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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

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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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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 con-
tact 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 some-
one 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 Wednes-
day 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.
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The Mass is completely steeped in Scripture. From the opening sign of the Cross to the dismissal most of the spoken words have some biblical reference, or even quote lines verbatim. Our Gospel gives us the context for one such example that shows how we bring Scripture into the Mass.

Our Gospel shows the account of John the Baptist pointing out Jesus to his disciples. Andrew, his brother Peter, and John were followers of the Baptist, who then became Apostles of Jesus. The words that John the Baptist used to point out Jesus were, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” These words are very familiar to us Catholics because they are said at every Mass. Just before we receive communion, the priest shows the Body and Blood to all and says, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.” Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

What did these words of John the Baptist mean to a first century Jew? These words reference the Feast of Passover, where lambs were slaughtered and eaten, and the blood was sprinkled on the doorposts and lintels of the Israelites so that death would passover their firstborn males. By saying that Jesus is the Lamb of God, he is telling them and us that Jesus Christ is the true passover lamb who was sacrificed for us on the Cross, and is consumed in the Eucharist at every Mass, so that eternal death would passover them. By placing his words in that specific place in the Liturgy, just before receiving communion, the Church is interpreting that scripture verse, and indirectly the events of the first passover in the Book of Exodus, in a Eucharistic manner.

As we have finished the Christmas Season, and have begun the new Ordinary Time Season, let us be reminded of Christ’s sacrifice for us on the Cross, who is the Lamb of God. Let us thank Him for giving us the Liturgy of the Mass, whereby Calvary becomes represented to us. And let us thank Christ for giving us the tremendous opportunity to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, causing death to passover us, and opening ourselves up to eternal life.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
**Parish Calendar**

1/15  6 PM CYO SPORTS NIGHT/GYM
1/16  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
      7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/ST. CECILIA
      7 PM MEN’S CLUB MEETING
1/17  9:15 AM ADORATION
      6:20 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA
      7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS/CAFETERIA
1/18  9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
      6 PM CS PACK MTG./CAFETERIA
      7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
      7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
      7 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL/PARISH OFFICE
1/19  ALL DAY SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR IN CAFETERIA
      9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
      7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WC
      7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 1/CAFETERIA
      7 PM SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL/PARISH OFFICE
1/20  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (K-1 GRADES)
      7 PM CHILDREN’S BINGO PK-1ST GRADES IN CAFETERIA
      7 PM MOVIE NIGHT-PAJAMA PARTY 2 & 3 GRADES/GYM
1/21  10 AM ALTAR SOCIETY/ST. RAYMOND
1/22  6 PM FAIR COMMITTEE MTG./CAFETERIA

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM** in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

**Please Note:** This year’s celebration will **not be a Mass**, but a Prayer Service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

**To register,** the married couple is asked to contact their parish office before March 3, 2017.

**Upcoming Offerings**

**February 10-12, 2017**
Celebrating Life’s Sacred Moments
Rev. Joseph Nassal, CPPS

**February 18-19, 2017**
Accepting and Responding to the Unconditional Love of God
Rev. Msgr. Doug Doussan

**March 3-5, 2017**
Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Rev. Richard Sudlik, OMI

**March 4, 2017**
Day of Prayer – Baton Rouge
St. Jean Vianney – 9am-12pm
The Francis Effect: How Pope Francis Has Quickly Changed the Face of Catholicism
Rev. Msgr. Doug Doussan

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IMPORTANT
DO NOT sign up as an individual - our parish access code provides more content than the individual subscription.

Some of the Liturgical Content on FORMED.org for January

JAN. 15 ST. PAUL THE HERMIT & JAN. 17 ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT

The Book of Saints and Heroes on Formed.org

The first Christians to visit Europe and the British Isles met pagans who told tales of fairies, talking beasts, and other wonderful things. To these marvelous stories, they soon added new ones about the Christian saints. Some were true, others improbable, and many simply fantastic. In the ones we include here, you'll meet the saint who spent seven Easters on a whale's back and the amiable lion who was St. Jerome's friend. You'll see St. George fight the dragon, and you'll read about the fierce wolf St. Francis of Assisi converted. But many of these stories have in them scarcely a wave of the fairy wand. So you'll also find here true tales of great saints such as St. Louis of France, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary — souls marked by courage, kindness, and piety. These marvelous legends and exciting true stories of Christian saints and heroes will provide many hours of delightful reading to believers and non-believers alike!

JAN. 20 STS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN

Two Audios below you can listen to on FORMED.org:

Audio: Being All In ERIC MAHL: Eric Mahl grew up in the small town of Monroeville, Ohio, where he was a standout athlete. He earned a scholarship to play division one football at Kent State University and, in 2005, was signed by the Cleveland Browns. After leaving the NFL, he spent three years working in the world where he continued his intensive focus on discerning his vocation. After this period of discernment, he sold or gave away all his belongings so as to fully give himself to the Lord and live out the message of Divine Mercy. His journey eventually lead him to the shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Eric now lives, works, and prays in service with the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy.

Audio: Stealing Home MIKE SWEENEY: Mike Sweeney is a devout Catholic and sought after speaker, has been involved with Catholic Athletes for Christ, has appeared on EWTN's Life on the Rock, and has spoken at numerous Catholic venues. He appeared in five All-Star Games and was the Kansas City Royals' player of the year three times. Starting from his account of the year three times. Starting from his account of an amazing play in which he stole home, Sweeney draws parallels to living one's faith well to the end.

JAN. 21 SAINT AGNES, PATRON OF CHASTITY

Audio: From Love, by Love, for Love on FORMED.org

Father Michael Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today. With compassion, clarity, and humor, he shows that the Church's teachings on contraception and same-sex attraction are rooted in the yearnings for authentic love that is shared by all, who are made in the image and likeness of God.