ST. ANN CHURCH  
AND NATIONAL SHRINE  
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**CHURCH HOURS**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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**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.

**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.

**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

**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.
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Jesus said: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough ...” Strong enough? Jesus and the cross happens to be the gate. It’s not based on my parents who went to Mass on Sunday and Grandma who prayed the rosary daily. This is about you and me and our own personal journey and giving an account of ourselves to Almighty God [Romans 14:12]. Lord, help us to remember that there are no reserved spaces at the heavenly banquet ... We can only pray that we will be there. What a frightening thought it could be to hear Jesus say: “I do not know you ... Depart from me ...” Jesus is bringing us face to face with the crucial question of our eternal destiny. Being saved is no easy matter. This brings to mind a quote regarding salvation by St. Augustine: “Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not.” What do you need to leave behind to enter the narrow gate? This is a matter of life [eternal life] and death.

Some years ago I came across this statement: Listening to the word of God and keeping it, the Christian arrives for salvation, not for damnation. So true, whether we want to admit it or not. True followers are purposeful and determined just like our Olympians. This is true of any journey, career and relationship if there is to be growth and progress. The “gold medal” of heaven has to be worked for. It’s a matter of struggling rather than strolling in. I think, to be honest, most of us find the gate too narrow and too costly ... Narrow, yes but costly - leave it behind! Leave behind your worldliness and make a break for it. Not only do you have to leave the world, but you have to leave the world of the self that is not you, that which is not conformed to the way of Christ [Romans 8:29], that which is not in the image and likeness of God [Genesis 1:27].

Imagine for a moment the narrow gate being like a turnstile. It admits only one person at a time because of its narrowness - just you and there are certain things you cannot take through with you. You must leave them behind. In ways it’s your cross that will shape you so as to enter the narrow gate, and of course it’s the Cross of Christ that makes it all possible. So, who will be saved? Perhaps this saying from a business card from of old may be helpful: Aspire to Inspire before you Expire.

Reflection by Fr. Billy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday August 21
4:00 pm Vigil
Ronald Mulligan, Lucille Greig, Rose Marie Fox, Dale St. John, Dennis Hebert, Raymond Olivier, Dominic DiGiovanni, Gardner & McCleland Families, Nora O'Riordan, Robert Hitchen (Health), Mildred Gill (Peace of Body, Mind & Spirit), George S. Kipper, Jr., Mike Dubey (Dubey, Conway Families Healing), Michael R. Romance, Milton Gagnon, Frances Maloney

8:00 am Harold V. Alfred, Jr.
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Anthony Lubrano, Jennifer Courville, Raymond Olivier, Glenn Joseph Cornibe, Jr., Nora O’Riordan, Russell Howley, Laura Boudreaux, Amanda Morice (Baltodano-Morice Families Healing), Robert Casner, Michael Romance, Harry & Natalie Peace

5:00 pm Rose Marie Fox

Monday August 22
6:30 am Charles Kirchem
8:45 am Josephine Scalia

Tuesday August 23
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Russell Howley
7:00 pm Raymond Olivier

Wednesday August 24
6:30 am Don Loisel
8:45 am Willie Sonnier

Thursday August 25
6:30 am Robert A. Young, Sr.
8:45 am Harold V. Alfred, Jr.

Friday August 26
6:30 am Al Martini
8:45 am Jennifer Courville

Saturday August 27
7:30 am Nora O’Riordan

On Wednesday, September 14th, the Feast of the Holy Cross, confession will be available in every church throughout the archdiocese from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM.

Reflection by Fr. Billy

August 21 - 27, 2016
“Sanctuary Candle ”
In Memory of Harold V. Alfred, Jr.
Confirmation

All 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register for the classes that will begin this school year. This can be done on-line at https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/7103 or by going to the church website and clicking on the Confirmation link. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Any student in tenth grade or above who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact the church office to register for the sacrament. Catholic school students who receive religious education in their schools will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish in which they are registered. Students who do not receive formal religious instruction must attend a parish school of religion in the parish in which they are registered leading up to any reception of sacraments. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments.

The August 2016, Respect Life Focus Topic - Capital Punishment/Mercy behind Bars

The spiritual work of mercy tied to a corporal work of mercy involves both a prayer commitment and outreach. We have organized the means to become a spiritual friend/pen pal to one who is in prison right now. This will be an opportunity to provide direct encouragement to someone who very much needs it. Your identity and the identity of the prisoner will be protected. If you are interested in joining this commitment please email the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org. This will also be an ongoing program after the month of August.

Our other corporal work of mercy partnered with the work of Cornerstone for the month of August include:

□ Aiding the Re-entry Program by providing care packages to those who have just been released from prison and have no family. The care packages should include things like men’s toiletries, razors, towels, new undergarments, and other basic items, plus a note of encouragement.

□ Connecting interested volunteers to be mentors for children of those incarcerated. Those who are interested would be connected with Catholic Charities’ Cornerstone Builders.

Those who wish to assist with any of the above corporal works of mercy should contact the Respect Life Office to arrange help at respectlife@arch-no.org.

Parish Calendar

8/23  9:15 AM ADORATION
6 PM HOLY HOUR OF MERCY IN CHURCH
6:30 PM CATECHIST MTG/ST. RAYMOND
8 PM CONFIRMATION MTG/ST. RAYMOND
8/24  9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
9:45 AM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH/ST.RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY
7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR/CHURCH
8/25  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND

Have a Generous

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can. –John Wesley

Pope Francis declares Blessed Mother Teresa a Saint!

On September 4th, 2016, Pope Francis will declare Blessed Mother Teresa a Saint! EWTN will be on the ground in Rome to bring you live coverage of the day’s events, and we will air specials highlighting her life in the surrounding days and during the week. What a great patron saint we will have for our Media Missionary work in this beloved apostle of Mercy. “Let us do something beautiful for God!”

God Have Mercy on Us!

Interfaith Prayer for Peace and Healing

All are welcome to join interfaith leaders of New Orleans to pray for peace in our city, protection of law enforcement, and an end to violence, murder and racism.

Tuesday, August 23
7:00 p.m.
St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans

SANCTITY OF LIFE SERIES

because we all have the
RIGHT and RESPONSIBILITY to know

WHAT DOES OUR CHURCH TEACH?

Presented by Concerned Catholics for the Sanctity of Life
All speakers are provided from the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church Cafeteria
4921 West Metairie Ave. Metairie—7pm – 9pm

September 6 - Sexuality, Marriage, and LGBT
September 13 - End of Life / Assisted Suicide / Euthanasia
September 20 - Capital Punishment and Prison Ministry
September 27 - Biotechnology: IVF, Stem Cell and more
October 4 - Laudato Si – Pope Francis on a Rampage
October 11 - Human Trafficking of Adults and Children
Hidden in Plain Sight
2016 St. Ann Family Fest, September 30th & October 1st
“St. Ann Goes to the Movies”
Sponsors in all categories will be listed in the Church Bulletin

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from Sept 23rd through October 7th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP $200
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP $150
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR $25 to $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

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--Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to: St. Ann Family Fest Committee • ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte • 4921 Meadowdale Street • Metairie, LA 70006
Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to “St. Ann Family Fest”. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business:
__________________________________________
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This is how it will appear on signs and acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous and appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

Address: ___________________________________  Zip: __________

Contact Person: ________________________________ Phone __________________

E-Mail Address: ____________________________

Donation Category: ________ Amount Enclosed: _______________

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The National WWII Museum
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New Orleans School of Cooking
The Ogden Museum of Southern Art
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Short Stop Poboy’s
Trey Yuen Cuisine of China
VCA Causeway Animal Hospital
Villere’s Florist