, 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
Veterans of Military Service



St. Francis of Assisi
Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our food bank operates on a year round basis distributing food to the poor every first Saturday of the month. However, at Christmas we make an effort to provide each family in need in our parish with a special basket that will allow them to celebrate the holiday in a special way. Our Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor currently helps approximately 50 families. We prepare these baskets to present to the needy families along with gifts from our parish Angel Tree project. Your generosity allows these special presentations to be made.

Below is a list of the items that are placed in every gift basket. We ask that when you are grocery shopping, please purchase these items as you are able. Know that your efforts will make the holidays much brighter for the 50 families within our parish boundaries.

**Purchases should be returned to the Church or Parish Office
by the weekend of November 21-22.**

**We will also accept monetary donations to our
Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor to purchase items on our list.**



Oatmeal, Grits or Cereal
Pancake or Cornbread Mix
Boxed Crackers
Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter
Jelly or Syrup
Small Cooking Oil
Cans of Evaporated Milk
Cans of Soup
Rice, Spaghetti, or Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce

Dried Beans
Cans of Red Beans/White Beans
Cans of Pork & Beans
Cans of Tuna Fish
Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
Cans of Fruit
Cans of Assorted Vegetables
Canned Meats
Cans of Chili
Napkins
Dish Detergent

Breaking Open the Readings

First Reading



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 6:12-16

Neither Remote nor Aloof

Education is more than gaining knowledge about things. It is attaining wisdom. It forms people in a way of life. Religious education especially has this goal: not just teaching things about church, but forming people as disciples.

Even when we leave school, we still have much to learn. The lessons of life come easily at times but also at great cost. Those who go through life open to learning will gain true wisdom.

The Book of Wisdom imagines God's wisdom as a woman. She is not aloof and hard to discover. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of those who desire to see her. She goes around where people live, appears to them on the streets, and greets them with care. The wisdom of life is easy to grasp for those who want to learn.

How does your community make it possible for you to gain wisdom? Do people gather for formal education? Do guests come to speak? Does your community promote the reading of books and the discussion of ideas?

God's wisdom is not meant to be remote. It is ready for us before we are ready for it. When we go to seek wisdom, wisdom will be there waiting.

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Second Reading



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Remembering the Dead

Our cemeteries contain the remains of the dead and give us a place to remember their lives. We all strive to live a life worth remembering, a life that has purpose. Some lives are shorter than others, but all lives have meaning, and each person is loved by God.

When we stroll through a cemetery, we see the names of many we do not know. We trust that someone still knows them, still remembers them, and still grieves their passing. We hope someone will remember the good we do and the life we lead.

In the First Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy console a new group of Christians about their dead. The Thessalonians wonder if their dead are lost forever. After all, Jesus was due to return shortly. Have they missed out? Has their belief gone for no good? Are they forever consigned to the grave, unable to rejoice in the Day of the Lord?

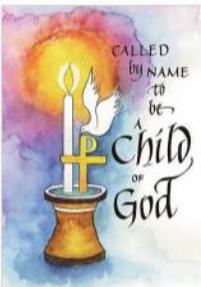
The missionaries answer that there is no cause to grieve. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." The living have hope, and so do the dead.

Our cemeteries are reminders of the dead, and they are beacons of hope for the living. For no matter how long or short our lives, how many people we met, or who has remembered or forgotten our names, there is One who always remembers, who has the power to raise us to a new hope, a new life.

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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 <https://bible.usccb.org/> (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Baptisms



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Welcomes

Eleanor Deery Dunn

Christopher Thomas Sheehan

into the family of the Catholic Church

Congratulations to

Keely Desadier
and her son Thomas
who were initiated into the
Catholic church through
the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation, & First Holy Eucharist on
Tuesday, November 3 at St. Francis.



General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Entering & Leaving: 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 social distance

During Mass: Wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion. Be mindful of social distancing and maintain 6 feet from others at all times. 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.

Children's Church Helpers Needed



Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30am Mass started back last Sunday and will meet each week in the yard in front of the Rectory (weather permitting). Help is needed to supervise the children during Children's Liturgy of the Word and to help walk them from church to the rectory lawn and back. Volunteers 18+ must be willing to become Safe Environment certified.

For more information, please contact Christi at cschott@stfrancisuptown.com.

Lectors Needed!



Lectors are needed to proclaim the first and second readings and the Prayers of the Faithful at each mass on Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact our Parish Office at 891-4479 or Fr. Michael at frmichael@stfrancisuptown.com.

Mothers Prayers has moved to in-person meetings OUTSIDE!



Wednesdays in person (outside)
at the Parish Center on the play-
ground at 10:00am

Moms and grandmothers in every stage of
parenting are welcome.

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



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