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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & 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

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 Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. 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.
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

In our Gospel this Sunday Jesus gives a parable of two people who went to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee was very prideful and self-referential in his prayer. He was also external in his spirituality, meaning he thought himself holier than others simply by what he did, i.e. fasting, tithing, etc. The tax collector, however, prayed from a posture of humility. And he was most concerned with his interior well being, rather than his exterior observances of the faith.

As Christians we need both exterior observances and interior focus. As human beings we have a dual nature, in that we are composed of body and soul. The body makes up the physical and visible part, while our soul makes up the spiritual and invisible part. As we strive to process in holiness and virtue, we should never be on the extremes. We should not emphasize the exterior to the detriment of the interior, which is what we see the Pharisee doing. We should also not concentrate solely on the interior, while neglecting the exterior. Since we are a unity of body and soul, we should seek to nurture both the interior and exterior. There is an order to this though, in that our exterior observances should serve to foster our interior life. To help illustrate this, have you ever wondered why do we put ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent? It is to remind ourselves of our sinfulness and the need to repent from them and turn back to the Lord. The putting on of ashes helps to engage our bodies and our souls of how we are in need of God’s mercy as we begin the great penitential season of Lent.

As a side note, we see the tax collector beating his chest as he prayed. This is a scriptural foundation of why we do the same thing at every Mass. In the Confiteor, we declare that we “have greatly sinned” before the Church, and then beat our chests three times when we say, “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.” Part of the reason why we do this is in imitation of the tax collector in this parable, who prayed in the Temple and humbly asked God for His mercy, which is how we begin every Mass.

The more we engage our exterior and interior, the more rich our spiritual lives become, and the more we live out Jesus’ challenge to love the Lord “with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Reflection by Fr. Braud
School News

Next Sunday, Oct. 30th is Priesthood Sunday. We appreciate Father Billy and Father Braud for their inspired and generous service to St. Ann Parish and School.

Chipotle Fundraiser Night

Monday, October 24th from 5-9 at 3600 Veterans Blvd. Tell the cashier and 50% of sales will be given to St. Ann School.

Have a Generous

Never take advantage of someone who loves you.

Never say you’re too busy to someone who needs you.

Never cheat on one who has trust in you.

Never forget those who always remember you.

Parish Calendar

10/23  6 PM FAMILY FEST MTG./CAFETERIA
10/24  SAFE ENVIRONMENT/CAFETERIA
10/25  9:15 AM ADORATION
6 PM HOLY HOUR OF MERCY/CHURCH/SHRINE
6:20 PM PSR CLASS IN CAFETERIA
7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
10/26  9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
9:45 AM SEWING SEAMS/ST. RAY
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 1 CLASS 2/CAFETERIA
7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
10/27  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM CS PACK MTG./CAFETERIA
10/30  PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

St. Ann CYO presents

“Journey Through the Catacombs!!!”

Featuring a True-to-Life Replica of the Roman Catacombs!

If you missed this awesome experience last year, YOU’RE IN LUCK!!! Members of our St. Ann CYO will once again be giving live tours as you walkthrough a replica of the Roman Catacombs right here at St. Ann!!! These tours will be held Saturday, October 29th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, October 30th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November 6th 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This will be held in the St. Ann Parish Ministries Center (located behind church) and is open to the public of any faith! The tours are free but donations to the CYO are appreciated. Each visitor receives a candy (and blessing) upon exit! Come visit the Roman catacombs and bring your whole family!!!

St. Ann’s—St. Anthony Ministry

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The St. Anthony Ministry is asking for your help. The following items are requested to fill the Thanksgiving boxes which will be handed out to needy families: Cranberry Sauce, Turkey gravy or gravy mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Peas or Carrots, Green Beans, Oil, Marshmallows, Oatmeal or Grits, Cereal or Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Cake Mix & Icing, Sugar and Canned Meats.

We are starting to collect these item for Thanksgiving. Please place them in the food bins marked Thanksgiving Food Drive in the shrine.

We appreciate your contributions and wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. St. Anthony Ministry

Important Notice:

Opening of the 2017 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2017 will be open on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

Please submit your Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light and Altar Flower requests in person on Thursday, November 10 at 10 AM in the Parish Office. No early requests will be accepted. If your first date and time is not available, we will select an alternative date and time at our discretion. We will follow up with a phone call. Also, if one of the priests is away and we have to schedule a Communion Service, the Mass Intention will be moved to another Mass time on the same date. Requests for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Lights and Altar Flowers will not be posted upon receipt. The requests will be posted in the order in which they are received on Wednesday. We will accept no more than SIX Mass Intentions and ONE Sanctuary Light request per family. The offering (stipend) for each Mass Intention is $5, $10 for each Sanctuary Light, and $35 for each Altar Flowers.

Thank you for your cooperation.
My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mercy Changes the World!

On World Mission Sunday, October 23, Pope Francis invites us to announce the mercy of God, "the beating heart of the Gospel" (Misericordiae Vultus 12) to the entire world and to be a missionary.

On this 90th World Mission Sunday, our archdiocesan family joins our sisters and brothers around the world who will gather at the Lord's table to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor. Pope Francis said,

"Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity."

Message for World Mission Sunday, 2016

I echo these words of our Holy Father, asking us to open our hearts as we connect on World Mission Sunday with every corner of the globe... with the Americas, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families; with Europe, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution; with Asia, where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools; with the Pacific Islands, where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood, to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need; with Africa, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics.

Grateful always for your generosity and prayers and confident of your missionary commitment to share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor, I pray for God's blessings for you and all you hold in your heart.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans