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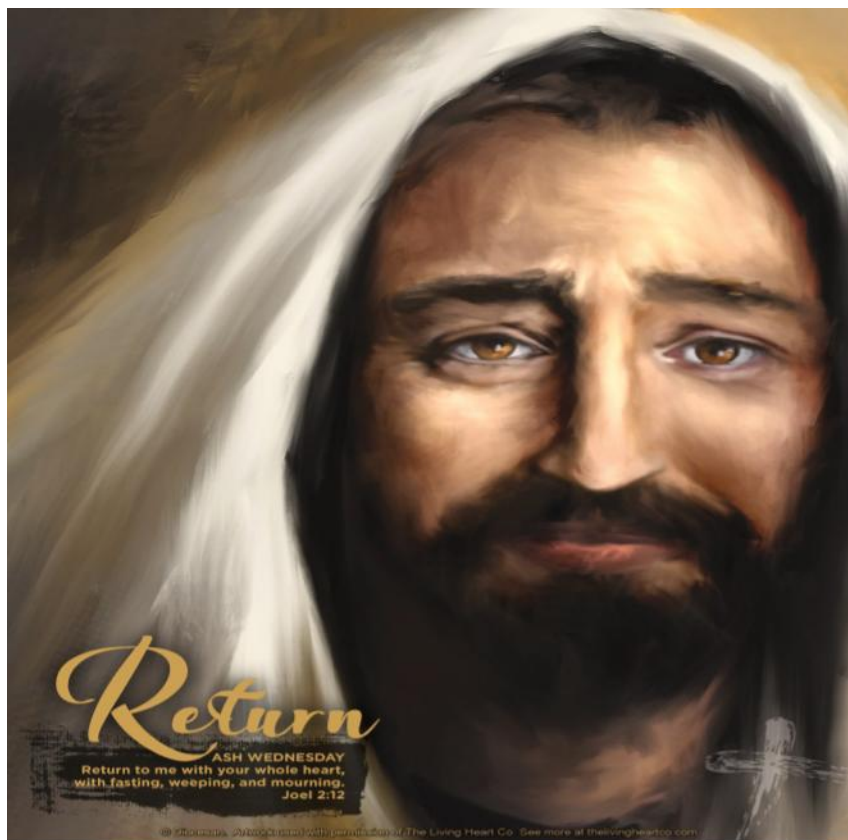
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Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil4:00 p.m.
Sunday... 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 6 pm
Holy Days To Be Announced
Monday.....7:30 a.m.
Tuesday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday.....7:30 a.m.
First Saturdays..... 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

At other times by appointment

Novena

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Tuesday after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Adoration

Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m. - In the Church

Infant Baptism

Celebrated on Sundays after mass.
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.

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.

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.

**Additional information about all of
the Sacraments, Weddings and
Funerals can be found on our
website: [https://
stfrancisuptown.com/sacraments](https://stfrancisuptown.com/sacraments)**

Uptown Canticle

By Fr. Nile Gross

Come by the Rectory after 9:30 & 11:30 Masses for
Donuts & Refreshments

As we enter the season of Lent, we recognize a shift in the way we are called to live – more intentionally. We focus on the particulars of our lives. What we do well? Where do we fall short? This is the season the Church provides to focus on such questions as we continue to perfect ourselves on the journey to our heavenly home. How can we do this?

Liturgically: During Lent, the Church asks us to show restraint in liturgy. The *Gloria* is omitted during this penitential season & use of the organ is limited. For this reason, we will be chanting more as the organ is not necessary for this style of music. We have chosen the traditional *Agnus Dei* and *Sanctus* which many church parishes use during this season and has been done here at St. Francis in the past. **The tune and words for these chants can be found in the front of the green hymnal.**

For the First Sunday in Lent, the Church asks us to enter the season with the Litany of the Saints imploring the saints to assist us as we journey together toward the Cross & Resurrection of Christ. We will be singing this as our Opening Hymn throughout next weekend.

Personally: Lent is a time of purification & growth. It is a time of taking on penances to discipline ourselves and help us to focus on our faith and God's calling in our lives. I hope all of you are choosing penances which will assist your spiritual growth.

