

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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:** Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.  
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**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

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

### 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

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I thought it appropriate to share with you the article that was first published on the front page of the Times Picayune April 25, 1921. This weekend marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church. As we remember those who were the shepherds in our archdiocese one hundred years ago, let us renew our commitment to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

### Archbishop Shaw Blesses Laying of Cornerstone Impressive Ceremonies Mark Start of St. Francis of Assisi Edifice.

The labor of several years was rewarded and the realization of a dream a pastor and parishioners foreseen Sunday in the laying of the cornerstone and dedication of a new edifice to replace the frame one that heretofore has served the congregation of St. Francis of Assisi parish. Archbishop Shaw, in impressive ceremonies at 4pm laid the stone and blessed the structure of the building, situated on State Street near Constance.

#### DISTINGUISHED PRELATE LAYS CORNERSTONE



Archbishop Shaw placing mortar under the cornerstone of the new St. Francis of Assisi Church, dedicated Sunday. Besides Archbishop Shaw, reading left to right are: Rev. Theophile Stenmans, Monsignor L. J. Kavanagh, Rev. F. C. Brockmeier, rector of the church; Monsignor J. F. Prim, Rev. William Parrot and Rev. Vincent Prats.

The new edifice, resumption of the construction of which will be taken up within a few days, had its beginning seven years ago, when the Reverend F. Charles Brockmeier, rector, had the foundation laid in anticipation of a building that would house his congregation adequately when sufficient money could be assured to complete it. A fund for the purpose had been gradually accumulated since, and recently a house-to-house campaign brought the total to a figure that justified the pastor in proceeding with the work.

When completed, the new St. Francis of Assisi Church will rank with the best in the city. Commodious in dimensions and substantially framed, it will be furnished commensurately. During the more than twenty years pastorate of Father Brockmeier, the parish has moved forward in population and prestige. There are more than 600 Catholic families in the parish. A parochial school, maintained in a modern brick structure, under direction of the Sisters of Christian Charity, cares for the education of more than 500 pupils at this time, which the numerous parochial organizations are active.

The Right Reverends Monsignori Leslie J. Kavanagh and J. Francis Prim, rectors, respectively, of Our Lady of Lourdes and Mater Doloroso Churches, assisted in the dedication services. The Reverend Theophile Stenmans of Edgard, LA, was deacon, and the Reverend William Parrot of Taft, LA, Sub-deacon. The Reverend Vincent Prats, rector of St. Leo the Great Church was master of ceremonies, and the cantors were the Reverend Theodore Laboure, O.M.I., of St. Louis Cathedral, and the Reverend M.H. Chauvin, rector of St. James Church. The dedication sermon was preached by the Reverend Peter Nies of Bayou Goula, LA.

## Uptown Canticle - continued

The actual placing of the stone was preceded and followed by the prescribed ritual, while besides a host of articles as mementoes of the dedication were placed within the stone. These included coins of various years and denominations, church and secular publications, New Orleans newspapers and lists of names.

Benediction, within the present church, with Archbishop Shaw as the celebrant, concluded the services, Father Nies delivering his sermon immediately at the close of the dedication proper. Father Nies wove about the dedication a discourse on the structure of society, which he said could endure only if Christ as representative of the chief cornerstone was made the foundation of individual, family, community and national life.

Uniformed ranks from the Catholic Knights of America and the Holy Name Society formed a guard of honor at the dedication. Children from parish societies sang under direction of the sisters, and outside the crowded church at benediction a hundred or more children from the parochial school added their voices to the song of the service carried on within. A distinguished out-of-town guest was the Right Reverend Paul Schauble, O.S.B., abbot of the Benedictine Monastery at St. Benedict, LA. All available standing room of the old and new church lawns was occupied by parishioners.

