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

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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

Pastor
Rev. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Colin Braud, ext. 224

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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.

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.
**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C**

Today’s celebration is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The new liturgical year always begins with the First Sunday of Advent. So liturgically, today is kind of likened to a New Year’s Eve, as we remember that Jesus Christ is Lord and King of the Universe.

Prior to the new translation of the Roman Missal today was just called Christ the King. This was one of the changes of the new translation of the Roman Missal that I really got excited about. I think it drives the point home by declaring Jesus King of the Universe. The Roman Missal is the book that priests use on the altar when they say Mass.

This celebration is very new in the history of the Church. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 by an encyclical letter. Understanding what was happening at that time really helps us to feel the impact of what he did. The world was in recovery from the Great World War, which ended in 1918. Communism and Marxism were intellectually on the rise in the western world, and were particularly influential in the revolutions fought in Russia and Mexico prior to his encyclical. This is the landscape that Pope Pius found himself in in 1925. As an antidote to this he declared Christ as Lord and King of the Universe.

Humanity was grasping for peace through violent means. Man was also ignoring the role that faith plays, by putting the emphasis entirely on reason and the will. These are some of the foundations upon which Communism and Marxism is built upon. Karl Marx himself famously declared that religion was the “opium of the masses.” History would show Marx to be wrong, as this thinking was responsible for the killing of millions during World War II, Nazi Germany, and Communist Russia, and did not bring about the economic balance that he wanted. He forgot the moral principle that the end never justifies the means.

Every year this celebration is relevant for us to pause and bring to prayer that Christ is King of the World, King of the Universe, and King of our hearts. We will soon be under a new administration when President-Elect Trump will take office. Regardless of whom our president is, Christ is King. We serve our country as responsible citizens, but as Christians we bow only before Christ, and salvation is only brought about through Jesus Christ. Peace can only come when Christ reigns in the world. May our example always point to the fact that Jesus Christ is King.

Reflection by: Fr. Braud
What St. Ann School Means To Us

It’s where I’m learning my ABC’s and how to write my name.

It’s where I’m making friends and getting ready for high school.

It’s where my children are thriving and growing socially, spiritually and academically.

It’s where I’m making a difference in the lives of my students.

It’s where my grandchildren are preparing to be the leaders of tomorrow.

What does St. Ann School mean to YOU?

After mass, please feel free to pick up a St. Ann magnet as a reminder of what St. Ann School means to you. As you see St. Ann magnets on cars around town, we hope you will pause for a moment to think about St. Ann School and its impact on your family.

#iGIVECATHOLIC

Tuesday, November 29 is a national day of giving and for the second year, we are proud to be a part of #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday. Your generosity will help ensure St. Ann School will be around for years to come - so even more generations can come to love, know and serve God.

Between Friday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 29, we invite you to go to www.igivecatholic.org and make a donation to St. Ann School. Your tax deductible donation will go to the St. Ann School Endowment Fund. Need help making your donation? Call Sara Cooper at 504-455-8383.
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Though the Jubilee Year is concluded, we must continue in our personal lives and as a community to be merciful. Jesus says: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.” (Matthew 5:7). We live in a time of revenge, judgmentalism and name calling. We are invited to be merciful and to reflect the heart of Christ beyond this Jubilee observance. Mercy is every day and forever!

On this Feast of Christ the King, let us pray for those who pain-fully do not experience mercy in their lives and those who stil l find it difficult to forgive others. May we also lift to the Lo rd people who have been hurt by members of the Church and have distanced themselves from God and the community of faith. We must continue to do what we can to invite them back to our family of faith.

In closing, be assured of my gratitude to all those who have enabled us to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

Wishing you God’s merciful blessings, and with the assurance of my prayerful support, I am

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Archbishop of New Orleans

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