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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

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.
Third Sunday of Lent Year A

Our readings this Sunday evoke water imagery, particularly in the First Reading and the Gospel. The First Reading from the Book of Exodus we see the Israelites drinking from a miraculous spring that came forth from a rock after Moses struck it. In our Gospel this Sunday we hear of Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman. In this episode Jesus identifies Himself as the true living water which quenches all who partake.

Among other things, Jesus is revealing to us in these readings that He is the spiritual rock from which the Israelites drank the water from. He tells the Samaritan woman that He gives living water. This water is not natural water. This water that Jesus gives is supernatural. St. Paul explicitly brings out this connection in his First Letter to the Corinthians when he says, “For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.” (1 Cor. 10:4)

We are not unlike the Israelites who were wandering in the desert, complaining of thirst. During Lent we spiritually place ourselves in the desert for 40 days, not just to remember Jesus’ time in the desert, but also the 40 years that the Israelites wandered throughout the desert before they entered the Promised Land. Sometimes we complain just like them. Sometimes we desire things that sell ourselves short, or miss the mark that we should really be aiming for. The Israelites were really only concerned with the body. They even said they’d rather have food and be under Egyptian slavery, then be free with Moses with a lack of food and drink. Jesus ultimately came to free us from spiritual slavery due to sin. Jesus came not to feed and nourish the body, but to feed and nourish the soul.

Fasting during Lent helps us to see what is truly important in this life, which is fostering and deepening our relationship with Christ so that we might be with Him forever in the next.

Let us continue to be faithful to our Lenten promises. Even if we’ve failed, let us take them up again. May we increase our desire for Christ this Lent, who spiritually comes to quench the thirst of our hearts and souls. Let us draw from Christ who is the living water from Heaven. May we taste this water everyday, through prayer and the sacraments, so that we will be found worthy to enter our true heavenly Promise Land.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  March 19
4:00 pm Vigil  Nancy Meehan, Preston Guidry, Iris Fitzpatrick, McCleland & Gardner Families, Carmel Patterson, Jorge Migenes, Vivian Wesner, Anna P. Quinlan, Brian Kelt, Gustavo Zachrisson, Paul Oestriinger, Jr., Jennie DeGenova, Paulette Gregory, Louis & Ruth Duvic, Thelma Ruda Gonzales
8:00 am  Jorge Migenes
9:30 am  John Delhommer
11:00 am  Sclafani Family (Living), Aline Richards, St. Joseph, Linda Murry (In Thanks to Blessed Mother (Health), James Miller, Audrey Breaux, Paul Brue (Health), Jennie DeGenova, Patricia Virgadamo, Elaine Wingert, Sister Charles Borromeo, Collette B. Miller, Sister Marcella LeBlanc, Souls in Purgatory, Nelly Hidalgo Santos, Frances McCloskey, Josephine Guevara
5:00 pm  Parishioners

Monday  March 20
6:30 am  Paulette Gregory
8:45 am  Jennifer Courville

Tuesday  March 21
6:30 am  Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am  Jennie DeGenova
7:00 pm  Alex Byrne

Wednesday  March 22
6:30 am  Chris Alessi
8:45 am  Patricia Virgadamo

Thursday  March 23
6:30 am  Vivian Wesner
8:45 am  Daniel Mack

Friday  March 24
6:30 am  Paulette Gregory
8:45 am  Marie F. Mahler

Saturday  March 25
7:30 am  Paul Oestriinger

Stations of the Cross
On Friday, March 24 the Stations of the Cross will be in the Chapel at 7:00 PM. Friday, March 31, April 7 & 14 will be in the St. Ann Church at 7:00 PM.

March 19 - 25, 2017
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Aline G. Richards
Confessions will be available at St. Ann Parish and all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2017, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM.

Second Collection- Catholic Relief Services

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

March 26, 2017, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-relief-services-collection/collection/index.cfm.

Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

“CURRENT OF GRACE” is the theme for the 50th Anniversary “Golden Jubilee” Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, March 31-April 2, 2017, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA. Internationally known speakers include: Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC, Fr. Kevin Scallon, CM, Patti Mansfield, Deacon Larry and Andi Oney. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to “share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church.” Prayer for Healing with Sr. Briege, Inspiring Music, Late Night Worship for Youth and Young at Heart, Family Session Saturday afternoon, Charismatic Ministry. Pre-register for greatest savings at www.ccrno.org. Single Sessions register at the door. For more information on schedule and hotel: visit www.ccrno.org or call CCRNO at 504-828-1368.

In March, Respect Life focuses on people with disabilities

Lord Jesus Christ, You know the pain of brokenness, You took our weaknesses upon Your shoulders and bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters whose bodies fail them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Implant a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find You in their weakness, and console You in our care for them. For You are Lord, forever and ever. Amen

Thank you to all who donated to the Free Indeed home for young girls victimized by human trafficking. Your contributions were generous and thoughtful.

School News

If you are interested in registering your child for St. Ann School, it may not be too late. Please call the school office at 455-8383 as there is some availability in some grade levels. Next week is Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week. The St. Ann School students benefit from our dedicated faculty and staff members. The St. Ann School Grandparents Club will meet on Wednesday, March 22. The grandparents will provide a delicious luncheon for the faculty and staff on Thursday. We are happy to provide a means for our students’ grandparents to be part of our St. Ann School family. This Friday is the Men’s Club Seafood Dinner. Next Friday, March 24 is St. Ann night at City Park. This is a fun, community event for our students and their families.

Parish Calendar

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Born to Run/5K and Fun Run

April 8, 2017

EVENT INFORMATION
Audubon Park    Shelter #10/Newman Bandstand
7:30 am - Runner sign-in, race day registration
8:30 am - 1-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
9:00 am - 5K/Walk begins

Post-race “Birth”Day Party - Free food, live music by Neutral Snap and fun for the whole family.

The 2017 Born to Run/NOLA is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in Woman’s New Life Center’s mission. Woman’s New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the New Orleans and Greater Baton Rouge areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run/NOLA.

Olga Ann Frank, our pianist at the 11:00 a.m. mass has a team participating in the Born to Run race which raises money for the Women’s New Life Center.

If you’d like to join me, please visit my Team Page using the link below. Team Page: https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/798403/Team Name: Go Make a Difference

Team Captain: Olga Ann Frank
Third Sunday of Lent

Our Hearts Are Ready

God our Father and Creator, of Abraham and Jacob, and all of our ancestors of faith; bless us in our daily lives of work and prayer, as we find you in Word and bread and water; Harden not our hearts when we are confronted with Truth, nor when we are lost in confusion or despair; For we know you are with us, as you were with Moses and the people of Israel, and as you were with the Samaritan woman. May our hearts be open to accept your Word, and our spirits be ready to proclaim your Truth. May our work reflect your grace and the fruits of our work be shared with all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 19, 2017

Living Water

Today’s Readings: Exodus 17:3–7; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Romans 5:1–2, 5-8; John 4:5–42. The Samaritan woman is approached by Jesus, and responds as expected. What would you do in her situation? She has timed her trip to the well to avoid confrontation. This is her regular time to slip up to the well—Jacob’s well—and fill her jug. This stranger makes it all so confusing! The exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is not only about Jesus being the Living Water, it is also about accepting the teachings of Jesus as truth, and finding our spiritual thirst quenched by him. The exchange between the woman and Jesus is not only about finding the Messiah—the promised one—in our midst, it is also about being willing to accept the truth of Jesus’ messiahship and the life of the Resurrected One in our midst today.

Where is your thirst quenched? Does your search for the promised one continue, or are you able to accept Christ in your midst at home, at work, in the marketplace, and at rest, as well as in church? How much confrontation is required before we recognize the Living Water in our lives? Perhaps we will find the Living Water in those still, small moments when we are hoping to slip by the crowds. Perhaps we will find it in a moment of unexpected confrontation, when we truly hear the Word of God slip through the conversation. In this Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that we are never isolated from the truth, nor are we alone in receiving the fruits of an individual’s labor. In today’s Gospel what begins as two people meeting at a well becomes a profession of faith, by disciples and townspeople, that this is truly the Savior of the world.
This Week at Home

Monday, March 20

Solemnity of St. Joseph
A wonderful tradition celebrated today is the St. Joseph’s Table, begun in Sicily, Italy, to mark that the town’s crops were saved from a drought. At these festive gatherings, participants bring what they can, the food is blessed, prayers are said for continued blessings, and the abundance is shared. Today’s Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a.

Tuesday, March 21

Mercy and Forgiveness
The readings today ground us solidly in the Lenten practices of mercy and forgiveness. While we plead for repeated mercy from God, we must practice the same toward one another. We are called to examine our response when others, who have wronged us, ask for forgiveness. But we are to work toward reconciliation even when others do not ask. The opportunity to forgive is endless—seven times seven multiplied repeatedly. Today’s Readings: Daniel 3:25, 34–43; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6, 7bc, 8–9; Matthew 18:21–35.

Wednesday, March 22

Fulfilling the Law
The challenge of today’s readings comes from both Moses and Jesus: remain faithful to the Commandments and the Kingdom of Heaven will be your reward. However, the power in Jesus’ words is that he did not come to “abolish but to fulfill” both the Law and the prophets. Christians should be sure to read both the New and Old Testaments. For the next week, take some time to read an Old Testament passage each day for reflection. Today’s Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5–9; Psalm 147:12–13, 15–16, 19–20; Matthew 5:17–19.

Thursday, March 23

Harden Not Your Hearts
Echoing what is described in the readings, today’s psalm refrain calls us to remain faithful. Our fidelity needs to be not only in what we do, but at the core of our being, in our hearts. All of the readings today serve as a kind of examination of conscience. Mid-Lent is the perfect time for a personal assessment of our Lenten practices and to ask whether we are truly on the path of conversion of heart. Are we with Jesus or against him? Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 7:23–28; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 11:14–23.

Friday, March 24

Stations of the Cross
Each Friday is a reminder of Good Friday, and the Lenten practice of walking the Stations of the Cross can be part of that. Whether we join in a parish, communal celebration of Stations, or mark them with prayer and reflection on our own, we enter into a somber reminder of Christ’s Death on the Cross on a Friday afternoon. We walk with him, carrying his Cross, mourn with the women of Jerusalem, and witness his salvific Death. Today’s Readings: Hosea 14:2–10; Psalm 81:6c–8a, 8bc–9, 19–11ab, 14, 17; Mark 12:28–34.

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord
The joy of Mary’s acceptance when Gabriel announced to her that she would have a child who would be the Savior of the world is our joy as well. Today’s solemnity is a reminder of the joy we should have in Lent, even as we struggle with sorrows and sinfulness and the hard work of conversion. Our call is the same as Mary’s—to work with God so that all that we do may be according to his Word. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38.

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A Lent to Remember

A Lent to Remember is a study of the newly released program FORGIVEN – The Transforming Power of Confession. With beautiful film-making and teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, FORGIVEN will move your heart and give you plenty to discuss as a family or as a group of friends.

A Lent to Remember will be a 4-week study, with a 30-minute episode to watch each week. There are accompanying discussion guides that help penetrate the beauty and mystery of God’s mercy and the importance of regular confession. The final week of the study is capped with an episode from the stunning video series SYMBOLON. SYMBOLON Episode 6: The Paschal Mystery dives deep into the mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection and the difference it makes in our day to day life as Catholics. Both FORGIVEN and SYMBOLON can be accessed through www.formed.org. FORMED is a Netflix-like VOD and digital content service for both seeker and believer that features the best audio, video, e-books and feature-length films from some of the world’s most credible Catholic sources, such as the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire ministries. FORMED is available to all parishioners through a parish subscription. St. Ann’s five-digit code is XX87MF. Parishioners simply input the parish code on the main page of formed.org to set up their free account. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Make this Lent A Lent to Remember.

Way of the Cross for Married Couples
Passionate about Marriage?
Come to The Way of the Cross for Married Couples hosted by New Orleans Catholic Engaged Encounter on April 1, 2017, at 6:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church (6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003). This annual event is for married and engaged couples throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The reflections are written specifically for married couples, so it makes a great Lenten date night. As a way to serve our community, NOCEE offers this event free and open to the public, so invite friends and family to join you. To help us plan for the reception, reservations are requested. Email salvant@nocee.org with the number in your party.

Dorothy Day Presentation

Dorothy Day’s Granddaughter, Kate Hennessy, will speak in Loyola’s Ignatius Chapel at 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 23, 2017, on “Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved By Beauty.” She is author of a forthcoming book of the same title published by Scribner. A reception and book-signing will follow. This event is sponsored by University Ministry, the Office of Mission and Ministry, the Office of the University Chaplain, and the Loyola Institute for Ministry. It will also be broadcast online as a webinar. To attend the webinar, go to gps.loyno.edu/liim/webinars.
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