MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community of believers who worship God and serve others.”

OUR CORE VALUES

We are Catholic, We are caring Christians, We give time, talent, treasure and witness.
We share good news in word and deed.
We reach out to the local community.
We serve through social ministry by works of charity and justice.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Joseph Hurd, OFM........................................Pastor
Fr. Andre McGrath, OFM......................................In-Residence
Br. David Cranke, OFM..................................Pastoral Associate/Local Minister
Br. Andrew Stetler, OFM....................................Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM................................Pastoral Associate
Sister Judy Zynda, O.P....................................Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Mathews..........................................Director of Religious Ed
Jeffre Duplessis........................................Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis.........................................Secretary
Marlene Robinson........................................Financial Manager
Saundra Washington....................................Housekeeping

PARISH COUNCIL

Peggy Williams........................................Chairperson
Karen Armour..........................................Vice Chairperson
Gail Wiseney...............................................Secretary
Lyndon Guidry, Jr......................................Finance Council Leader
Eric Bennett...........................................Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duronclet..................................Community Life
Vaughn Valery.........................................Evangelization
Marlene Robinson..................................Justice & Charity
Evelin Bridges.........................................Respect Life
Lynn Duronclet..................................Religious Education
Debra Theard..............................................Worship
Paula Arceneaux..................................Stewardship
Lynn Evans...............................................Pastoral Care

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Parents are expected to call the parish office three months prior to the anticipated Baptism of the child. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

CONFIRMATION: Classes are held for High School students grades 9th – 11th following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. These classes are usually held on Wednesday nights.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please inform the parish office when someone is sick, shut-in, or in the hospital, and are unable to attend mass.

RECONCILIATION: Offered Saturday at 3:15 p.m. & Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

FUNERALS: Please inform the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must call the parish office at least six months prior to the planned date of the wedding.

RCIA: Interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member, please call the parish office.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Enter church through side entrance of Friars parking area)

Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri........................................8:00 a.m.
Tues............................................................6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Devotion...Follows Tuesday Evening Mass
Stewardship
April 28, 2018 – April 29, 2018
What we need each week...........................................$3,600.00
What we received this week...........................................$2,387.00
What we are under this week ..................................$1,213.00
What we are under YTD..............................................$13,782.50
Envelopes used .........................................................102
Weekend Mass Attendance....................................144
How your support assisted the parish?

Total..........................................................................$

Thank you for your support

MAY 6, 2018 - 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced
by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that
one of John’s intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the be-
liefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today’s Gos-
pel.

One of the tenants of Gnostic teaching was the importance of
knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today’s
Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John’s Gospel, we hear Jesus
affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the
Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his
disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know
Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one
another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his
community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and,
thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of
love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this
passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most
often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood
as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to
describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use
these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes
from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus trans-
forms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for
them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God
made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on
friendship, not servitude. To be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the
world as he did.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
May 6, 2018 - May 12, 2018

Sunday................................................Parishes of SMA
Monday........................................Special Intentions
Tuesday..........................................Special Intentions
Wednesday...................................Special Inten-
Thursday........................................Special Intentions
Friday.............................................Special Intentions
Saturday..........................................Special Intentions

Liturgical Schedule
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.
May 12, 2018 (Readings #967) year B
Commentator.............................Embri Bridges
Lector......................................Marlene Robinson
Eucharistic Ministers.......................Gail Winsey
                                              Joanne Lewis

May 19, 2018 (Readings #969) year B
Commentator................................Mary Hinds
Lector........................................Kathy McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers.................Geraldine Aguilard
                                      Clyde Jackson

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.
May 13, 2018: (Readings #968) year B
Commentator............................Sister Judy Zynda, OP
Lector......................................Dawn Frick
Eucharistic Ministers..................Lynn Scott
                                      Linda Herring
                                      Helen Thomas
                                      Br. David Crank

Altar Server............................Asia Roubion
                                      Nyra Bierna

May 20, 2018: (Readings #969) year B
Commentator............................Sister Judy Zynda, OP
Lector......................................Dawn Frick
Eucharistic Ministers...............Paulette Duplessis
                                      Peggy Williams
                                      Damir Duroncicet
                                      Jerri Merridy

Altar Server............................Dwayne Mallet
                                      Makeia Jackson

PRAYER LINE
If you know any parishioners who may be sick or in the hospital, please
notify the Church office at 945-3186. The names will be published in
the bulletin and at the Masses so that the congregation can pray for them.

George Martin........W. Anthony Williams..................Danielle Davis
Denz Burton...........Oliver White..............................Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins......Mary Pefie.........................George Phillips
Althea Augustine.....Dolores Carter.....................Leroy Scott
Louis Legier..........Kay Vincent............................Rosalie Holmes
Gary Medley...........Ronald Casalier...............Gerald Casalier
Irene Griffin..........Patrick Melaha....................Kent Landry
Malikke Smith........Dana Rey...............................Sonya DiBartolo
Bobby Ellsworth......Shirley Ellsworth.............Helen Legier
Harland..................Robin Jackson..................Casey Lee
Shirley Battiste......Willie Caliste....................Victor Jackson
Lynn Evans..............Katherine Boudreaux

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Interested in Joining A Ministry?

**Altar Servers**

Altar servers are students from grades 3rd to 12th and have made their First Holy Communion. For more information on the Altar Servers, please call Br. Andrew Stettler, O.F.M., at the church office: 504.945.3186.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion help distribute the Sacred Body and Blood during the masses celebrated in the church and also take communion to persons who are either hospitalized or homebound. The ministers must attend a workshop provided by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in order to be certified as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For more information, please call the church office: 504.945.3186.

**Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)**

There are ministers who help welcome and assist those attending all liturgical functions of the parish, especially during the different masses celebrated. The ministers of hospitality are directed by Mr. Gale Armant for more information, please contact him at the church office: 504.945.3186.

**Ministers of the Word (Lectors)**

The Ministers of the Word proclaim the Holy Scripture readings during the different liturgical celebrations of the church. The ministers must attend a workshop provided by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in order to be certified as Ministers of the Word (Lectors). For more information, please call the church office: 504.945.3186.

**Ministers of Music and Worship (Choir)**

The Ministers of Music and Worship help lead the congregation in song for the liturgy. They are committed to the values of spirituality, evangelistic leadership, fellowship and liturgical awareness for the SMA community.

**Catechesis and Religious Education for Children (CCD)**

Catechesis and Religious education: 504.945.3186.

**Altar Society**

works for the benefit of the church such as: maintain the priest vestments, upkeep of altar vessels and altar linens in preparing for Mass. Mrs. Debra Theard - contact the parish 504.945.3186

**Bereavement**

provides care for individuals and families especially when losing a loved one. Mrs. Geraldine Aguillard, Chairperson - contact the parish 504.945.3186

**Mighty Men’s Ministry**

faithful leaders working together to fill the gap where things are needed in the church: role models for the youth and support others ministries when needed. Mr. Vaughn Valcarly, President - contact the parish 504.945.3186

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

"Pray for Vocations" to Religious Life and the Priesthood and encourage our youth to think and pray about such a "vocation of life."

Franciscan Friars: sfvocations@franciscan.org; website: www.franciscan.org

Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese--no.org; nolapriest.com

Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

**2nd Collection** May 6, 2018: Catholic University of America.

Order of St. Louis Medallion Recipients: We will celebrate those who received this prestigious award on May 20, 2018 at the 10:00am Mass. Please wear your medal.

Finance Council...is searching for new members who have business skills and experience or who are interested in helping our church grow and are willing to give a hour and a half in a once every two months meeting. Please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

25th Silver Anniversary of the Ordination of... Rev. Henry Julius Joseph Davis, Jr., S.S.J., Saturday, May 26th, 2018, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church. Reception in Community Center Cafeteria; Sunday, May 27 at 7:30am Mass, Reception in Community Center Cafeteria and Sunday, May 27 at 10:00am Mass, 12:00 noon (Luncheon in Community Center Gymnasium).

**Office Closed** May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day. Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

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**Beloved, let us love one another:**

for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

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**PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Anthony Fafie, Quentin Green, Edjunique Francois, Christina Valcarly

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Remember to support our Outreach Food Pantry by placing your food items in the little red wagon.
BIRTHDAYS
We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary this week:

Wesley Ruffin
Clementine Soniat
David Eugene
Breyaanne Johnson

Katherine Guccione
Paulette Duplessis
Roxanne L'Hermite

Catholic Charities
St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program ........... 504.227.3470
Catholic Charities Care Line ........................................ 866.891.2210

PARISH CALENDAR
Religious Education Class, contact Vanessa Matthews for more information.
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Bible Study, Mondays, 7:00 pm
Parish Council, Monday, June 18, 6:30 pm
Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Thursday, May 17, 10:30 am—1:30 pm
Food for Seniors, Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 10:30—12:00 noon

SANCTUARY LAMP
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the souls of Phillip Jolly and for George Coleman, III, requested by Marlene Robinson.

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - MAY 13, 2018 - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THE FIRST READING
Acts 1:1-11
Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? Lord, let your Spirit help us to find you today.
In refugees, in the trafficked; those hungry or in prison; also in stars, roses; and in friends, wherever we may find them.
Let us be your watchers.

THE SECOND READING
Ephesians 1:17-23
In Christ, who is the head of the body, to which he is the savior; let Christ imagine his service to build up the Body of Christ.
Lord, bind us together.
Preachers, prophets, pastors, teachers; and any one of us that forms the Body of Christ. Bring us into that one Body, one Spirit, one God and Father of all, over all, through all, and within all.

THE GOSPEL
Mark 16:15-20
Love one another as I love you. Jesus, put your gospel in our hearts and within our minds and souls.
Let us take your Word to every living creature, in daylight and in the dark of night, from house to house, pupils and within every town. With love, through love, and in love, let us abide only in you.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I am continuing on my Holy Land Pilgrimage sharing about the experience. One of our stops was the Church of the Visitation in Ein Karen, a village southwest of Jerusalem, which honors the visit made by the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). This is the site where tradition tells us that Mary recited her song of praise, the Magnificat, one of the most ancient and beautiful Marian Hymns.

The courtyard contains a statue of Mary and Elizabeth, and on the wall opposite the entrance to the lower church are forty-two ceramic tablets bearing the verses of the Magnificat in as many different languages. On the facade of the upper church is a striking mosaic commemorating the Visitation.

The lower church contains a narrow medieval crypt ending with a well from which, according to tradition, Elizabeth and her infant drank. The rock with a cleft next to the entrance of the medieval crypt is said to mark the site where the mountain opened up to hide Elizabeth and the infant John from Herod’s soldiers – this is the “Rock of Concealment”.

As we begin May the month of Our Mother Blessed Mary, let us joyfully pray the rosary and the Magnificat so that our love and devotion to Blessed Mary will increase and she will bring us her son Jesus as she brought Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth.

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Fr. Joe Hund, OFM