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A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



**Issue 6
February 7, 2016**

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever worked hard for something and then finally achieved it? Maybe it was a position at work, or a grade on an exam. Perhaps it was buying and paying off a new house or a new car. We feel good about that accomplishment, and we're right to feel that way. What if, however, God asked us to give that up for something better? Imagine Simon Peter in Sunday's Gospel from Luke 5. He was a fisherman, and his boat would have meant everything to him. Even though he didn't catch anything the night before he must have been good at what he did. The gospel tells us that the boat belonged to him, so he was successful enough to buy his own boat. That boat represented security as well as his livelihood. Every time Simon Peter looked at that boat, his heart must have swelled with contentment. Then something changes. Jesus enters into his life and invites him to leave it all behind and follow him. The boat can't come with him.

This was a crucial moment for Simon Peter. He had seen the miraculous catch of fish. He had experienced the presence of Jesus. This was someone unlike anyone he had ever met. He's so moved that he falls to his knees and tells Jesus: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." But Jesus doesn't leave. He does something much more beautiful and much more challenging. He invites Simon Peter to leave everything behind and follow him. He's inviting Simon to share his own life. He's asking him: "Are you willing to leave everything behind for me? I promise you that you will experience a happiness you can't imagine. Will you take the risk?" And Simon Peter says "Yes." He and his brother and fishing buddies leave everything behind and follow Jesus. They recognized that they were leaving their boats, but they had found Jesus. So Simon Peter teaches us a great lesson in that moment of his life. When we leave everything for Jesus, we find even more. We may lose something of our personal security, we may feel like we're losing control, but it's worth it. This is because when we leave everything and follow Jesus, we find so much more. Our hearts are set free, and Christ becomes our life.

What does it mean to leave everything and follow Jesus? For most of us, it doesn't mean literally giving up all our possessions. For example, if you have a family to support you can't just give up your job and go off to help the poor in India. What then is Christ asking us to leave behind so that we can experience the joy of following him more closely? One simple thing we can do is offer up something that is a struggle for us. For example give up gossip. To put it positively, learn to speak well of others. The Letter of James puts it like this. "With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God... This should not be so." (James 3:9) In the gospel Jesus says "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Would I want others to speak of me in the way I sometimes speak of them? Gossip is our attempt to create security in our own lives by putting others down whether or not we realize it. It's our attempt to feel a little bit better about ourselves by pointing out someone else's sins, faults and failures.

Could that be a boat that Jesus is asking us to leave behind in order to follow him? Is He asking us to learn how to speak well of others? This is such a simple thing, but it changes our lives. It opens new windows to God, since we start to discover his presence in the lives of others. It makes us happier, since we're not focused on what's wrong with others but on what's right with them.

Reflections by Fr. Travis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	February 7
4:00 pm	
Vigil	Gardner & McClelland Families, Gagliano & Foto Families, Elaine Tusa, Patricia Bernard, Thomas J. Kelly, Dr. Anthony Scalco, Wallace Vega, Jr.
8:00 am	Parishioners
9:30 am	Laura lanetta (Health)
11:00 am	Irene Cormier, Lorraine A. Santopadre, Patrice Lawson, Joseph Cuccia Tortorich, Amelie Courreges
5:00 pm	Maria Palma
Monday	February 8
6:30 am	Edward & Peggy Asaro (In Thanksgiving)
8:45 am	Joseph Stoltz, Sr.
Tuesday	February 9
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am	Mike Albena
Ash Wednesday	February 10
6:30 am	Paul Khai
8:45 am	Harold V. Alfred, Jr.
12:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
6:00 pm	Anthony Scalco
Thursday	February 11
6:30 am	Patrice Cozaux Lawson
10:00 am	George & Georgia Horne (Anniversary)
7:00 pm	Elmo Spellman
Friday	February 12
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Watermeier
10:00 am	Gus Sandrock (Health)
7:00 pm	Carol Rizzo
Saturday	February 13
10:00 am	Mary Quaid (Health)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND NO 7 PM MASS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (MARDI GRAS). THANK YOU.

February 7 - 13, 2016
"Sanctuary Candle"
In Memory of Claire & William Shaw, Sr.
"Altar Flowers"
In Memory of Geralynn Lion

Have a Generous



We continue to examine practical ways to practice each of the Spiritual works of mercy.

Counsel the Doubtful

- Be courageous and compassionate in calling people and institutions to be faithful to Gospel values
- Be a good listener. Sometimes people just need someone to hear them.
- Intervene in situations where people are clearly doing harm to themselves or others
- Set a good example for others by your actions
- Respond to negativity and prejudice with positive comments
- Work at being optimistic and avoiding cynicism
- Respond to skepticism and doubt with hope. Be articulate about your own hopes.
- Ask people about their hopes and dreams and support them in trying to achieve them



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and The Novena to St. Ann

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prolongs the concern which the Lord himself showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick, as the gospels

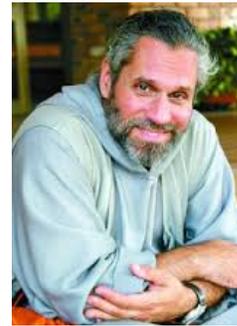
testify, and which he asked us his followers to show also. This sacrament provides the sick person with the grace of the Holy Spirit by which the whole person is brought to health, trust in God is encouraged, and strength is given to resist temptation of the Evil One and anxiety about death. A return to physical health may even follow the reception of this sacrament if it will be beneficial to the sick person's salvation. If necessary, the sacrament also provides the sick person with the forgiveness of sins and the completion of penance.

