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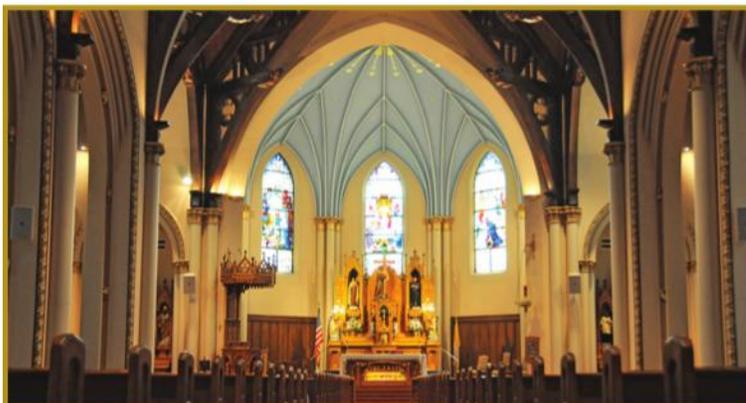
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PARISH PRAYER

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
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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

A lion was getting rather old and slow and having difficulty catching its prey. The lion decided it needed a disguise so that other animals did not know it was a lion and would not run away. So, it goes into a fancy-dress shop and buys a gorilla suit. The lion then heads for a watering hole to see if it can catch something with its new disguise. On the way it comes across two eagles sitting on a rock. One eagle says, "Hi Mr. Lion!" The other said, "Where did you get the gorilla suit?" The lion, rather frustrated, asks, "How did you know I was a lion?" The eagles then started to sing, *"You can't hide your lion eyes"*.

Lying Eyes? Seeing can be a physical activity of the eyes, or an inspired activity of the heart. We might see with our eyes the worried look of a parent caring for a sick child; our inspired heart sees love and compassion pouring out. We might see with our eyes a student struggling to get through school; our inspired heart sees potential for creativity and insight beyond learning. We might see with our eyes the run-down condition of a neighborhood; our inspired heart sees the inner beauty of downtrodden people desiring a better life. We might see with our eyes the homeless; our inspired heart sees hopelessness reaching out for understanding. We might see with our eyes the hungry, the thirsty, strangers, the naked, the ill, the imprisoned, the lonely, the abandoned, the elderly, the dying; our inspired heart sees the Person of Christ our King crying out to be touched by the Person of Christ our King who dwells within each of us.

Embedded in Matthew's parable, the only judgment scene in the gospels, is what I might call the "King Incognito". In a stunning moment, the king reveals himself to be someone who was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison. This "king incognito" takes off his disguise before the very ones who fed, housed, welcomed and visited him in life's most difficult moments. Christ the King is Christ the disguised, Christ the covert, Christ the hidden, Christ the needy, Christ that other, nameless person we pass by and pray no eye contact is made. How does the word "king" transform itself from a throne to a soup kitchen, from a bejeweled dais to a half-way house, from a palace to a prison?

Both the sheep and the goats are perplexed and surprised when the disguise is removed. Some breeds of goats and sheep are nearly indistinguishable from each other – goats look like sheep, and sheep look like goats. And Jesus is indistinguishable from those among us in need – Jesus looks like the 'least' and the "least" look like Jesus. On the day of final judgement Jesus will distinguish between those faithful ones who have cared for him and those unfaithful ones who have not. What in God's name are we to do, when we discover that this One in disguise populates all our spaces almost everywhere we look? The hungry, the thirsty, the abandoned, the stranger, the sick, the prisoner are persons whose lives invite us to serve our Lord by serving them.



We begin honing our awareness. Both sheep and goats failed the awareness test. The difference in those on our Lord's right and those on his left is not their unawareness of these who needed their care, but how they responded to the person in the moment, at the time, in the circumstances the particular need surfaced. How often do we drive through the traffic to our work, through the busy streets of important relationships, down back alleys of inconvenience blind to human beings we pass by with what might be a very simple need? When have we ever not seen something that was actually (almost) right in front of us? Why did we miss it? What opportunities to help or serve do we probably miss most frequently? What is the likeliest reason? Being preoccupied with other things? Expecting the opportunities to look more obvious? Not considering it important? Purposely not trying very hard?

Uptown Canticle - continued

Every year on this Sunday the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the Catholic community the opportunity to recognize the needy among us through the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. 40 million Americans, including one in five children, live below the poverty line. Many of these are considered “working poor,” which means that they work but do not make enough money to cover essentials like housing, health care, child care, and food. During this pandemic, it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For most Americans, these decisions stem from a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. Your support to today’s CCHD collection will help make a difference and end the cycle of poverty in our communities. Twenty-five percent of your donations will be kept in this archdiocese to fund local projects, and the remaining 75% goes to the CCHD national office to support antipoverty initiatives across the United States. Thank you for your generosity.



The only criterion for judgment is how we see Christ Incognito in the face of the needy and whether or not we gave ourselves away in love in his name. No one knows the day of final judgment when Christ the King returns in all his glory. Yet we do know a day of judgment: every day. Judgement is according to what we do or do not do—right now, here today for the persons in our midst. One of the best ways we can begin to see the Christ in the other is by not judging the negative aspects of their persons first, but instead looking for the good in the other. By seeking first to compliment rather than to criticize another. Caring that we don’t spread gossip is another way. How critical our choices and actions are today.? When has it been easiest for us to see the person of Christ in others? When has it been most challenging? Perhaps the first and foremost task of being good subjects of Christ the King is to live as he did – not simply seeing with the eyes, but seeing with hearts responding to the dignity of others in their need for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, mercy and love. Remember those lying eyes!

