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

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.

ROSEMARY 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 from 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.

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.

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 for 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.
Our readings this week focus on our need for mercy due to our sinfulness. All of us have gifts and talents. There are things that we do well that others may not, and vice versa. By extension, we each have different root sins that we may be attached to that others may not. All of us are in dire need to receive the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.

We are encountered with sinners in the readings. The first reading we see the sin of the Israelites, as they built a molten calf and engaged in idol worship. Our responsorial psalm is taken from Psalm 51, which is the great penitential psalm. To put this psalm in its historical context, tradition has it that King David wrote this particular psalm after his sin of adultery with Bathsheba. St. Paul admits of his sinful past in the second reading, and in the Gospel we see the great image of the Father’s mercy in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We are no better than these people. In fact, we are exactly the same. All of us are sinners, and so all of us need to receive the Father’s mercy.

I recently went to confession. (Yes priests go to confession too.) While I was doing my penance, which was saying some prayers, this thought entered my heart, “You are freed from this.” I know that confession frees us from the burden and the shackles that our sins impose upon us. But I guess the reality of this really sunk to a deeper level. This has really impacted me since. I’ve almost daily reminded myself of this, that I am free from sin, especially from this particular sin. I am reminded of what St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Galatians, “For freedom Christ set us free. So stand firm, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.” (Gal. 5:1) Christ has freed us from sin on the Cross, and the Church continues His work of mercy sacramentally in the confessional. May we always run to confession when we need Christ’s mercy, and then live in the freedom that Spirit offers to us.

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St. Ann Family Fest Raffle Tickets: Today, as you exit the church, there are bright colored buckets with fair raffle tickets and brochures of the fairs events. Please take a pack of tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors to help support the SAS and catholic education. Tickets and money may be returned to the school or church offices, the information booth or in the weekly collection basket. Thank You.

On Wednesday, September 14th, the Feast of the Holy Cross, confession will be available in every church throughout the archdiocese from 5 PM until 6:30 PM.
To: Clergy, Religious, Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In society today we are witnessing national and local political campaigns that have become very negative and in many cases disrespectful to others. We must make sure our voices are heard and call for greater civility in politics. Likewise, we must speak with our children and help them to realize such “name-calling” is not according to Christian principles.

Despite the negativity surrounding political campaigns, it is very important that we as Catholics participate in the political process and elections. It is our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to look carefully at the platform of each candidate and compare these principles to the teaching of the Church. There are many moral issues we must be aware of to form our conscience and to decide how to vote.

In order to assist you, your pastor will make available to you through the Clarion Herald, information provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This information is meant to help us know the moral teaching of the Church and to use these principles in choosing to vote for a candidate. 

*Information from the USCCB is the only approved voter guidance that can be distributed in our Catholic Churches.*

I have heard people say, “I am not going to vote in this presidential election”. Please be reminded that we should not abstain from voting. If no candidate presents the values we believe in, we are called to vote for the candidate that most reflects Christian principles or has the potential to do so if elected. 

*Please be reminded that the Catholic Church does not support a candidate nor can any candidate or their representative speak in our churches or on parish/school premises.*

As Catholics we believe in the values handed on to us by Jesus and our tradition. Please join me in studying carefully the information from the bishop’s conference, and through prayer make a responsible decision in this upcoming election.

Let us together pray for our country and for peace in our world. May we form our conscience and be faith-filled citizens.

Wishing you God’s blessings and with assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ [Signature]

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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School News
The St. Ann School Grandparents Club will host their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th in the school cafeteria. All Grandparents of St. Ann students are invited to attend. We are happy to have our grandparents so involved in St. Ann School!

Parish Calendar
9/11  MISSION APPEAL
   6 PM CYO SPORTS NIGHT/GYM
9/13  9:15 AM ADORATION
   6:20 PM PSR CLASS IN CAFETERIA
   7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
9/14  9:30 AM HOLY HOUR IN ST. ANN CHURCH AND SHRINE
   9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
   1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY
   5 - 6:30 PM CONFESSIONS
   6:30 PM GRANDPARENTS MTG./CAFETERIA
   7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
9/15  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/CAFETERIA
   7 PM CONFIRMATION PARENTS/STUDENTS MTG. IN CAFETERIA
   7 PM EVENING OF MERCY IN CHURCH
   7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WELCOME CENTER
9/16  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES K, 1 & 2

Have a Generous 
Giving material goods is one form of generosity, But one can extend an attitude of generosity in all one's behavior. Being kind, attentive, and honest in dealing with others, Offering praise where it is due, Giving comfort and advice where it is needed, And simple sharing one’s time with someone – All these are forms of generosity, And they do not require any particular level of material wealth. -The Dalai Lama

St. Ann Holy Hour of Mercy
Our next gathering for the Holy Hour of Mercy will be Wednesday, September 14th at 9:30 am in the Shrine. May God abundantly bless all who visit during the Jubilee Year and all who participate in the Holy Hour of Mercy.

Sent in by Jennifer Correa

Family Sunday is on September 25
Theme: “Real Mercy Starts at Home”
The Home and School Club invites all to attend Family Sunday. We will have complimentary coffee and donuts following the 8:00 and 9:30 AM Masses in the cafeteria and a professional photographer will be available for family pictures in the gym.

St. Ann Grandparents Club
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Membership Dues are $10/person annually. Dues will also be accepted at the Fall Grandparent’s Days (Oct 21 for grades PreK 2, 3, 4, and Kindergarten and Nov 11 for grades 1-4.)

Please continue to save Box Tops for Education for your grandchild’s grade level.

God of Mercy;
People of Mercy
“God doesn’t tire of us, but we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.”
Our next celebration will be Thursday, September 15th at 7 PM in St. Ann Church. These Evenings of Mercy offer Song, Prayer, Sacred Scripture, Reflection, a Powerful Witness of Faith and the Recitation of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy.
Our featured witness for September 15th will be Trish Genco, St. Ann’s Director of Liturgical Music. Come and hear her beautiful message of Faith, Hope and God’s Mercy.

Magnificat, Metairie chapter, is sponsoring a Divine Mercy Retreat, October 7-9, 2016, Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006. Our retreat master is Reverend Simon Peter Engurait, associate pastor at Christ the Redeemer Church, Thibodaux, LA. Please come and rest as Fr. Simon Peter teaches on Divine Mercy and the Holy Spirit! For more information and registration, please call Jane at 504-466-2010 or 504-884-6152.

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