MARCH 22, 2020 — FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT
St. Mary of the Angels

MISSON 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 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 Hand, OFM. ............................................ Pastor
Fr. Robert Seay, OFM ............................................. in Residence
Fr. John "El" Stein, OFM .............................................. Guardian Minister
Br. Andrew Stullter, OFM ......................................... Pastoral Associate
Br. Daniel Barrett, OFM ........................................... Pastoral Associate
Br. Juniper Crouch, OFM .......................................... in Residence
Sister Judy Zynda, O.P ............................................ Prayer & Scripture Ministry
Vanessa Matthews .............................................. Director of Religious Ed
Jeoffre Duplessis .................................................. Director of Music Ministry
Patelte Duplessis ................................................... Secretary
Marlene Robinson ................................................ Financial Manager
Saudntia Washington ............................................. Housekeeping

PARISH COUNCIL
Peggy Williams .................................................. Chairperson
Edwin Shorty ....................................................... Vice Chairperson
Gail Wissey ......................................................... Secretary
Gale Armant ....................................................... Finance
Eric Bennett ....................................................... Administration & Leadership
Darrin DuRoncelet ............................................ Community Life
Vaugn Varey ....................................................... Evangelization
Marlene Robinson .............................................. Justice & Charity
Embry Bridges ................................................... Respect Life
Lynn DuRoncelet ................................................ Religious Education
Debra Theard ..................................................... Worship
Paula Arceneaux ................................................ Stewardship
Lynn Evans ......................................................... Pastoral Care

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., Thurs., Fri .......................... 8:00 a.m.
Tues. .................................................. 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Devotion...Follows Tuesday Evening Mass
**Liturgical Schedule**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS @ 4:00 p.m.**
March 28, 2020 (Readings #945) Year A  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Commentator................................................. Embra Bridges  
Lector.......................................................... Lorraine Jackson  
Eucharistic Ministers.......... Chalice will not be offered

**April 4, 2020 (Readings #949) Year ABC  
PALM SUNDAY**

Commentator................................................. Crystal Rondono  
Lector.......................................................... Kathy McCarty  
Eucharistic Ministers.......... Chalice will not be offered

**SUNDAY GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00 a.m.**
March 29, 2020 (Readings #945) Year A  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Commentator................................................. Valencia Hawkins  
Lector.......................................................... Lynn Scott  
Jordan Johnson  
Eucharistic Ministers.......... Chalice will not be offered  
Altar Server.............................. Volunteer

**April 5, 2020 (Readings #949) Year ABC  
PALM SUNDAY**

Commentator................................................. Valencia Hawkins  
Lector.......................................................... Lynn Scott  
Debra Theard  
Eucharistic Ministers.......... Chalice will not be offered  
Altar Server.............................. 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.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**March 22, 2020 – March 28, 2020**

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*Special Intentions*

- Glenna Page
- Joe Truden
- Mark Wehnert

*Theophilus Damascus*

- Thaddeus Damian
- Vincent Damus

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday*

- Shirley Battiste
- W. Anthony Williams
- Danielle Davis
- Inez Burton
- Kay Vincent
- Taylor Brown
- Shirley Hawkins
- Fredrick Woods
- George Phillips
- Ailene Augustine
- Leroy Scott
- Bruce Pierre
- Louis Legier
- Geraldine Aguillard
- Victor Jackson
- Gary Medley
- Ronald Cavalier
- Gerald Cavalier
- Ina Griffin
- Patrick Malick
- Eric Traub
- Mathilde Smith
- Dana Roy
- Sonya DiBartolo
- Shirley Ellisworth
- Helen Legier
- Harry Harland
- Robin Jackson
- Corey Lee
- John Legier
- Shirley Battiste
- Willie Caliste
- Thelma Griffith
- Lynn Evans
- Lester Butler
- Leslie Duplessis
- Darrel Prick
- Deane Scott
- Maggie Dunas
- Bonito J. Mango
- Deane Scott
- Maggie Dunas
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.P.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 function of the parish, especially during the different masses celebrated. The ministers of hospitality are directed by Mr. Gale Amant, 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 Aiguillard, 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 Valerey, President - contact the parish 504.945.3186

**Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**

welcomes persons with disabilities into full participation in the life of the parish and offer them practical assistance, promotes awareness of the existence, concerns and gifts of parishioners and potential parishioners with disabilities. Contact Linda Minor and Vera Landry 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: sfbvocations@franciscan.org; website: www.franciscan.org
Archdiocese of New Orleans: vocations@archdiocese-no.org; ropapriest.com
Adrian Dominican Sisters: vocations@adriandominicans.org

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**Suspension of Chalice...effective immediately, receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice is suspended. It is required that the sign of peace should be offered by making a simple bow.**

**Lenten Fish Fry...canceled due to the Coronavirus**

**Frank Richard...music ministry on Saturday, April 25th, May 16th, and June 20th Masses.**

**St. Joseph Altar...canceled due to the Coronavirus**

**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 (304) 522-5101.**

**Check the Parish Bulletin Board for further information and announcements.**

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**PANDEMIC**

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)
Know that our lives are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar 3/11/20
BIRTHDAYS
We wish to congratulate all of our brothers and sisters who are celebrating birthdays or an anniversary this week:

Vera Landry
Edwin Shorty
Shirley Battiste
Donna Blunt

PARISH CALENDAR
Religious Education Class, contact Vanessa Matthews for more information.
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays, Cancelled until further notice.
Bible Study, Mondays, Cancelled until further notice.
Senior Bingo/Luncheon, Cancelled until further notice.
(Coronavirus concerns)
Food for Seniors, Friday, March 24, 2020, 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 continue to burn throughout the month of March for the soul of George Coleman, Ill requested by Marlene Robinson

Reflections for Next Week's Readings - March 29, 2020 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE FIRST READING
Ezekiel 17:12-14
I will put my spirit in you that you might live. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

O Christ,
open up our graves.
Breathe your Holy Spirit
into our dry bones.
You promised that
we would come to life
in you.

THE SECOND READING
Romans 8:8-11
You are the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Spirit, what would we have been without you?
Days without sunlight,
kites with no wind.
Please, shine on our flesh
and breathe on our souls.
Be the beginning and end
of all that we are and all that we do.
Humbly we ask that you give true life
unto our weary, mortal selves.

THE GOSPEL
Lk. 11:1-48 on 11:5-7, 17, 20-22, 33b-45
They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

Jesus wept.
"Lazarus, come out of there!"
And he did.
“Death, now where is your sting?”
Gentle Savior,
weep with us, and for us:
trapped in burial cloths,
with our hands tied,
when we are trafficked,
seized at borders, homeless.
Or sick unto death.
Your passion says, “Untie them.
Let them go free.”

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A message from the Archbishop, March 16, 2020:

In light of the announcement from President Trump and Governor Edwards on Monday, March 16, 2020, effective immediately, public Mass cannot be celebrated. Priests may celebrate privately.

- Archdiocesan Offices will be closed for the next 10 days beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This will be re-evaluated after 10 days. Staff who are able will do their best to work remotely and be available to you.
- Celebrations of funerals, baptisms and weddings should be limited to 50 people.
- Adoration Chapels can remain open at the discretion of the pastor. The smaller the crowd, the better.
- Church will remain open for people to pray.
- Confessions can be offered at the regularly scheduled times.
- EMHC may bring communion to the ill, or if you are asked to anoint someone, you may do so—but be careful. Wash your hands.

Let us pray for those who have died because of the virus, and for the healing of those who have been affected.

Let us turn to our loving God and implore his protection. This is a time to lean on our faith and to act responsibly as has been requested by our government officials. May the healing power of Jesus be with you and all you hold in your heart.

Be assured of my prayers daily and I will pray for you in my private daily Mass.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.
Wishing you God’s blessings, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans