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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

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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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.

ROSFAY 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.
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A
Acts 6:1-7 I Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Words that jump out at me this weekend are: The number of disciples continued to grow ... The word of God continued to spread ... Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house ... You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own ... Do not let your hearts be troubled ... In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places ... Show us the Father ... Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

A feast of words from our three readings and a lifetime for meditation ... Created, chosen, and called, we have much to do when it comes to being true disciples of Jesus.

Don't think you know it all - that would be a terrible mistake and quite assuming and presumptuous. God always has the last word! Remember who you are next to God. It’s very humbling. If you don’t think so, you are full of yourself and you have a lot to learn about being created, being chosen, and being called to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Let’s go back to the start of your journey. It all began with the Sacrament of Baptism, and these are some of the highlights of baptism:

- Being claimed for Christ our Savior by the sign of the cross on your forehead.
- Being anointed with the oil of catechumens, the oil of salvation so as to be strengthened against the power of Satan.
- Being baptized in the name of God.
- Being anointed with the holy oil of Chrism ... Priest, Prophet and King.
- Being clothed with a white garment as an outward sign of your Christian dignity and bringing that dignity unstained to heaven.
- Being a receiver of the Light of Christ and walking as a child of the light.
- Having your ears blessed to receive God’s word and your mouth blessed to proclaim the faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

So, how are you doing with your journey mindful that you have been called out of darkness into God’s wonderful light? Have you ever thought of your life as returning home to the Heavenly Father? According to Jesus we have an eternal home, but how do we get there? If you are in a strange city and ask for directions, you may get a confusing list, but what if you met someone who said: “I’ll show you the way ...” Jesus is the WAY for us. Without faith life is like a journey that leads to nowhere. To have faith is to believe that we have a lasting home to go to. Reflection by Fr. Billy
Parish Calendar

5/14  MOTHER’S DAY
  TRINITY DOME COLLECTION
  6 PM CYO
5/15  11:15 AM PK4 MAY CROWNING PRACTICE/CHURCH
  12:15 PM K CLOSING CEREMONY PRACTICE/CHURCH
  7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/ST. CECILIA
5/16  9:15 ADORATION
  7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS IN CAFETERIA
5/17  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADES 3-7
  9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
  11:15 AM PK4 MAY CROWNING PRACTICE/CHURCH
  12:15 PM K CLOSING CEREMONY PRACTICE/CHURCH
  7 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAY
  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
5/18  9:30 AM 7TH GRADE MAY CROWNING AND CLOSING CEREMONY
      PRACTICE IN CHURCH
  11:15 AM PK4 MAY CROWNING PRACTICE/CHURCH
  12:15 PM K CLOSING CEREMONY PRACTICE/CHURCH
  7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
  7 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL/PARISH OFFICE
  7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
5/19  8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS GRADE 2/CHURCH
  10:30 AM PK4 MAY CROWNING/CHURCH
  12 PM K CLOSING CEREMONY PRACTICE/CHURCH
  5/20  11 AM ALTAR SOCIETY
  5/21  10:30 AM VOLUNTEER THANK YOU BREAKFAST AFTER MASS
  6 PM CYO

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA MINI RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH & SHRINE

SCHEDULE: 7:30AM MASS

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS & CONFESSION:
8 AM—9 AM

REFLECTION: 9 AM—11 AM

Join us as we explore the theological depths
of the Fatima Prayer.

In his new book, *O MY JESUS*,
The Meaning of the Fatima Prayer,
Luke Arredondo will explore with us the
great themes of Christianity within this
brief prayer: Sin, Forgiveness, Mercy,
Heaven and Hell. It also touches on the
topic of having a personal relationship with
“my Jesus” as well as the hope that “all
souls” may ultimately be saved.

LUKE ARREDONDO is a PhD student in
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Ignitum Today, and The Catholic Outpost
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BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR $10.
FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers! There
are many activities this month to honor Mary,
the mother of Jesus. There is still some avail-
ability in some grade levels for next school
year. Please call the school office at 455-
8383 for more information. The school Skate
Night is Thursday, May 18th at Airline Skate Center.

"Please join us for a Pro-Life Educational, Human Trafficking
& Sidewalk Counseling Workshop on Saturday, May 20, 2017
from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church
Conference Center at 835 Melody Drive in Metairie, LA. The
presenters will be Pam and John Richard of the Archdiocesan
Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer Ministry. Learn how to present pro-
life facts to family, friends and to the women going into abortion
clinics. Also, the warning signs of human trafficking will be dis-
cussed. Please RSVP by May 15th by calling Pam Richard at
504-460-9360 or 985-809-0773 or by email at
richj504@bellsouth.net."

CHOOSE LIFE,
AND LOVE IT
WITH ALL YOUR HEART

St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary
Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on
are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their mar-
riage on Saturday, June 3rd at the 4:00 PM Vigil
Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please
call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 22nd.

Vacation Bible School 2017
is currently registering campers! We will
host the events July 3-14 (TWO
WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program.

The program will include Bible stories,
games, snacks, crafts and drama skits.
Children entering grades pre-K (potty-
trained) through 4th grade are welcome to participate and adults and/or
students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group
leaders and station coordinators. Registration is done on-line at https://
www.signupforms.com/registrations/10402 If you have questions,
please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225.
Always Looking Out for Us

God our Father,
you have called us from creation to be with you,
you have promised us life everlasting and eternal joy in the Kingdom of Heaven.
You have given us your Son to lead us to you,
and have prepared a dwelling place for us if we but follow him.

May 14, 2017
The Father Dwells in Me

Today’s Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; 1 Peter 2:4–9; John 14:1–12. The Apostles are confused today as Jesus tells them that he will go to prepare a place for them. Thomas questions, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” When Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life, Philip tells Jesus to show them the Father. We can understand why the Apostles felt uneasy, for we often want exact directions. Just as the Apostles were unsure of going by their instincts to follow God, we sometimes are unsure of the path that Jesus has shown us. Jesus is preparing the Apostles for when he will leave them. He lets them know the path to the Father is simple: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

May we know your truth, which will draw us closer to you;
May we live your life of love and joy by serving others and responding to their needs;
May we go where you lead us, trusting in your ways and in the sure and certain hope of life everlasting at the heavenly dwelling place you have prepared for us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Only by what we already know of you, Jesus, can we find the Father.
If we know Jesus, then we know the Father. The first lesson of the Trinity is that God is one God. Knowing God is knowing the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as one. No one understands the Father except through understanding Jesus, the Son, the Christ. The way to the Father is through the Son. The truth of God is knowing those truths we have heard and lived and enacted with Jesus in the Gospel. Life in God is the fullness of life through creation, Baptism, and resurrection. If we are to know God, we must be willing to follow him, trust in him, and do the same good works that reveal him.
This Week at Home

Monday, May 15

St. Isidore

St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers, and in the United States, the patron of the Rural Life Conference. The gardeners among us can see in this saint someone who also felt blessed to be able to put their hands in the dirt and watch something small grow. Whether or not we have the time and space to garden, we might want to take a few minutes to consider the work that goes into bringing food to the table. Today’s Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.

Tuesday, May 16

Open the Door of Faith

The account from the Acts of the Apostles today tells of persistence through suffering. Paul spread the Christian faith through several countries, not even pausing to complain about being persecuted. Instead, he insisted on welcoming Gentiles into the Church: opening the door of faith to them. His writings show that he carried Christ’s peace with him. His accounts, too, show that he was undaunted and proceeded as Christ said in today’s Gospel: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. Today’s Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.

Wednesday, May 17

I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches

The image of the vine and the branches portrays our intimate relationship to Jesus and to one another. The vine will only continue to grow if we accept the nourishment of the Father: love, mercy, and support. The image of the vine is also one of the Church, which can only continue to grow through the same love, mercy, and support of the entire community. Today’s Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 18

Remain in God’s Love

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.” Those words from today’s Gospel sound simple, but we still stumble and fall, especially when we consider ourselves inadequate. Today, consider how God’s love is a gift and how Christ was willing to sacrifice self for the good of others. How do you translate that into your world today? What can you do to give God’s love, thereby remaining within his loving embrace? Today’s Readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.

Friday, May 19

Pass It On

Both readings today describe handing on the faith. From Acts, we have a description of how Paul’s letters were read in the assembly of the faithful. We continue to hand on the faith of the earliest Christians through their written testimony. The Gospel, though, has an even stronger dictate: love one another as I have loved you. There is no better definition of how to live as Christians than to do just that. Today’s Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10, 12; John 15:12–17.

Saturday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

A powerful Franciscan preacher, Bernardine (d. 1444) attracted thousands to his open-air preaching. His greatest achievement was spreading the Holy Name of Jesus through a large emblem he carried with him, emblazoned with IHS. These letters, the first three Greek letters of the name Jesus, became as familiar and popular as any present day logo. Today’s Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.

2017 Altar Server Recognition

On Sunday, April 22, 2017, at the 11:00 AM mass, St. Ann Church recognized our 80 Altar Servers for their dedicated service. The following awards were bestowed on Altar Servers for their service over the past year.

ST. ANN ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR

Tharuka Fernando was presented the St. Ann Altar Server of the Year Medallion by Archbishop Aymond on April 26th 2017. He has served in many capacities and has shown great faith and leadership during the past year. Tharuka has been outstanding in the technical standards of service at Mass. He always has a smile, and is always eager and help teach the younger servers in the duties. In his own words: “Altar Serving is a great way to get close to God and serve him at the altar…I love altar serving, and don’t know what I would do without it.”

ASHLEY CODE JOY OF SERVICE AWARD

To celebrate the gift of joy that Ashley Code has given us, we present the first Ashley Code Joy of Serving Award. The inaugural recipient always has a smile and exudes the same qualities that were witnessed in Ashley: Joy for God, Joy for each other and a Joy for serving God and others. The recipient, Molly Derbes sums up the Altar Serving experience like this: “I like being an Altar Server, not only because it brings me close together with people in my parish, but also because it strengthens my relationship with God. I love being able to serve God in ways that benefit so many in St. Ann Parish. This way of giving back to God allows me to offer a gift of reverence and honor to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life.”

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ALTAR SERVICE AWARD

This year, we have three servers who have been Altar Servers since 4th Grade, and they are now graduating from High School. They have grown up before our eyes. They are leaders in our ministry and in our community, and are always recognized as some of the best that we have. They are truly disciples of Christ, living his Gospel with their lives.

Richi Fernando – will be graduating from Jesuit High School. Richi has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He serves as a peer minister and a retreat guide at Jesuit, all while playing in the band, participating in varsity athletics, writing for the school newspaper and being a scholar. Richi will be attending LSU or Loyola University in the fall.

Adam Peters – will graduate from Brother Martin High School. Adam is a decorated member of the Brother Martin Band, a top contender in Academic Games, a varsity athlete, a top scholar and a March for Life participant. Adam will be attending The University of Alabama in the fall.

Margaret Shepherd – will graduate from Archbishop Chapelle High School. Margaret is a member of the Chapelle Ambassadors, Student Council, Captain of the Chapellettes, is an Extra-ordinary Minister of Holy Communion at both Chapelle and at St. Ann, and was a March for Life participant. Margaret will be attending The University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the fall.
St. Ann Church and Shrine

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