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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

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Tuesday:  7:00 pm

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ending with Benediction
First Friday:  9:30 - 10:30 am

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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 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 3:40 pm-4:00 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.
Easter Sunday

He is not here. He has risen just as he said. Profound words! Sin is broken. Christ has saved us. The story is told of a child who began to read the Gospels. Like billions before her, she quickly became charmed by Jesus. Suddenly, she ran out of her room crying hysterically. She ran into the arms of her mother. She cried: "They killed him. They killed him." Her mother comforted her and then whispered to her, "now go back and finish the story." Unlike that child, we know the rest of the story. Our hearts rejoice as we hear how the story finished not with defeat and death, but with victory and new life. "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." Sin will never have the final victory.

An ancient Christian symbol for Christ is the anchor. The anchor steadies the vessel - the Church. Christ holds us steady when life gets rough. Christ holds us connected to God when the waves of life come crashing over us. Christ our Hope is Risen. Let Him Easter in us. With Christ’s help we too can rise from the tombs of death that entrap us. We can rise out of any bondage that holds us with the freedom of Christ’s resurrection in us. But we must pass through death in order to experience true life. Get buried with Jesus OR be buried by life.

It is Easter for us struggling, sinful human beings for whom Christ died on the cross to rise to life with God. His death and His resurrection fill us with hope and keeps us steady and safe. His rising opens for us our rising out of those tombs which so easily trap us. His victory over death is our victory over all the dying we do while we live.

We are called to give witness to Jesus Christ in our daily life. We are called to put Him first. We are invited by Jesus to be His friends, to fall in love with Him and stay in love with Him. Have you fallen in love with Jesus? Do you truly know and love Him and follow Him?

Get buried with Jesus OR be buried by life!

On behalf of Fr. Braud, deacons and staff here at St. Ann Church and School, I wish you a Happy Easter 2017. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live!

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  April 16
8:00 pm  Easter Vigil Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Ann
8:00 am  Parishioners
9:30 am  Vivian Wesner
11:00 am Dale St. John, Sr., Carmel Patterson, John Couvillion, Danny Mack, Souls in Purgatory, Charles Stier, Salvador D’Amico, Sr., Martha Laizer, Paul M. Brue (Health), Mary B. Munsch
No 5:00 pm Mass

Monday  April 17
6:30 am  Chris Alessi
8:45 am  Wayne Salsiccia

Tuesday  April 18
6:30 am  Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am  Geralyn Lion
7:00 pm  Aline Richards

Wednesday  April 19
6:30 am  Elvira Dorsa
8:45 am  Jennie DeGenova

Thursday  April 20
6:30 am  Beryl Chaix
8:45 am  Duffy St. Pierre

Friday  April 21
6:30 am  Chris Alessi
8:45 am  Duncan Quaid (S.I.)

Saturday  April 22
7:30 am  Jack DeVille

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Oremus is an eight part study on the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life.

Oremus will be offered at St. Benilde Church, in the Teen Center, on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings starting on April 19 at 7 PM. For more information call Val Hebert at 427-0327 or email at valencemet@aol.com.

April 16 - 22, 2017
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Robert Barbier, Family
Catholic Charities Introduces AmeriCorps Opportunity

AmeriCorps allows members, recruited from unemployed and previously incarcerated individuals, to make money while serving their community! Members serve at Catholic Charities’ Food for Families/Food for Seniors program in Orleans Parish.

What is AmeriCorps? AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, engages Americans in intensive, results-driven service each year. In Louisiana, more than 1,000 members are currently providing service to their communities.

Where do members serve? Members will be serving at Catholic Charities Food for Families/Food for Seniors program in Orleans Parish. The program provides monthly nutritional food boxes to low-income seniors age 60 and older who meet Federal Income Guidelines.

Do members get paid? Members receive a small living stipend of up to $5,200 distributed every two weeks during their 24 week term of service. Upon successful completion of the term of service, members receive an education award for $2,199, which may be used at any institution which accepts federal education grant funds.

Who is eligible to serve? This AmeriCorps project is designed not only to help provide food to low-income seniors but also to help AmeriCorps members. As such, members will be currently unemployed and previously incarcerated. However, we do not accept anyone who has been convicted of a sex offense or first-degree murder.

For more information: Ronnie Moore (504) 451 – 8351 Janner Wilson (504) 427 – 2221

Camp Abbey Summer Camp 2017

Camp Abbey is a Catholic overnight summer camp for children completing 2nd through 8th grades. The program is a ministry of the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese and includes hiking, arts & crafts, sports, boating, archery, swimming, skits, prayer and sacramental opportunities, and so much more. Our campers grow closer to Christ and have fun while doing it!

Boy’s Camp
Week 1: June 4 - June 10, 2017
Week 2: June 11 - June 17, 2017
Week 3: June 18 - June 24, 2017
Week 4: June 25 - July 1, 2017

Girl’s Camp
Week 1: July 2 - July 8, 2017
Week 2: July 9 - July 15, 2017
Week 3: July 16 - July 22, 2017
Week 4: July 23 - July 29, 2017

Paid summer camp staff positions are also available for high school students (two-week positions) as well as college students and young adults (one-month positions). Camper registration, staff applications and additional details are available at www.campabbey.org.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Proclaim New Life in Christ

Great and glorious God,
you who have given us life from the creation of the world
you who have raised Christ from the dead,
you who have sent us holiness each day,
dwell in our hearts joyfully.
May our joy never cease,
our faith never waver,
and our life in Christ continue to flourish.
As we proclaim Christ risen and alive,
may we find him each day in one another, in our homes and our work,
and, strengthened through our lives of faith,
bring all home to new life in him.
We ask this through Christ,
our Risen Savior, who lives and reigns
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

April 16, 2017

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Today’s Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4; Sequence Victimae paschali laudes; John 20:1–9. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, Mary Magdalene is expecting to spend time in the quiet in the darkness before dawn to mourn the death of Jesus. But she finds that the stone has been removed. Peter and other disciples come to the tomb, with their own expectations, and find only the burial cloths. Christ, the Paschal Victim, has been raised from the dead. Where is the stone?