Sometimes you may have heard it said to 'do something' for Lent and not 'give something up.' The Church has always asked that we give something up, but why not do both? We can do something for others while also sacrificing something as a way of linking our sacrifice to that of Christ. Jesus himself gives perfect examples of penitential practices which we can take on:

Prayer: Add some prayer or Scripture reading to your day. It does not have to be long prayers. Do what you can to open yourself to the will of God and giving Him the opportunity to speak to you.

Fasting: The Church requires some fasting and abstinence during the Lenten season, but perhaps we can add more – not because we want to lose

weight, but because we want to discipline ourselves and develop virtue. Perhaps we can give up unhealthy habits which we want to quit. This is the perfect time. God's grace will be with you (but the temptations are also greater during Lent, so be careful!).

Almsgiving: By almsgiving here, I do not necessarily mean that one should give more money. If you feel so moved, great! But almsgiving also involves service, giving of yourself in service to others. Perhaps volunteer more in a charity you respect and have always wanted to support. Pick up the phone and call loved ones or friends who may be having difficult times. These are other ways of living out almsgiving in our lives.

Next weekend, our Respect Life Committee will hand out baby bottles from Woman's New Life Clinic. Please return bottles during Lent with donations to help women in unplanned pregnancies. Your gift funds professional counseling for mothers & fathers in unplanned pregnancies, post-abortion care for the most wounded & hope for those considering abortion. You can also scan the QR code to make a donation.



Whatever you choose to do, keep to it. If you fail, do not beat yourselves up. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Start all over again! Try! God sees and rewards the effort. You have not failed ... you are merely imperfect in your penances just as all of us are.

Also, note that Sunday is never a day of penance, but is a celebration of Easter. Allow Sundays to be a nice reprieve from the penances if you wish. This may make fulfilling your penances a little easier.

Through it all, know that I, as your pastor, and the St. Francis community are with you in prayer. Let me know if I can be of any help or provide any guidance during this holy season. My prayers continue to be with you.

Office Closed for Mardi Gras

Monday, March 3 & Tuesday, March 4

Have a Safe and Fun Filled Mardi Gras!



Ash Wednesday Masses

March 5 7:30 am, 12 noon, 6 pm

In Church

Stations of the Cross

Takes place in church

Fridays during Lent -
5:30pm



Baby Bottle Campaign

Benefits Woman's New Life Clinic

Every Sunday in Lent

Please take baby bottles home to remember to pray for women & men in Unplanned Pregnancies and return them with donations to support the mission of WNLC.



St. Joseph Mass & Altar Blessing

Wednesday, March 19 6:00 – 7:00pm

Altar will be in Church from 8am – 8pm

Blessing at 6pm

To make a donation contact Caroline Toso 891-4479



The Beauty of a Virtuous Life: Living in Faith, Hope & Love

By Fr. Michael Champagne

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday,

March 9, 10, & 11 - 7PM

In Church

SFA O.W.L.S. are going to the New Orleans Museum of Art (Older. Wiser. Livelier. Saints)

Wednesday, March 12 @ 10 am

Docent led tour of Carlo Saraceni's exhibit "[Our Lady of Loreto](#) & Peruvian Viceregal Statue Paintings"

Lunch at Café Noma. Optional docent led tour of the Sculpture Garden after lunch.

Admission: Free for LA Residents. Each person is responsible for their own lunch.

Please RSVP by March 6 to Melisa 504.227.3766 or familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

Bible Study of the Book of Exodus with Deacon Tim

Monday evenings March 17, 24, 31 & April 7

6:30-7:30 pm

In Parish Center

What the Paschal Mystery is to the Catholic faith, Passover & Exodus is to the Jewish community. Exodus describes the great moment of Salvation in the Old Testament. God's people were enslaved & after years of bondage God hears their cries for deliverance. He raises up Moses, from their ranks to lead them out of the forced labor & to the Land of Promise. Exodus recounts the call of Moses, the Plagues, the Passover, the escape from Egypt, and the Ten Commandments given at Sinai.