**Archbishop Gregory Aymond will be with us when we celebrate the centennial anniversary Eucharist of the dedication of our historic church at the anticipated mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2021. Save the date to join with the parishioners for this significant milestone in the history of our parish community.**

May we use this special event in our parish history to become a new canticle of love and praise for the gift of St. Francis who imitated so beautifully the life of your son, Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

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FOR THE PERPETUAL MEMORY OF THE MATTER

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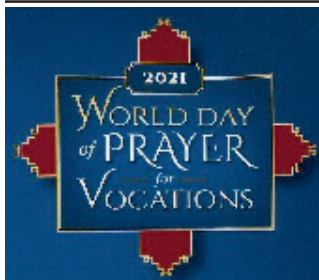
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ON THE  
24TH DAY OF APRIL 1921



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 25, 2021

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the

Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

*2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*



## CHURCH SUPPORT

"YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH"

**APRIL 17-18, 2021**

Envelopes	\$3,473.00
Loose	\$1,606.00
E-Giving	\$1,504.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,583.00</b>

### Special Collections

Matthew 25 Ministry	\$199.00
Building and Maintenance	\$563.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

## Special Collections

**This weekend** - Our collection is for the **Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund**. The annual retirement collection on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 24-25, 2021 is used to support the medical and retirement expenses of our retired priests, who have served our Archdiocese so faithfully.

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council

St. Francis of Assisi has reached a moment in parish life for the discernment and selection of three new members to serve in the leadership ministry for our parish.

Council Member Dan Housey will deliver a brief talk on the nomination process at all masses this weekend. If you are enthusiastic about the future direction of our parish, willing to listen, to speak honestly and to work toward consensus then you are who the council needs.

## A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow him, trust him?



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns  
this week in memory of  
**Victims of Violence**



## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, April 24** - Nancy Clair McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia Pansano, Billy Hock, Gregory Juan, Robert McIntyre, Michael Rapier, Sidney Marshall Longwell, James William Lavin, Jr., Gerald "Jerry" Albert Fisher, Brooks Erin Belden

**SUNDAY, April 25 - 9:30am** - Betsie Melancon, Sidney F. Lewis, IV

**11:30am** - Parishioners

**MONDAY, April 26** - Dorothy McRae

**TUESDAY, April 27** - Billy Hock

**WEDNESDAY, April 28** - Special Intention Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Balingit

**THURSDAY, April 29** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

**FRIDAY, April 30** - Special Intention Tely Bayuga

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 25<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

## 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, Walker Beery, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Mavette 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, Earl Pansano, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggie, Patricia Riggie, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Fay Schultz, Robert Schwab, Ainsley Saleun, Antoine Saleun, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Touns, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant & Poydras Homes & 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### VBS 2021

July 26 - 30

9:00am - 12:00pm daily

Registration is now open! Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Adult and teen volunteers (16+) are needed. Registration forms are available online at <https://stfrancisuptown.com/religious-education> or on the parish Facebook page. For more information, contact Christi at [cschott@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:cschott@stfrancisuptown.com).

### "Angels Unawares"

On display and open to the public to visit on the front yard of Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 S. Carrollton Ave, through May 21. "Angels Unawares" depicts centuries of migrants leaving their homelands for a better and safer life for their families, and embodies Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."



**Outreach to Haiti Update:** From Fr. Gary Ocgenor & parishioners...

*"Thank you to St Francis of Assisi for your generosity & your love for St François Xavier."*

Improvements of the rectory at St. Francois Xavier using funds raised during our #iGive Catholic Campaign. Thank you for supporting this community!



### Christ in the City

Christ in the City, returns for a pair of evenings this spring! The hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, will be held on Tuesday, May 4th & Tuesday, June 1st at 7:15 PM at St. Rita, New Orleans [2729 Lowerline St.] There will be no social hour to follow for our May & June gatherings. For more information, contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at [yam@arch-no.org](mailto:yam@arch-no.org). Christ in the City is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

### Mothers Prayers Group

**NEW TIME!!!**

**TUESDAYS** at 8:00 am  
(outside—behind the rectory)

**Moms in every stage of parenting welcome**

For information: Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or [familylife@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:familylife@stfrancisuptown.com)



### St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Mornings  
9:00am - 10:00am

In Church following 8:30am Mass



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I lack.  
In green pastures he makes me lie down;  
to still waters he leads me;  
he restores my soul.  
He guides me along right paths

for the sake of his name.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff comfort me. Amen

## April 25, 2021 The Good Shepherd

*Today's readings: Acts 4:8–12; Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1–2; John 10:11–18.* Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.” The image of the Good Shepherd is one that shows a love that is protective and a love that shows complete concern for the other. This love is most fully expressed when the shepherd lays down his life on the cross for the sheep.

