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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.
Deacon: Dr. Tim Kettenring
Coordinator of Religious Education: Shelly Chiappetta
Director of Family Life Ministries: Melisa Rey
Administrative Assistant: Caroline Toso
Director of Music/Organist: Thomas D. Wright
Cantors: Julia Ernst, Garrin Mesa, Emma Kay Staunton

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

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 bimonthly 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

CHRIST THE KING



I have never met a royal personage. No kings or queens in my ole Metairie neighborhood. Not even a minor prince from an obscure principality. The closest I ever came to royalty was as a Page to the King of the Krewe of Carrollton in 1955.

But I understand that there are strict protocol and etiquette in effect in the presence of the royals. Pomp and circumstance is the name of the game. There are books to tell you how and when to bow and curtsy. On a personal level, it is not acceptable to initiate a handshake or even a conversation. How confining! How stilted! How lonely!

This weekend we celebrate the end of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus' reign over his disciples is not an imposed dominion but a warm welcome extended to one who is loved and admired by the world. So, Christ the King is an ancient title for Jesus but what can it mean for us today?

Pius XI promulgated this feast for the whole church in the early years of the last century. Its purpose was to counteract secularism, which downplayed the worth of faith. Political power in Europe was being used to annihilate peoples & destroy faith. One of his most important encyclicals on the social order of modern society, was Quadragesimo Anno about the social & economic issues in terms of moral & ethical issues involved. He fostered the involvement of lay people throughout the church especially in the Catholic Action movement that he founded. His papal motto was "Christ's Peace in Christ's Kingdom." If civilized people, even Christian people, could be sucked into this "secular sphere of influence," where could we find hope and peace for society and ourselves? Two world wars & the loss of innocence would show the vulnerability of those who no longer looked to God for direction. Let us not put our faith in princes but only in the Prince of Peace, the eternal king of the universe, Jesus.

The first throne of this king was a wooden manger, a food trough for barn animals. The final throne was a wooden cross, an instrument of capital punishment. No gold or glitter here. Only the pain of birth and the pain of death. In between those two thrones Jesus preached the coming of a kingdom that was filled: with banquet tables, lost sheep and coins, pearls of great price, a huge fish net, forgiving fathers, mustard seeds, rains of wheat, a hidden treasure, and even a thief dying on a cross. His kingdom was out of this world. No one is excluded or unwelcome, unless they refuse to wear a wedding garment.

Jesus had no royal scepter, only a loaf of bread ready to be broken. He wore no bejeweled crown, only a crown of thorns. The glory that he prayed for at the Last Supper was a glory given to the Suffering Servant. Jesus is not a king chosen by popular vote or acclaim. Rulers and soldiers and even the crowds jeered and sneered at him. If this was the Messiah, they were not impressed. Where was his power? How could he rule the world by changing one heart at a time? He couldn't save himself, how could he save us?

Our world might seem very different from the time of Jesus. We have little regard for rulers, especially inherited monarchs. But those in power want to keep it and certainly have the trappings of a royal lifestyle. Jesus didn't stand on ceremony. No one curtsied, although a few prostrated themselves at his feet when they wanted healing. Jesus never seemed to demand that of them. He just listened to the desires of *their* hearts. He didn't keep his distance. He touched lepers and the blind and even the dead. No one was too lowly or too sinful to be beneath him. With him there is no protocol, no pomp. His book of manners is more interested in how we treat each other than how we stand in fear and trepidation in his presence.

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We wonder who to trust, who to follow. Jesus is the only One who can deliver us from the power of darkness and invite us into his kingdom. As the image of the invisible God, the blood of his cross can make peace on earth and with heaven.

One of the criminals recognized something regal in Jesus. How could he do this? How could this man see things differently? We cannot know his heart. We can only know his words of faith. Those words help us realize that as long as we draw breath, repentance and forgiveness are possible. Who reigns in your heart? How do you pay homage to Christ our King?

The only king I know is Jesus. He doesn't really fit any of the stereotypes. He is a king worth knowing. He is a king worth following. His promise to us is that one day he will say to each one of us: "*Today you will be with me in Paradise.*" As we stand before our savior and king around his royal banquet table, we only need to repeat: "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*"



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 19-20.

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please put a check made out to St. Francis of Assisi - Matthew 25 in the collection basket or the Poor Box in the back of church.

Oatmeal, Grits or Cereal	Dried Beans
Pancake or Cornbread Mix	Cans of Red Beans/White Beans
Boxed Crackers	Cans of Pork & Beans
Powdered Milk	Cans of Tuna Fish
Peanut Butter	Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
Jelly or Syrup	Cans of Fruit
Small Cooking Oil	Cans of Assorted Vegetables
Cans of Evaporated Milk	Canned Meats
Cans of Soup	Cans of Chili
Rice, Spaghetti, or Noodles	Napkins
Spaghetti Sauce	Dish Detergent

Women's Morning of Reflection "Prayer & Peace"

Saturday, December 17th
8:30 am - 12 noon

St. Francis of Assisi Church
631 State St. - New Orleans

Featured Speaker: Carol Weiser

Carol is a certified Spiritual Director & serves as the Director of the Lord Teach Me To Pray Ignatian prayer series, that she began on September 11, 2001. As the planes were hitting the towers, the women were arriving to begin the first LTMTP session inviting everyone to come "to know and to love" Jesus.

