SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 — 22ND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
St. Mary of the Angels

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | Archdiocesan Website: www.arch-no.org

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 Hund, OFM, .......................................................... Pastor
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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.

WEEDAY 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

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Liturgical Schedule
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.
September 8, 2018 (Readings #1046) year B
Commentator .................................. Mary Hinds
Lector .............................................. Lorraine Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers ........................ Gail Wissey
Clyde Jackson

September 15, 2018 (Readings #1049) year B
Commentator .................................. Embara Bridges
Lector .............................................. Crystal Rondeno
Eucharistic Ministers ........................ Geraldine Aquilard
Joanne Lewis

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.
September 9, 2018: (Readings #1046) year B
Commentator .................................. Lynn Scott
Lector .............................................. Dawn Frick
Sydney Frick
Eucharistic Ministers ........................ Peggy Williams
Paulette Duplessis
Jenni Merridy
Darin Duronelet
Altar Server ..................................... Asia Roubiou
Volunteer

September 16, 2018: (Readings #1049) year B
Commentator .................................. Lynn Scott
Lector .............................................. Dawn Frick
Sydney Frick
Eucharistic Ministers ........................ Peggy Williams
Paulette Duplessis
Jenni Merridy
Darin Duronelet
Altar Server ..................................... Nyra Biemou
Volunteer

PRAYER LINE
If you know any parishioners who may be sick or in the hospital, please notify the Church office at 945-3186. The name(s) 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
Jene Burson Oliver White Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins Mary Fefie George Phillips
Althea Augustine Leroy Scott Bruce Pierre
Louis Legier Kay Vincent Victor Jackson
Gary Medley Ronald Cavalier Gerald Cavalier
Irene Griffin Patrick Malhei Kent Landry
Mathlack Smith Dana Roy Sonya DiBartolo
Bobby Elsworth Shirley Elsworth Helen Legier
Harry Harland Robin Jackson Corey Lee
Shirley Battiste Willie Caliste Laura Parker
Lydia Evans Lester Butler
Fr. Andre McGrath Katherine Boudreaux

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
September 2, 2018 - September 8, 2018
Sunday ........................................ Parishioners of SMA
Monday ........................................ Special Intentions
Tuesday ....................................... Special Intentions
Wednesday .................................... Special Intentions
Thursday ..................................... Special Intentions
Friday ......................................... Special Intentions
Saturday .................................... Barbara Frick

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In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship.

Jesus first criticized the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is found in eternal acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externalities, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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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 bring 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 Arment. 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 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 Valeary, President - contact the parish 504.945.3186

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: sibvocations@franciscan.org
Website: www.franciscan.org

Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org; nolafrist.com
Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org


Bible Study... will resume on September 10, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Justice & Charity... will meet on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:15 pm.

Second Collection...Catholic Communications Campaign, September 15th and 16th, 2018.

11th Annual Gospel Music Festival...September 15th, 6:00 pm, Corpus Christi Community Center. Free entry but accepting monetary donation and non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Bank.

The Micah Project... presents ‘WELCOME EXPO’ September 29, 9am-12pm Corpus Christi Center, 2022 St. Bernard Ave. Providing resources to returning citizens, job prep, employment, housing, education, family and spiritual guidance.

Family Day Celebration...October 14, 2018.

Men's Day of Reflection... "Be Still" but "Don't Stay Still", Christian men in action, October 20, 2018 Corpus Christi Epiphany Community Center, 9am-4pm. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided Mass to follow with music provided by CCE Male Chorus.

Safe Environment... if you or a family member has been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility of hope, help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Please call the hotline at 504.522.5019.

Abortion Clinic... a license has been applied for to operate a clinic in eastern New Orleans. Please pray for this women's clinic to change it's mission to improve women's health and help our babies and not harm them. If interested in attending a prayer vigil, please call the church office.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

Every GOOD and PERFECT gift is from above. JAMES 1:17

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:

Donald Jones
Charlotte Newton
Lane Davis
Debra Thard
Christie Jones

PARISH CALENDAR
Religious Education Class, contact Vanessa Matthews for more information.
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Bible Study, September 16, 7:00 pm
Parish Council, Monday, September 17, 6:30 pm
Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Thursday, September 20, 10:30 am—1:30 pm
Food for Seniors, Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 10:30—12:00 noon

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

The Sanctuary Lamp light will burn for the soul of George Coleman requested by Marie Robinson; and Louisa Rondez requested by Clyde & Lorraine Jackson

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK’S READINGS - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE FIRST READING
Isaiah 35:1-5
Here is your God, he comes to save you.
We stand in the burning desert
seeking the water you promised.
God, make our thirsty ground into pools.
Open our eyes
and choke
back our tears
and make melody burst from our mouths!
Streams flow from our wastelands,
from barren plains.
We long to drink
real water.

THE SECOND READING
James 2:1-5
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?
Who are the poor?
Sometimes shabby is happy!
And fine clothes and fine roof bring woe!
Jesus, we beg you,
take us into your poverty.
Make us rich in love.

THE GOSPEL
Mark 7:33-37
He took the man off by himself away from the crowd.
He put his finger in the man’s ears.
Jesus, take us away,
by ourselves, from the many,
and bestow grace into our hearts.
We want to know you everywhere.
In the crash of waves,
the call of a friend,
the cry of the poor.
Touch our tongues.
Open our deaf ears.
Let us hear and speak
the truth and peace of the Word
that you are.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This year the City of New Orleans is celebrating the Tricentennial anniversary (1718 – 2018) of the founding of the City of New Orleans in Louisiana.
It is worthy to note the involvement and influence of our Franciscan family in the history of the City of New Orleans and our Catholic Church from the very beginning until the present. Here are a few Franciscan historical events. (Notes from Clarion Herald)
In 1801 the 2nd appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana was a (1st Order) Franciscan Bishop Francisco Bartolome Perro y Reinado, OFM.
The Poor Clare (2nd Order of St. Francis) Monastery was established in New Orleans in 1885. Also in 1885 the Secular Franciscans (3rd Order of St. Francis) was established and today the St. Theresa of Avila Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets monthly at the Poor Clare Monastery.
The OFM Franciscan Friars in 1925 established St. Mary of the Angels Church in Upper Ninth Ward with friars ministering in the mission churches in the Delta. Friars are still ministering at St. Mary of the Angels Church today. The OFM Franciscan Friars in the 1970’s opened The Tau House and later the Lazarus House in New Orleans and welcomed anyone.
More inspiring words on this 300th anniversary will follow in future bulletins.

St. Mary of the Angels, pray for us,

Fr. Joe Huld, OFM