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kristen Acosta
Denise Arceneaux
Ann Babington
Neil Benson
John Calogrides
Mary Chamberland
Jean Champagne
Pierre Conner
David Doll, Sr.
John Drago
Steve Gogreve
Hailey Gonsoulin
Thomas Hammock
Ryan Hartley
Donald Hazel
Lois Keifer
Elizabeth Kennedy Ostadel
Kathleen Peltier
Kay Rapier
Betty Richburg
Jerry Rubli
Julie Ryder
Saleun Family
Colleen Scarle
Sara Surgi
Lories Thompson, Jr.
Maria Viguerie
Residents of: Audubon Retirement Village, Covenant Home, Poydras Home, Lambeth House & 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.

* Please contact the office monthly to renew prayer intentions.

Mass Intentions

†(deceased), ♥ (living)



Saturday, March 1

8:00am

Lyla Nugent†

4:00pm

Henry Schorr†, Sidney A. Mills III†, Peter Miller†

Sunday, March 2

8:00am

Lyria Solist†, Alfred Robichaux, Jr.†, Jose Isaac Montoya†, Stan Ellington†, Lyla Nugent†

9:30am

Parishioners†♥

Monday, March 3

Joyce Bordelon†

Tuesday, March 4

All Souls Book of Remembrance†

Wednesday, March 5

7:30am

Lyla Nugent†

12noon

Parishioners†♥

6:00pm

Sidney A. Mills, III†

Thursday, March 6

Peter Miller†

Friday, March 7

Jose Isaac Montoya†

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:



Families in Crisis

Mass Intention Requests

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or friend, Mass offerings are \$5 each and are available for weekday or weekend Masses. For more info, please call the Parish Office (504) 891-4479.

Thank You For Celebrating Mass with Us

To make a contribution, please visit:
stfrancisuptown.com/online-giving or scan QR code.

Scan. Donate. Pray.

Please note intent of donation (Offertory, Matthew 25 for the Poor, Special Collection, Holy Day, etc.) Thank you for your stewardship & continued support.



Church Support

February 22 - 23, 2025

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,010
Loose.....	\$ 3,769
E-Giving.....	\$ 1,651
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,430

Special Collection

Catholic Charities.....	\$1,427
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Upcoming Special Collections

Mar 1/2 - Building & Maint. Fund
Mar 15/16 - Seminarian Ed. Fund

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention For Families In Crisis

Let us pray that broken families discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Spring Annulment Writing Ministry Workshop

March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8, 2025 7pm – 8:30pm
five (5) consecutive Tuesdays

**St. Matthew the Apostle Parish Meeting Room 10017
Jefferson Highway Suite 102, River Ridge**

This is for people wishing to apply for, responding to an annulment, and people called as witnesses. The goal is to encourage healing as well as a more efficient process by walking with those involved & assisting in the preparation of documents. The cost is \$25.00. Register at www.nolacatholic.org/annulments until March 10th. For more info, contact (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

Enrich Your Retirement—Enrich the Lives of Others

Are you retired or finished raising your family? Do you want to give back, enrich your spiritual life & build community with other mature adults? Then consider joining the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) here in New Orleans. At IVC we believe the life experience, wisdom, and skills of 50+ women and men, rooted in Gospel values, can bring justice & transform the world. For more details, www.icvusa.org/NewOrleans, or contact Becky Goff (Regional Director) at bgoff@icvusa.org.

Lord, Teach Me to Pray Free Weekend of Prayer

With Fr. William Farge, Fr. Patrick Mary Russell,
Fr. James Martin Nobles & Carol Weiler

March 20-23, 2025

Airport Hilton, New Orleans

YOU are invited to the 2025 Lord Teach Me To Pray FREE Weekend of Prayer **Pre-Registration required.** at lordteachmetoprayer.com/ Come "adore & love Jesus!"



NOLACatholic Men's Conference: "I Trust in You"

Saturday, March 15, 2025

St. Dominic Church

Register at nolacatholicmen.org. For more info, call 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org. Find us on Facebook/Instagram @nolacatholicmen!



Help women in unplanned pregnancies!

Our Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting the life-affirming work of Woman's New Life Clinic is this week!



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