ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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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

WEBSITE POLICY
The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

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.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS
1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN
Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

“LITTLE CHURCH”
“Little Church” is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

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.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

**Pilgrims Bearing Witness**


Where have you seen the Risen Christ? The disciples encountered him again in Galilee while they were fishing. This story seems to have two parts. First, Jesus calls the disciples “children” and invites them to recast their nets to catch some fish. It seems that Jesus is reminding them that, though they are “fishers of people,” they still have a lot to learn.

Isn’t this true for us too? Each year we cycle through the Scriptures as pilgrims on a journey to share at the feast of life. During this pilgrimage, we encounter Christ and are confronted with sin. This deepens our communion with the living God and opens our hearts to know the path of discipleship. This, in turn, propels us to share the Good News.

The second scene recalls Peter’s denial of Jesus. Three times Peter denied Jesus, and here, three times Peter confesses his love for Christ. This powerful image teaches us that no matter how badly we turn from Jesus, we are still loved. What does your love of the Lord look like? Sharing the Good News of the Resurrection isn’t easy for any of us. Like the early disciples, we too will be faced with ridicule and persecution, and yet, we must bear witness to the truth. That’s one reason we gather at Eucharist. There, we are strengthened in our faith so that we can go forth and witness the Paschal Mystery. Draw a timeline that shows your journey of faith and witness.

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**Presence**

Good and gracious God, in Baptism you call us out of darkness into the light of life. Open our eyes to see your Son and fill us with zeal so that, like Peter, who jumped into the sea to greet Christ, we may delight in your friendship. May the abundant love you share with each of us overflow, and lead us to care for all your children. Grant that our Eucharistic sharing unite us in one heart and mind so that we can faithfully and joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation to the ends of the earth. And may your Holy Spirit lead us always to accept your invitation to feast at your table. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Lost IPAD**

An IPAD was left in church a few months ago. If you or someone you know lost one, please call Mary at the church office, 455-7071, extension 221.
Have a Generous

As you make your way through the Bible, you discover a God both gracious and compassionate. As we choose to follow Him, He beckons us to follow His example and be kind and openhearted ourselves.

We continue to look at Bible verses that give us a glimpse into the generosity that God wants us:

5. Proverbs 11:24–25 Your generosity defines your experience

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

This passage communicates a principle sewn into the fabric of God’s world. The more you grasp and hoard, the more you need. Those who give freely and generously find that they’re happier, healthier, and experience more blessings.
Catechesis

How did you come to know Christ? Was it through a parent, friend, or teacher? Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, says whoever believes will have eternal life. Today’s story of Philip and the eunuch depicts how an encounter with the Risen Lord shapes belief. As Philip breaks open the Word, the eunuch is moved by the Spirit and requests to be baptized. We should follow Philip’s example and share the Good News so that others may be nourished by Jesus. As part of sharing Easter joy, perhaps you would like to write a thank-you note to your parish catechists.


Eucharist

We have been reading through chapter 6 of John’s account of the Gospel for several days. We have learned Jesus is the one who gives us bread; he is the Bread of Revelation. John portrays a Eucharistic Jesus. Every time we gather at Mass, we receive the Flesh and Blood of Christ in the sacrament. The Eucharist not only confirms our faith but challenges us to ongoing conversion. At the end of the liturgy, we are sent out to “tell the Good News.” How have you become Eucharist for the world?


Go Out

In the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, “To whom can we go?” Not all the disciples believed that Jesus was God’s chosen one, but those who were convinced knew that Jesus brought life. After the Resurrection, we find Peter doing the Lord’s works and proclaiming God’s healing so that others may come to believe. He and the others went out sharing the Good News. What works does the Church do today to help others believe in Christ? Spend time praying for all those who do not believe in Christ. Today’s Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.