ST. ANN CHURCH
AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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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 parishes 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.

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.
In the gospels for the next three Sundays we hear Jesus teach in parables. A parable is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. About one third of Jesus’ teachings consisted of parables. Parables stimulate active thought and invite us to enter the story and make judgments about events and people. They challenge us to draw conclusions about our own lives. Treasures found in parables transcend cultures; treasures that can be discovered when on the shores of Galilee, the concrete of Wall Street or the neighborhoods of Metairie. Every culture, primitive or advanced, can understand a parable and apply the lessons to a current circumstance. That is the beauty and splendor of Jesus’ parables.

The parable this Sunday focuses on our receptivity to Jesus’ message and how we live it out in ministry. In the parable Jesus describes Himself as the sower of seeds as He proclaims the gospel of the kingdom. The different soils in the parable illustrate the different ways we receive and respond to Jesus’ message. Some people are completely un receptive to Jesus and give His message no chance to take root. Much of our society is led by superficial personalities who ignore the message of Jesus. Some of us respond to Jesus’ teachings with immediate enthusiasm and receive it in our hearts with joy, however, when faced with tribulation or persecution we may fall short in responding. Some of us may allow the attractions of the world to be more meaningful than the message of Jesus. This thorny ground is as old as the Garden of Eden—the serpent has many disguises. Christians with “good soil” not only accept Jesus and His teaching, but they live up to it and are faithful to the good news. “Good soil” will produce fruit and will earn eternal happiness.

For most of us, our first inclination is to put ourselves into one of these categories. But, realistically, at times we move between categories. Even though we want to be that rich soil, sometimes we display characteristics of the unfertile soil. We pray to be convicted to Jesus’ message, resist the temptations of the world and to live a life of good soil producing good fruit.

Reflection by Lee Poche, Seminarian

St. Ann Parish continues its course for Adult Catholics who want to know more about their faith. The title is Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, and is video-led series presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. The last class will be on Wednesday night July 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome.
Parish Calendar

7/16    BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSION SECOND COLLECTION     6 PM CYO
7/17    9:30 AM COME & SEE/ST.RAYMOND
7/18    7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/ST. CECILIA
7/18    SUMMER NOVENA STARTS ADORATION WILL START AFTER THE
        10 AM MASS
7/19    6 PM ULSTER PROJECT/WELCOME CENTER
7/19    9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
7/19    10 AM AND 7 PM SUMMER NOVENA/FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA
7/19    1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7/19    7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7/19    7 PM SYMBOLOGIN: THE FAITH EXPLAINED IN CAFETERIA
7/19    7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
7/20    9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
7/20    10 AM & 7 PM SUMMER NOVENA/FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA
7/20    7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WELCOME CENTER
7/21    10 AM & 7 PM SUMMER NOVENA/FR. CEDRIC PISEGNA
7/22    10 AM SUMMER NOVENA MASS
7/23    8 PM CYO

St. Ann's Social Justice Committee News
On Saturday, July 29 the Saint Ann's Social Justice Committee will be assisting Saint Maria Goretti Church in providing a midday meal from 12-1 for the homeless at the St. Jude Community Center on Rampart Street. Members usually meet at the Sams on Airline at 10:30 to carpool. If you would like to attend and assist in this ministry, please call or text Jill Hitchins at 228-2883 by Thursday, July 27. This is a great way to become engaged, show gratitude for our many blessings, and/or earn service hours.

Black and Indian Mission Collection
On July 15-16, 2017, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which has a direct impact in our own archdiocese as we benefit locally from grants funded by the collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family. Please publicize the collection via bulletin and pulpit announcements in advance of July 15-16 and on the weekend of the collection. Sample bulletin announcements from the national office can be accessed here, and additional information about the work of the Black and Indian Mission Office can be found at http://www.blackandindianmission.org.

The school office is closed.
There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please call the school office at 455-7051 ext. 113 for the school principal if you need more information. School enrollment information will be on the school email stann@stannschool.org and also at the church office.
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<td>Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to the Faith an opportunity to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for! Call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 for more information.</td>
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<td>All 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register for the classes that will begin this school year. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Any student in tenth grade or above who desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should contact the church office to register for the sacrament. Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 if you have any questions or concerns about the reception of any sacraments.</td>
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<td>July 16—CYO Sports Night in the school gym 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Our CYO will be hosing a monthly Rosary for Peace and Healing following the 5:00 p.m. Mass each second Sunday of the month. All parishioners and friends are welcomed to participate and pray for healing and peace within our lives, family and our world. We hope you are able to join us!</td>
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<td>Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.</td>
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<th>4th Annual Wine and Dine Gala with Chef John Folse Benefiting the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center</th>
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<td>Make plans now to join us on Friday, July 28, 2017, for our Wine and Dine Gala with Chef John Folse. For more information or to reserve tickets contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. If you are unable to attend, you may still support the mission of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center by making a monetary contribution or donating an item for the auction.</td>
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**FAIR BUCKS SPONSORSHIP** - $1,500
Includes your logo displayed on the Family Fest Fair Bucks. Fair Bucks are used for all food, drinks & games purchases throughout the fair. Only ONE sponsorship is available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

**T-SHIRT SLEEVE SPONSORSHIP** - $1,000
Includes your name and logo displayed on the SLEEVE of the Family Fest T-shirt. Only TWO sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability. Digital logo must be provided.

**T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP** - $350
Includes your name or logo displayed on the back of the Family Fest T-shirt. Digital logo must be provided.

**FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP** - $250
Display your company's banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from October 1st through October 14th. Banner not to exceed 3' by 9'. A limited amount of sponsorships are available, so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

**TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP** - $200
Includes an individual banner with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

**BOOTH SPONSORSHIP** - $150
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. It can be the name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

**PRIZE CASH SPONSOR** - $25 to $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

**PRIZE DONATION**
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc.

**RAFFLE PRIZES**
Includes donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

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Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:

**St. Ann Family Fest Committee**  
**ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte**  
**4921 Meadowdale Street**  
**Metairie, LA 70006**

Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Amber @ 250-7244 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or to the Church Office, or you can call or email to arrange for a pick up.

**Name and/or Business:**__________________________________________________________

This is how it will appear on signs & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.

**Address:** ________________________________________________________________ Zip: ____________

**Contact Person:** ___________________________________________ **E-Mail Address:** ___________________________________________ **Phone:** _________

**Donation Category:** ___________________________________________ **Amount Enclosed:** _____________
The July Respect Life Focus is on Conscience Protection/Religious Liberty

Our spiritual work of mercy:

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our corporal works of mercy:
A simple email action you can do in a few minutes.
The Conscience Protection Act of 2017 (HR 644 & S 301)
has been introduced in Congress. This much-needed, common-sense legislation will clarify federal law and ensure that those who provide health care and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children. Please take a moment to let your representatives in Congress know that we expect them to protect our most cherished liberties.
Please share with family and friends!

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If you want to search for a specific phrase, then you will want to surround your search phrase with “double quotes.” Normally, when you search for a phrase, the search will return results with either part of the phrase in it. For example, if you were to search for Saint Anthony, then the results will return everything with the word “Saint” or the word “Anthony” in it. For a more specific search, you may search for the phrase “Saint Anthony” and search will only return items with the complete phrase “Saint Anthony” in it (but not St. Anthony or Anthony or Saint).

Celebrate the Solemnity of Saints. Peter and Paul with Tim Gray’s Lectio: Peter!
on FORMED.org

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us.
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