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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.

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.

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.



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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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10



Here we are just a few weeks from the end of the Liturgical Year C. The Year of Grace 2016 will conclude just a few days after the Solemnity of Christ the King - the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year and the beginning of the New Year of Grace 2017 on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

In a few days we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints [Holy Day of Obligation] as well as All Souls' Day. **What do you know about the saint you have been named after?** Many parents today have fallen away from picking saint names for their children for baptism, which is rather sad mindful that we are living in an age of questionable role models. The saints are models of Christian living. More recently Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta - a saint of our time and serves truly as a model for us as Christians. I share this quote of hers: **"God doesn't call you to be successful. He calls you to be faithful."** The saints can still teach us ...

As we ready ourselves for November, the Month of the Holy Souls, let us remember to pray for our beloved departed and pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We remember all men, women and children who have **stayed the course of goodness** and will be rewarded with the gift of heaven. We should never despair the possibility of being a saint. Remember, every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. **Therefore, get down from the tree and stop looking at Jesus from a distance. He wants to stay at your house ... He wants to come into your life.** Don't let what others may think prevent you from having Jesus come into your life. Stop trying to be others ... Be just you with Jesus!

Zacchaeus was a **chief tax collector** in Jericho - a financial haven for tax collectors. Wealth meant lots of taxes, and Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector - probably very wealthy and doubly despised. The crowds condemned him based on what they thought they knew. But, when standing with Jesus, they discovered the error of their presumption and discovered their own sinfulness. **How do we judge other people?** Hence, our need at the beginning of every Mass taking time to acknowledge our sins and prepare ourselves for Jesus who longs to **"stay at your house today"** For as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the scriptures and breaks the bread ... Yes, the same Jesus and who visited the home of Zacchaeus and wants to come into our being no matter the state. I often recall the words of St. Augustine when it comes to salvation: **"Without God we cannot; without us, he will not."**

Do you want to be saved? Get off the tree ... Acclaim Jesus in the Eucharist with a LOUD Amen. The story of Zacchaeus is more than one man's salvation. It warns us against presumption, and it reveals the benefit of expressing mercy ... being merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful.

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	October 30
4:00 pm Vigil	Dale St. John, Dennis Hebert, Raymond Oliver, Nora O'Riordan, Mary Quaid, Charles Stier, Emelda Leatham, McCleland & Gordon Families, Donna Clement (S.I.), Gary Murphy, Robert Kitchen, Kent Zimmerman, Vincent Gangi, Andrew Trosclair
8:00 am	Louis Hebert
9:30 am	Frank Buffone
11:00 am	Julia B. Richards, Jennifer Courville, Raymond Olivier, Theresa Cusachs, Nora O'Riordan, Ethel Aucoin, Theresa Dayton, Mary Quaid, Michael Donahoe, Douglas Wilkie, Adrian Barbe, Family, Jose Ismael Solorzano, Mr. & Mrs. T. Rodrigue, Jr. & Family (Healing & Protection), Chad Hood, Ashley Code, Marlene Bishop (Healing), Josephine Guevara, Juliet Carrigee, Jose Perez, Vincent Gangi
5:00 pm	Parishioners
Monday	October 31
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am	Nora O'Riordan
6:30 pm	Ashley Code
Tuesday	November 1 All Saints Day
6:30 am	Salvadore Guggino
8:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Sclafani
7:00 pm	Nora O'Riordan
Wednesday	November 2
6:30 am	Carol Estorge
8:45 am	Michael Bonura
Thursday	November 3
6:30 am	Edward & Peggy Asaro (In Thanksgiving)
8:45 am	Lucien Orfanello
Friday	November 4
6:30 am	Agnes Schmidt
8:45 am	Floyd Hyer
Saturday	November 5
7:30 am	Nora O'Riordan

October 30 - November 5, 2016
"Sanctuary Candle"
In Memory of Patricia Vezina



All 8-12 graders are invited to attend any CYO gathering. We meet each Sunday evening in the Youth Room located in the Youth House at 4909 Loveland Street. Come see the new Youth facility, with foosball, air hockey, darts, and pool tables, as well as Playstation, X-box, and internet computer access. We will have a variety of activities to take part in throughout the year and always plenty of FOOD and friends to meet!!!! Call David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more info. Here is a list of our upcoming activities: October 29-30 - Catacombs exhibit in Ministries Center (see article) October 30 - Board Game night in Youth Room with FOOD 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



School News

The students will have a special "All Saints" assembly performed by the kindergarten students next week. The students will have a holiday on Nov. 1st.

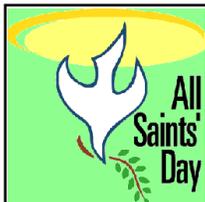
ST. ANN'S—ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The St. Anthony Ministry is asking for your help. The following items are requested to fill the Thanksgiving boxes which we will be handing 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



All Saints' Day Mass Schedule
Monday, October 31
Vigil Mass 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 1
6:30 & 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM
Healing Rosary after 7:00 PM Mass

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.

Parish Calendar

10/30	PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
11/1	9:15 AM ADORATION 6:20 PM PSR CLASS IN CAFETERIA 7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA ROSARY FOR HEALING AFTER THE 7 PM MASS
11/2	9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY 2:30 PM PRACTICE FOR 3 & 4 GRADES FOR GRANDPARENT EVENT 7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
11/3	9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND 7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WC
11/4	8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS 2ND GRADE/CHURCH
11/5	7:30 AM MENS CLUB MASS IN CHURCH ROSARY FOLLOWING AFTER 7:30 AM MASS 10 AM ALTAR SERVER LEADERSHIP MEETING/WC
11/6	12:30 PM BAPTISMS IN CHURCH

Have a Generous



If we should deal out justice only in this world,
 Who would escape?
 No, it is better to be generous,
 And in the end more profitable,
 For it gains gratitude for us and love.
 -Mark Twain



Priesthood Sunday October 30, 2016

Please join us on this special day, Priesthood Sunday, in praying for our priests Fr. Billy and Fr. Braud and in praising God for their courage and their generosity. A simple note, a smile or a phone call to assure them of our loving care and gratitude for their presence. We appreciate everything you do for us here at St. Ann Church! **God Bless You!**

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 walk through 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!!!



October is Respect Life Month

Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation

When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—help us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited" (LS, 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'"

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123).

Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it "compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment" (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away" (LS 120).

Pope Francis isn't endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that "no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation" (emphasis original 7). He later addressed Catholics directly, reminding us of our "serious obligation to care for all of creation" (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world. Excerpts from *Laudato si' (Care of Common Home)* Copyright 2016 USCCB

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