For Jesus’ listeners, the image of a shepherd would have been familiar. The community lived closer to the land than many do today and knew what the work of shepherding entails. In addition, alive in their memory was David, the shepherd king, the ruler of their ancestors from whom the messiah was to come. Jesus’ listeners also would have known of the bad shepherds, shepherds that the prophet Ezekiel had referenced. Jesus himself contrasts the Good

Shepherd with the hired man who works for pay. The Good Shepherd watches over the sheep with love. As Psalm 23 states, the shepherd cares for his sheep, leading them to “still waters” and guiding them “along right paths.” Both Jews and Christians draw consolation from this prayer’s depiction of God as a shepherd, with a rod and staff that provide comfort.

Copy the words of Psalm 23. Which word or phrase stands out most for you? What strikes you most fully? Use pencils, pastels, or markers to illuminate your copied psalm. Choose to draw or shade impressions or work on a less abstract illustration. While you are working, ponder the great gift of the Shepherd’s protective love. Reflect on what it means to be the Lord’s sheep.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 26

#### Listening for His Voice

The sheep hear the Good Shepherd's voice and recognize it. When do you hear the shepherd's voice most clearly? It is difficult to hear amid the noise of the world. Take five to ten minutes for silent listening. If calming your thoughts is difficult, walking may help to quiet your mind. Another tool for contemplation is to journal by drawing or writing. The movement we engage in can help to quiet our thoughts so that we can hear God calling to us. *Today's readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3-4; John 10:1-10.*

### Tuesday, April 27

#### Making Sheep, Being Sheep

Mold sheep out of clay or make them from cardstock, toothpicks, and cotton balls. Each family member can make his or her own sheep. Then add them to your prayer area to help you reflect on your identity as a sheep of the Good Shepherd. How does the shepherd restore your strength? How is it that you lack nothing? Reflecting on these questions together as a family is a great way to form young children in the faith. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30.*

### Wednesday, April 28

#### New Life

As spring comes and new life spreads throughout the world, it is as though the natural world is reminding us about resurrection. Make a small hanging planter of spring flowers, and bring it to a neighbor who is homebound or someone who is lonely. Sit and visit, seeking connection. This too is a way to bring new life. You might choose to do this for several neighbors. The planting and visiting is a great way for families to build relationships with people in their community. *Today's readings: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; John 12:44-50.*

### Thursday, April 29

#### St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was an Italian woman who was not afraid to speak the truth, even when it was not what people wanted to hear. Read more about the life of this woman who had mystical experiences in prayer. Is God calling you to speak the truth in difficult circumstances? In St. Catherine's day, the Church was undergoing difficulties, much like today. How can we use her life and her writings to inspire us in both prayer and action? *Today's readings: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; John 13:16-20.*

### Friday, April 30

#### Paul's Preaching

St. Paul preaches, showing Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of God to Israel. When Christians read Scripture, we too look at what happened earlier in salvation history in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Does your parish have a Scripture study you can attend? Reading the Word together in community is a way to guide our interpretations. *Today's readings: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6.*

### Saturday, May 1

#### St. Joseph the Worker

When we think about St. Joseph, we often meditate on what is called the hidden life of Jesus. These are the many days when the Holy Family was at home in Nazareth. In terms of the time spent and the love that existed, these days were not too different from time with our families. Mary and Joseph were observant of the customs of Jews of their day, and hospitality would have been important to them. Perhaps you could invite someone to your home for dinner in imitation of their practice. It would be especially good if you invite a person who might be having a difficult time or someone who is not a regular guest in your home. *Today's readings: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14. Proper Gospel for Joseph: Matthew 13:54-58.*





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