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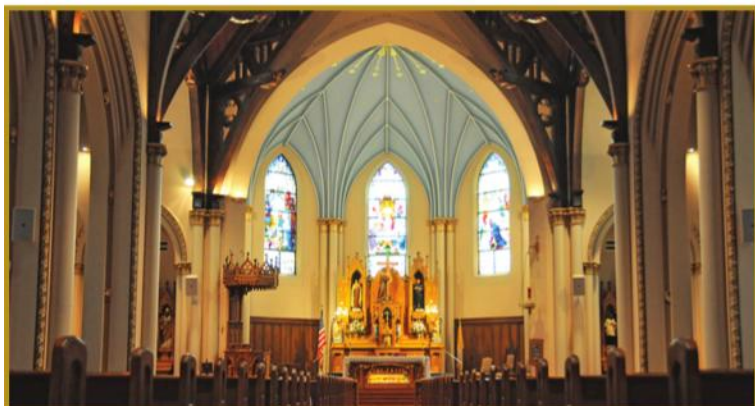
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PARISH PRAYER

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: Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.
Coordinator of Religious Education - Shelly Chiappetta
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Receptionist/Secretary - Caroline Toso
Administrative Assistant - Teresa Miller
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D. Wright
Cantors - Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards, 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

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 weekend we observe World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. The decision to hold a World Day for Grandparents and Older People has come at a time marked by a pandemic and by the suffering of our older generations in recent months in every part of the world. Reports of elderly people having to die alone and then not even being given a funeral, have been a cause of deep pain to the Church. It is one of the crosses of our time that was rightly brought to mind during the Way of the Cross with the Pope on Good Friday this year: “People jumped out of the ambulance dressed like astronauts, wearing protective suits, gloves, masks and face shields. They took away my grandfather who had been having difficulty breathing. That was the last time that I saw my grandfather. He died a few days later in hospital. I think of how lonely he must have felt. I could not be near him physically to say goodbye and to comfort him”.

To be unable to be close to those who suffer is at odds with a Christian’s calling to show compassion. This World Day is an opportunity to reaffirm that the Church can never remain distant from those who carry a cross. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, “I am with you always”, expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every church community wishes to be *with the elderly always*. The annual celebration of a day dedicated to older people is a way of incorporating attention for the frail elderly into the routine fabric of our pastoral work.

Pope Francis has demonstrated his spiritual closeness to the elderly throughout his pontificate. Like other sectors that have not always received adequate pastoral care, older people have a precise mission to fulfil as holy faithful People of God. Pope Francis identifies their task as being to keep memories alive and to transmit the faith to the younger generations, but, more importantly, he considers the elderly to be a significant component of the Catholic laity. They are companions on the journey. The Holy Father is asking the elderly to share responsibility for the way the Church will go in the future and to take part in the construction of the world after the pandemic.

The Pope wrote in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, “We have seen what happened to the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way. Yet something similar had long been occurring during heat waves and in other situations where older people found themselves cruelly abandoned. We fail to realize that, by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself. We also end up depriving young people of a necessary connection to their roots and of wisdom that the young cannot achieve on their own” (FT 19). These important words can help us to reflect on the debt that families – and family pastoral care – owe to a generation that has in some respects fallen into oblivion.

We celebrate seniors and young people together: parents and children; grandparents and grandchildren; people who may not belong to the same family. The Church is aware of the need for reconciliation between generations and of the difficulties experienced by older people, but blame is not attached to the failings of anyone. The way chosen is to have an occasion of joyful celebration together.

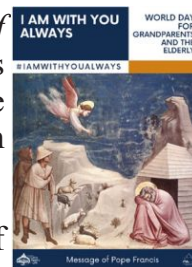
As we see in the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father, festivities can overcome the divisions that have scarred a family. The son had probably considered his father to be old and near death, and so he asked for his inheritance which he then squandered. His father welcomed him back and forgave him, and so he is reconciled with his elderly parent and also with himself. This is all celebrated with a feast in which they took part together. The merciful father is not unaware of the problems, betrayals and

Uptown Canticle - continued

ambiguities, but he still chooses to celebrate. This is because only the joy of the Gospel is capable of filling the heart and setting us free “from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness” (EG 1). It is the basis on which to build renewed relationships between the generations and, thanks to the wisdom shown by the elderly, it is a rock on which to build our societies after the pandemic.

We want the first World Day of Grandparents and Older People to be a celebration involving all generations. It is not a matter simply of happiness, but of joy born from the knowledge that the Lord is close to the lives of the elderly as well as the young, for *God is with us always*.

We will celebrate the Masses on July 24 and 25 on the occasion of this *World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly* to commemorate the elderly of their community who died as a result of Covid-19; to remind young people to visit their grandparents, and especially the elderly who are alone, to give them the Holy Father's message. Copies will be available in church. You can also access the Holy Father message on our website. [Click Here](#).



May this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly be a festivity filled with the joy of the Gospel for all!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish School of Religion

Registration is now open for the 2021-22 Parish School of Religion. Classes are offered for K-10th grade students who do not attend Catholic school or are preparing for the sacraments of first communion or Confirmation.

To register go to www.stfrancisuptown.com and click on “Registration Form” under the Religious Education tab at the top.

St. Francis of Assisi PSR Catechist

If you are interested and would like to teach as part of the Parish School of Religion beginning in August.

Contact the Parish Office at 891-4479 for more information. Catechists are needed for the second grade and ninth grade classes.

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A Stewardship Moment

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have. Exercising good stewardship serves to release God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in His name?



