St. Angela Merici Parish held its Sunday masses at Leon’s Banquet Hall located behind Leon’s Restaurant.
This is the front of Leon’s at 706 Phosphor Ave. Marion and Mimi Leon donated their banquet hall for 17 months, from June 1, 1964 to October 10, 1965. Every Sunday during that period, thousands of parishioners would attend weekend mass.
St. Angela Merici Parish held its Sunday masses at Leon’s Banquet Hall located behind Leon’s Restaurant. This photo was taken from 16mm movie. Parishioners leaving the banquet hall after mass and heading toward Phosphor Ave.

In 2014, the banquet hall building still exists but with some cosmetic changes. It is currently owned by the Louisiana Karate Association.
This house was purchased in 1964 by the Archdiocese and was used by the parish as a chapel and residence for Fr. Calato. It was eventually sold by the parish. The carport was renovated by the men of the parish and converted to two additional rooms during Nov -Dec 1967.
This home was originally advertised as a model home for sale in the Times Picayune dated June 7, 1964. The ad states “we can build for you on one of our lots on Beverly Gardens Dr.” and that “you can walk to church and school” (see ad below). This house was purchased by SAM.

This house was eventually sold and the house at 828 Melody was purchased and used as a new and larger Convent.
The church/school building was completed on November 14, 1965.
March 13, 1966 Nuns move into their new home at 828 Melody Drive. The house was eventually sold.

Fr. Beau Charbonnet and Fr. Marlon Mangubat now live at 828 after it was purchased by the parish in ????.
Fr. Joseph Calato and parishioners celebrating mass at new church located at 835 Melody Dr. February 19, 1967.

Fr. Beau Charbonnet and parishioners celebrating the Feast of St. Angela Merici Mass, January 25, 2014
September, 1970 - Inside Church Altar view from center aisle.

THEN & NOW - St. Angela Merici Church & School

Inside Church altar view - 835 Melody Dr.
Oct 13, 1968 -
Students in
School Yard.

Feb. 18, 2014 -
Students in
School Yard.
Pre-K with Eliott
and Stephanie