Have you removed the stone that has been blocking your heart? Have the cloths that have covered your buried goodness been set aside? Resurrection is the joy of living fully in Christ. New life in Christ must be celebrated. It is all good news.

Christ, who is our hope, our Redeemer, and our life, is with us.

Easter is an opportunity to begin anew. The joy of the Resurrection should be unabashed joy, bold and unafraid. Christ has removed our burial cloths, and our renewal of baptismal promises reminds us that life in Christ is lived in the assembly of the faithful. The whole community shouts for joy: Alleluia! Find your newness of life and name it. Celebrate that new life with whole-hearted singing and laughter. What has died within you has been changed into new life for the future. Throw open the windows, let in the light, and sing Alleluia! The Sequence today announces it firmly: Christ is risen from the dead, by this he has given us new life.
This Week at Home

Monday, April 17
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad
We hear in today’s Gospel that the Apostles took hold of Jesus’ feet and worshipped him. This week is full of the joys of the Resurrection. Let this be reflected in your home with flowers, white cloths, and any kind of light, from natural sunlight to candles. May your environment reflect the Alleluia brought to our lips with the Risen Christ. Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.

Tuesday, April 18
I Have Seen the Lord! Alleluia!
“I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” In Jesus’ words to Mary Magdalene, we are reminded that we are united with Christ through our belief in him. Through the Risen Christ, we are joined to the Father. In being joined to Christ, we are also joined to all who believe. Today’s Readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; John 20:11–18.

Wednesday, April 19
Our Hearts Were Burning
When Jesus is walking with us, we can discern the true path. When Jesus is in our conversation, our hearts burn with the understanding that the Holy Spirit brings. When the bread that we break reveals God in our midst, we proclaim: Alleluia! During this Easter season, we may want to seek to open our hearts to the ways Christ is present to us. Today’s Readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.

Thursday, April 20
Faith in the Name of the Lord
Peter and John heal not by their own power but in the name of the Lord. That faith and that name are our inheritance. Repentance, healing, preaching to all nations—all are to be “in his name.” Carry with you this day that joyful message: that it is God working through us that accomplishes our salvation. Today’s Readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab, 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.

Friday, April 21
God of Surprises
In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus provided an abundant number of fish for the disciples when they cast their net as he directed. As these disciples came ashore, he surprised them further with a breakfast that had been cooked over coals. How open are you to the surprises that God has prepared for you? Today’s Readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2, 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.

Saturday, April 22
Rejoice, Believe and Proclaim
Have you found joy in your encounters this week? We carry our Easter joy especially throughout the Octave of Easter, finding daily opportunities to discover light, happiness, and good news in daily tasks, encounters, and experiences. It is not a time for hardness of heart, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today. Let your attitude spread the Good News of Christ, who has died and risen for us. Alleluia! Today’s Readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1, 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.

The April Respect Life focus is on Fertility/Infertility/Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Our spiritual work of mercy-Prayer for those struggling with Infertility:
Mother of Christ, you were graced by God with the privilege of bearing our Divine Savior. You experienced the joys and challenges of being a parent. Your life was blessed with seeing Jesus grow from infancy and childhood, into his adult years of teaching a ministry. With St. Joseph, you created a home for your family to love and share together. Please intercede before the God of all life, that those struggling with infertility may conceive a baby and raise healthy children, with whom they can share the Lord's good gifts. May their children honor them and You by lives of virtue and caring for others. May their home be holy and their family be blessed with health, happiness and abiding love. And for those for whom conceiving a child is not possible may their love for each other be fruitful. Help them not to become bitter when they encounter others who devalue life. May those who cannot give birth to a child see other ways in which they can give life to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (sources: Nine Day Prayer to St. Gerard & Catholic Prayers)

If you know someone struggling with infertility, assure her (or him) of your prayers. Treatment and education is offered through the resources below.

- **Gianna Center of the Gulf South** — ProLife well-woman OB/GYN care including medical & surgical infertility treatment - medical & surgical, Creighton Model Natural Family Planning

- **Hope Woman’s Clinic** — Pro-life well-woman GYN care including medical infertility treatment, Creighton Model Natural Family Planning & Family of the Americas Natural Family Planning

- **Natural Family Planning** — methods in the Archdiocese that teach Fertility/Infertility Awareness

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19th Annual Mother’s Day Rosary Crusade for Life with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima on the 100th Anniversary of Her 1st Apparition at Fatima and Honoring All Mothers

Saturday, May 13th, 2017
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Our Lady of Prompt Succor Shrine
2701 State Street, New Orleans, LA

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will be the celebrant Mary & Joseph Akin will be the vocalists

Schedule:
9:00 ~ Mass
9:45 ~ Eucharistic Adoration, 5 Decades of the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:45 ~ Closing Benediction

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry
(A Ministry of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office)
John and Pam Richard, Coordinators

For more information, please call 504.460.9360 or 985.809.0773