St. Ann Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, February 13, 2016 during the annual Novena to St. Ann at the 10 am Mass. Fr. Stan, will lead us in the celebration of this sacrament of healing.

When the church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. When it follows the example of the Lord Jesus, who "went about doing good and healing," the Church obeys his command to cure the sick.

Parishioners who may benefit from receiving this sacrament are invited to join us for this celebration of healing.

St. Ann Solemn Lenten Novena Thurs., February 11 - Fri., February 19, 2016



Presenter: Fr. Stan Fortuna C.F.R.

Theme:

God's Mercy in the Teachings of Popes John Paul, II, Benedict and Francis

Novena Schedule

Weekdays: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses with Homily, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after the Masses.

Saturday, February 13, 2016

10:00 am Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, followed by Novena to St. Ann. Sacrament of Reconciliation with private confession before and after Mass. **The Sewing Seams of Faith ladies will be handing out Prayer Blankets to those in need after Mass at all the entrances.**

Sunday: 4:00 pm Vigil (Saturday), 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. All Masses followed by Novena to St. Ann.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Adult Beginner Bible Class! Everyone is invited to attend an eight-part DVD-led series that will provide the easiest way to understand the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, by Jeff Cavins makes the complex simple. In this series, You will:

- *Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life*
- *Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments*
- *See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture*
- *... and much more!*

The cost is \$20 per person which includes a workbook, bookmark, and Bible time-line. Sessions will begin Tuesday February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and last no more than one hour each meeting. To register, call 455-7071, ext. 225. We look forward to having you join us!

CYO – Our St. Ann CYO presents the first ever archdiocesan-wide High School Karaoke Contest! The event will be held Friday, February 19, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the St. Ann gymnasium. It is open to **ALL** area high school students! The entrance fee is \$5.00 per person and each Karaoke singer will receive a ticket for a chance to win \$100! Concessions will be available for purchase.

Parish Calendar

2/7	12:30 PM BAPTISMS IN CHURCH
2/8	SCHOOL AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. RAYMOND
2/9	MARDI GRAS 9:15 ADORATION 7:30 PM BOY SCOUT 261/CAFETERIA
2/10	ASH WEDNESDAY 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR/CHURCH
2/11	9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM STUDY/ST. RAY ST. ANN LENTEN NOVENA 10 AM & 7 PM
2/12	ST. ANN LENTEN NOVENA 10 AM & 7 PM
2/13	10 AM ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
2/14	3 PM RCIA RITE OF ELECTION AT THE ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL 6 PM CYO SPORTS NIGHT



Lent and Easter Fasting Regulations

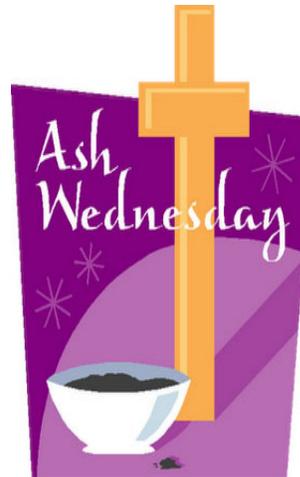
A distinction is to be made between Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The Ordo notes: Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe **penitential days of the Church** is serious. Failure to observe **individual days of penance** is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America February 6 & 7, 2016

Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the Catholic faith in this region. Your donations and renewed support will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life programs, seminarian formation, and many other necessary programs. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank You!



Ash Wednesday Schedule Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Blessing and imposition of Ashes will be during the 6:30, 8:45 am & 6:00 pm Masses and 12 Noon & 3:00 pm with Liturgy of the Word (No Mass) and imposition of Ashes during the Liturgy of the Word.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 3 pm** in Saint Philip Neri Church in Metairie. **Please Note:** This year's celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a **Prayer Service**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish. **To register, please contact the parish office before February 24, 2016.**

School News

In addition to our strong academic program, we are happy to offer fun, community events for our students. Our PK parade was Friday and our annual school Girl Scout parade was last week. Last month we had a pajama party and movie for second and third grade students. We had a PK through second grade bingo and a Bonko for fourth and fifth grade students. The Home and School Club will also provide a special 6th and 7th grade student activity. The students always enjoy these special weekend activities with their classmates. The school will be on Mardi Gras holiday this week.

Mardi Gras Day of Prayer February 9, 2016 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Kenner

Please join us in making reparation for the sins committed during Mardi Gras, for the preservation of our religious freedom, and for the conversion of our country to once again become one nation under God.

Beginning with Holy Mass at 12 Noon
Celebrant: Father Robert Cooper
Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration
with Rosaries and prayers of reparation until 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.: Holy Face Rosary and Confessions
6:00 p.m.: Mass for the final day of the Holy Face Triduum
Celebrant: Father Richard Miles
Following Mass Eucharistic Adoration will resume.
Ending with Midnight Mass with distribution of ashes
Celebrant: Father Charles Dussouy

For more information call: Bruce Baird (343-2126), Cindy Hemelt (883-5783), Maggie Pruett (400-5151), or Hazel Cannon (737-5739)

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