Join us this weekend for one of our masses either in church or via live stream of the Sunday 9:30 am mass. For parishioners we cannot accommodate in 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.

In all circumstances, give thanks, For this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Parish Office Closed



The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

CHURCH SUPPORT

November 14-15, 2020

“YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH”

Envelopes	\$2,312.00
Loose	\$1,186.00
E-Giving	\$1,267.00
TOTAL	\$4,765.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT



Our Parish will celebrate
Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:30am
No Vigil on Wednesday

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when people of all the nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are the instruments of Christ’s active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers or strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?



Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Robert McIntyre



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 21 -

4:00pm - Nancy Clair McCann, Robert McIntyre, Margaret “Butsy” Ross, Julia Pansano, Cathy Moriarity, Patsy Gibbons, Special Intention Cynthia Gilmore, Special Intention Grace D. Espanola, Jerry McGuinness, Ed Plauché, Henry Schorr

SUNDAY, November 22 -

9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Patricia Gibbons, Special Intention Cynthia Gilmore, In Thanksgiving

11:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, November 23 - Billy Hock

TUESDAY, November 24 - Patricia Gibbons

WEDNESDAY, November 25 - Cecelia Rosche Baehr

THURSDAY, November 26 - Parishioners

FRIDAY, November 27 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 22nd - November 28th

Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

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, Guella Dragon, 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.

Beginning Friday, November 27th



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Immediately following the 8:30 am Mass
Fridays 9:00am-10:00am
St. Francis of Assisi Church

All are Welcome to adore our Lord.



Matthew 25 Angel Tree Ministry

Trees decorated with angel ornaments will be placed at the doors of the Church the weekend of November 28th & 29th. Each ornament will provide information necessary to purchase a gift for a needy person in our area. We kindly ask you to make sure all gifts are wrapped, marked with the number from the ornament, and returned to Church or Parish Center by the weekend of December 12th and 13th.

Gifts and Food Baskets will be distributed on the morning of December 19th.

Thank you for helping to make the Christmas season brighter for the needy in our area.

Live Stream Update



9:30 am Mass on Sundays will be live streamed via our YouTube Channel, *St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church New Orleans*.

A link will be available on our website & our Facebook page as well.

YouTube Channel: [St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, New Orleans](#)

Facebook page: [St. Francis of Assisi New Orleans](#)

Website: www.stfrancisuptown.com

St. Francis of Assisi Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor

Thanksgiving Food Drive

At Christmas we make an effort to provide each family in our program with a special basket that will allow them to celebrate the holiday in a special way. These baskets are prepared and presented to the needy families along with gifts from our parish Angel Tree project. Below is a list of the items that are placed in every gift basket. We ask that you when grocery shopping and purchase these items as you are able. Know that your efforts will make the holidays much brighter for a number of families within our parish boundaries. Purchases should be returned to the Church or Parish Office this week.

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
Cans of Evaporated Milk
Boxes-Macaroni & Cheese
Cans-Assorted Vegetables
Cans of Red or White Beans
Cans of Pork & Beans

Rice, Spagetti or Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Powdered Milk
Peanut Butter
Jelly or Syrup
Dried Beans
Small Cooking Oil

Cans of Tuna Fish
Cans of Fruit
Napkins
Dish Detergent
Cans of Chili
Cans of Soup
Canned Meats



St. Francis of Assisi Outreach to Haiti

#iGIVECATHOLIC
December 1, 2020



Our sister parish, St. Francois Xavier in Haiti has continued to grow in faith though they have suffered greatly during this global pandemic and Hurricane Laura. Lack of adequate medical care, economic hardship, scarcity of food & increased food costs have all contributed exponentially to their suffering. Twice this year, we've sent emergency food assistance.

Today, we seek to raise \$30,000.

- ✠ \$10,000 for finishing work on the front of the rectory, the living room and bedroom so they can receive visitors (missionaries, visiting priests, and hopefully, eventually, parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi.)
- ✠ \$8000 For emergency food assistance
- ✠ \$12,000 - To grow the goat husbandry program

Support our St. Francis of Assisi Outreach to Haiti

Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating by #GivingTuesday, December 1!

Advanced Giving is OPEN!

**It's easy. . . 1) Visit iGiveCatholic.org 2) Search St. Francis of Assisi - New Orleans
3) Donate \$25 or more *** Early online giving is open now *****



St. Francis of Assisi
invites you to:

Carols from the Porch

Saturday, Dec. 19 5:00pm
(immediately following the 4pm Vigil Mass)

On the Rectory lawn

All are invited to bring a chair and
dress as their favorite Nativity
character while enjoying Christmas
carols from the porch of the rectory.

Hot chocolate and individually wrapped
Christmas cookies will be available.



Due to Covid-19, the parish
unfortunately has to cancel its
annual Children's Nativity Pro-
gram. Please join us instead
for "Carols from the Porch"
Saturday, Dec. 19 at 5pm on
the lawn in front of the rectory.

Children's Church Helpers Needed



Children's Liturgy of the
Word during the 9:30am
Mass has returned and
will meet each week in the yard in
front of the Rectory (weather permit-
ting). 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 be-
come 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.

For more information please contact the Parish Office at
891-4479 or Fr Michael at frmichael@stfrancisuptown.com.

Mothers Prayers Group

Wednesdays at 10:00am
In person (outside)

Contact Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

Our Mass Book for 2021 is now open.

Celebrate a life, commemorate a special day, or honor a loved one
with a Mass Intention. Mass offerings are \$5 each and are available
for weekday Masses and weekend Masses - Saturday, 4 pm Vigil and
Sunday 9:30 am and 11:30am (alternating weekends). For more in-
formation, please call the Parish Office (504) 891-4479.

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