DECEMBER 16, 2018 — THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT
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
Fr. John “ZJ” Stein, OFM.................................. Guardian/Minster
Br. Andrew Stetler, OFM................................. Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM................................. Pastoral Associate
Sister Judy Zynida, O.P.................................. Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Matthews..............................................Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffre Duplessis........................................... Director of Music Ministry
Paulette Duplessis......................................... Secretary
Marlene Robinson.......................................... Financial Manager
Saundria Washington......................................Housekeeping

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.

PARISH COUNCIL
Peggy Williams..................................................Chairperson
Karen Armour..........................................Vice Chairperson
Gail Winey..................................................Secretary
Rotating Leaders........................................Finance Council
Eric Bennett..............................................Administration & Leadership
Darrin Duronclet.................................Community Life
Vaughn Valery........................................Evangelization
Marlene Robinson................................Justice & Charity
Embra Bridges......................................Respect Life
Lynn Duronclet....................................Religious Education
Debra Theard........................................Worship
Paula Arceneaux..................................Stewardship
Lynn Evans........................................Pastoral Care

WEEND DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass.................................4:00 p.m.
Sunday Gospel Mass..............................10:00 a.m.

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
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December 8, 2018 – December 9, 2018
What we need each week...........................................$3,690.00
What we received this week.......................................$2,626.00
What we are owed this week.....................................$974.00
Envelopes used.........................................................139
Weekend Mass Attendance.......................................137

How your support assisted the parish?
Energy.................................................................$1,137.32
Sewerage & Water..................................................$296.03
Total.........................................................................$1,433.35

Thank you for your support

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and clothes; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke’s Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John’s teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in His divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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Liturgical Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.
December 22, 2018 (Readings #918) year C
Commentator..........................................................Embra Bridges
Lector.................................................................Lorraine Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers.................................Clyde Jackson
                                   Geraldine Aguillard

December 29, 2018 (Readings #922) year C
Commentator.......................................................Crystal Rendon
Lector..............................................................Kathy McCarty
Eucharistic Ministers.................................Joanne Lewis
                                   Gail Wisley

SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.
December 23, 2018: (Readings #918) year C
Commentator.......................................................Valencia Hawkins
Lector..............................................................Karen Armour
                                   Clementine Soniat
Eucharistic Ministers.................................Lynne Scott
                                   Augustine French
                                   Saundra Washington

Altar Server......................................................TBA
                                   volunteer

December 30, 2018: (Readings #922) year C
Commentator.......................................................Valencia Hawkins
Lector..............................................................Vera Landry
                                   Debra Theard
Eucharistic Ministers.................................Linda Herring
                                   Audrey County
                                   Paulette Duplessis
                                   Peggy Williams

Altar Server......................................................TBA
                                   Volunteer

PRAYER LINE
If you know any parishioners who may be sick or in the hospital, please notify the Church office at 945-0186. 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
Inez Burton                Oliver White                     Taylor Brown
Shirley Hawkins            Fredrick Woods                   George Phillips
Althea Augustine           Leroy Scott                       Bruce Pierre
Louis Legier               Kay Vincent                       Victor Jackson
Gary Medley                Ronald Cavaller                   Gerald Cavaller
Irene Griffin              Patrick Malheia                   Eric Traub
Mathilde Smith             Dana Roy                         Sonya Di Bartolo
Bobby Ellsworth            Shirley Ellsworth                 Helen Legier
Harry Harland              Robin Jackson                    Corey Lee
Shirley Battiste           Willie Calista                    Antoine Dupre
Lynn Evans                 Lester Butler                    John Legier
Darril Frick               Florestine Jal via                 Lorraine Nelson
Katherine Bouchard
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 Sr. 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 Archdioceses 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 Armand, 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 Archdioceses 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: sbvocations@franciscan.org;
website: www.franciscan.org
Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org;
nolapriest.com
Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

Parish Office Closed...December 21, 2018 through January 1, 2019 and reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Safe Environment...if you or a family member have 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.

Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Quentin Green

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Holiday Mass Schedule

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

Khaja Fefe
Terrence L’Herisse, Jr.
Albert Evans
Dawn Frick
Sonia DiBartolo
Jacquelyn Cordier
Marva Phillips
Florestine Jalvia

PARISH CALENDAR
Religious Education Class, contact Vanessa Matthews for more information.
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Bible Study, Mondays, 7:00 pm
Senior Bingo/Luncheon, January 17, 2019, 11:30 am—1:30 pm
Food for Seniors, Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 10:30—12:00 noon

The Sanctuary Lamp light will continue to burn for the soul of George Coleman requested by Marlene Robinson

Catholic Charities
St. Mary of the Angels Head Start Program.............504.227.3470
Catholic Charities Care Line..............................866.889.2210

REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK’S READINGS - DECEMBER 23, 2018 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE FIRST READING
Micah 5:1-4a
You Bethlehem-Ephraim too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth...one who is to be ruler in Israel.
A king will come from tiny Bethlehem. His strength will be God's. His majesty, God's.
The blessing will reach the ends of the earth for he shall be called Prince of Peace.
And how will we know him?
He will be wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.
O Jesus, make our strength, like Bethlehem's, lovingly quiet within your presence.

THE SECOND READING
Hebrews 10:5-10
Behold, I come to do your will. Not holocausts and sin offerings, but one perfect gift to God.
One body, once for all.
Christ, you are mankind's most sublime gift to the Father, and most wondrous gift to us.

THE GOSPEL
Luke 1:39-45
When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. It is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word for “rejoice.” We are filled with joy in the coming of Jesus. We possess hope in a world where we are to bring peace and love.

In Sunday’s mass opening prayer, the Collect, “we pray to attain the joys of so great a salvation.” There is an eager awareness and anticipation of the Nativity of the Lord. The prayer tells of God’s constant vigilance in our lives. God possesses great care for us and is always watching over us. Our response of the coming Nativity should be “solemn worship and glad rejoicing.” This response varies based on where we are in our journey through life whether it is the unbridled joy of children, the maturing of the faith of adolescents or the living of faith in a fuller and deeper manner as adults.

In the Prayer over the Offerings we pray “our worship...complete what was begun in sacred mystery.” Our daily lives should offer a continual worship. When lived properly, our lives are part of the plans of salvation and God’s saving power.

In the Prayer after Communion, “we implore...this divine sustenance may cleanse us.” Our participation in the liturgy prepares us to live the Christian values as we go forward to live our lives. We are to place our energy and outlook in ushering peace and love into our world.

St. Mary of the Angles, pray for us.

Vanessa Matthews, DRE.