Mass Intentions

Mass offerings are \$5 each and are available for weekday Masses and weekend Masses - Saturday, 4 pm Vigil and Sunday 9:30am or 11:30am (alternates).

For more information, please call the Parish Office (504) 891-4479.

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.



Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Earl & Julia Pansano



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 24 - Lucille Mire McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Michael Rapier, Gregory Juan, Julia Pansano, Earl Pansano, Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

SUNDAY, July 25 - 9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Sidney A. Mills, III, Dolores Jones

11:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, July 26 - Neel Roberts

TUESDAY, July 27 - Doris V. Mire

WEDNESDAY, July 28 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

THURSDAY, July 29 - Earl Pansano

FRIDAY, July 30 - Phil & Esther Miller

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 25th - July 31st

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

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, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., 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, Joy Morton, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, 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.



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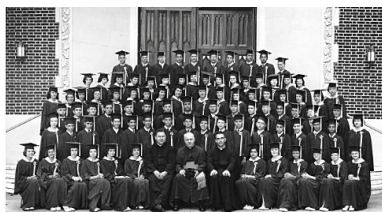
KEEP 'EM COMING!

♥ double bladed razors ♥ small soaps and
shampoos (think travel sizes from hotels, etc.)
♥ Washcloths ♥ Men's underwear: M, L, & XL

Drop off items in the baskets near the entrances
in church or at the parish center.

All are welcome to an information session on
Tuesday, August 24th from 7:00 - 8:00pm in
the St. Francis Parish Center next door to
Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
is the process for initiation into the Catholic
Church and an opportunity for those interested in
becoming Catholic to explore the life and teach-
ings of Christ through prayer, study, reflection,
and community. For information contact Shelly
Chiappetta at schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com
or (504) 891-4479 .



St. Francis of Assisi 100th Graduation Photo - Class of 1961

Request for Pictures..

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our church, we are
collecting old photographs to create a collage to be displayed at the cele-
bration in December. We are interested in photos (professional or not)
of weddings, baptisms, 1st communions, class photos (especially 8th
grade), etc. We would prefer that scans of the photos be emailed to sfadave55@gmail.com. Physi-
cal photos can be dropped off at church, however, we cannot *guarantee* their safe return.

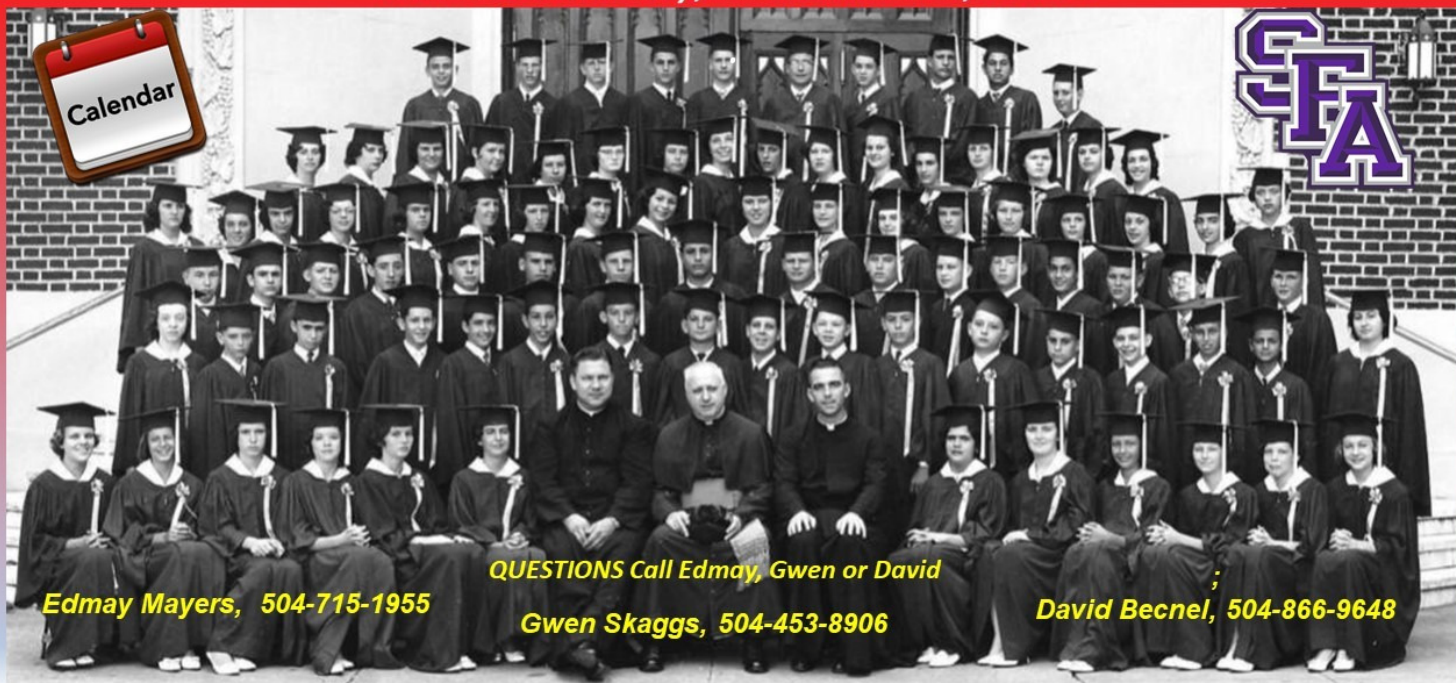
"SAVE THE DATE"

VENUE:
Rock 'n' Bowl

St. Francis of Assisi (SFA) Class of 1961 60TH Reunion

TIME:
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

DATE: Saturday, November 6, 2021



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