Jesus is the Answer to EVERY Question!
To Register: familylife@stfrancisuptown.com



SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage & Family Life is pleased to announce: the Annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans to honor couples celebrating or have recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. *Open to couples married between 1993 - 1998.* To register, please contact the parish office.

CHURCH SUPPORT

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH

November 12-13, 2022

Envelopes (32):	\$ 1,420.00
Loose (15 Checks + Cash):	\$ 2,325.25
E-Giving (32 Deposits):	\$ 1,318.00
Total:	\$ 5,063.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

This week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins.

**Parish Office Closed**

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 23rd and will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel we hear of the rulers who sneered at Jesus, the soldiers who jeered at him, the criminal who reviled him, and the people who just stood by. At our own parish church the cross stands high. Yet, every Sunday there are those who sit in front of it and are not moved by it. There are people who walk right by the cross, unmoved by it. Perhaps they've walked by it so many times they no longer give it a second thought. Could it be they are unmoved because the heart of this unbelieving thief is in them? Good stewards walk by the cross, notice it and ask themselves: "All this you did for me, what have I done for you?"

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

*Our Church Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for
Deceased Clergy & Religious*

**Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY, November 19 4:00pm Nancy Clair McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Jack Hartley, Dolores Jones, Pat McIntyre, Henry Schorr

SUNDAY, November 20 9:30am Parishioners
11:30am Betsie Melancon, Kristin McCall Rivers, Rita T. Aucoin, Madison Bradley, Margaret Favret, George J. Mire, Jr., In Thanksgiving

MONDAY, November 21 All Souls Book of Remembrance

TUESDAY, November 22 Sandra M.F. Folsé

WEDNESDAY, November 23 Myrna Cicero LeBlanc

THURSDAY, November 24 Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

FRIDAY, November 25 Cecelia Rosche Baehr

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35 -43

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; Ps 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 & 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, Savannah Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Jennifer Siegrest Bondio, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Mary Chamberland, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Sandra Hill, Pat Jones, Gerry Keller, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, Joy Morton, Jay Occhipinti, Johnny Parker, 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 Audubon Retirement Village (Hainkel), Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House and patients of Children's Hospital.

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.

Matthew 25 Angel Tree Ministry



Trees decorated with angel ornaments will be placed at the doors of the Church the weekend of November 26th & 27th. Ornaments 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 10th & 11th.

Gifts and Food Baskets will be distributed on the morning of December 17th. Thank you for helping to make the Christmas season brighter for the needy.

St. Francis Children's Nativity



Calling all Angels, Wisemen, and Shepherds!

Plans are underway for the parish's annual Children's Nativity Play and Parish Christmas Celebration to be held:

Saturday, December 17th 5:30 pm

following the 4:00pm vigil mass. Children aged two and older are welcome to participate and costumes are provided. Students in 6th grade and above are needed to read and help with child care. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help with planning and costumes. Please sign up by contacting

Shelly Chiappetta at
schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com

A Virtual Advent Retreat In Daily Life



❖ Virtual Opening and Closing
❖ Opening Session: Sunday, November 27, 2022 2:00-4:00pm (Virtual Group Experience)
❖ Closing Session: Sunday, December 18, 2022 2:00-4:00pm (Virtual Group Experience)

Personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes a day
Weekly private guidance by experienced spiritual directors. (Available in Spanish and English.)

Please register by Friday, Monday, November 21, 2022 as enrollment is limited to the availability of spiritual directors.

Cost: \$40.00 [Adjustments can be made.]

Register on the web: <https://nola.catholic.org/asc> or telephone (504) 861-3254



**Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, November 29th!
Online Giving is OPEN!**

**It's easy... 1) Visit iGiveCatholic.org
2) Search St. Francis of Assisi - New Orleans
<https://tinyurl.com/yc4bmefk>
3) Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted**

***** online giving is open now *****

Alternately, donations can be made directly to the parish office.

We seek to raise funds for a stained glass window below the window of the Assumption of Mary, between the statues of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare near the side entrance where the confessional was previously located.



The "Sacrificial Love" window will depict a Mother Pelican and her young. The pelican has become a symbol of the Eucharist because in times of famine, the pelican was believed to pierce its own breast to feed its young. It became a symbol of Christ sacrificing himself for humanity - and because of this was frequently represented in Christian art, often shown with three drops of blood.

The cost for the window will be \$10,211, exclusive of the cost of installation and the 3/8" protective exterior tempered glass. Excess funds raised will benefit our Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor, which provides groceries to approximately 30-50 families per month and provides sandwiches for the homeless .

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