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 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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Rev. Billy O’Riordan
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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.

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. 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).
Unfair might well describe our feelings in relation to today’s Gospel … It’s not fair … I worked hard all day in the heat and the guy who came at 5:00 PM and worked for one hour got the same wage … It’s not fair!

However, today’s Gospel is a parable story about the mercy of God and how God is far more gracious and merciful than we are. We tend to judge by human standards and not always with the mercy and compassion of God. I think we may be surprised who will get into heaven …

John Newton, the author of “Amazing Grace” was talking to a man about Heaven. His listener was an unbeliever and decided that he’d have a little fun with the poor ignorant preacher. So he asked Newton to describe something that he thought would surprise him when he got there. Remember that Newton had been a horrible man in his youth - a slave trader and a slave himself. He replied that the three greatest wonders of Heaven will be these: The first will be to see many people there whom I didn’t expect to see. The second will be not to find many church-goers whom I did expect to see. And the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there, knowing what I know of the wickedness of my own heart … The mercy of God!

Look at the men crucified alongside Jesus. They were both horrible men. They were rotten to the core. They were probably in and out of jail. The only difference between the two is that one believed that Jesus could save his soul. The other did not.

Heaven isn’t the reward for long years of service, like a gold watch is on retirement after 30 years of service to the company. Hell isn’t the reward for a lifetime of bad deeds. Heaven is the reward for believing that Jesus can save your soul by his grace despite what you’ve done. Hell is the reward for not believing that Jesus can save your soul by his grace in spite of all the old ladies you help across the street or whatever good deeds you’ve done.

The workers in the field were paid because they showed up to work, not for how long they had worked. Those who didn’t go to work got nothing. It doesn’t matter how long you follow Jesus. All that matters is that you follow him.

Reflection by Fr. Billy
Parish Calendar

9/24  FAMILY SUNDAY DONUTS FOLLOWING 8 & 9:30 AM MASS/CAF.
       6 PM CYO
9/25  7 PM VOCATIONS COMMITTEE MTG./PARISH OFFICE
9/26  9:15 AM ADORATION
       6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
9/27  8:45 AM SEWINGS SEAMS OF FAITH MTG./ST. RAYMOND
       1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
       7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
9/28  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
       6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (GENERAL)/ST. RAYMOND
       7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/WC
9/29  FAIR T-SHIRT AND TENNIS SHOE DAY
9/30  8 AM FAMILY FEST BOOTH SET-UP/SCHOOL YARD
10/1  6 PM CYO

School News

We are happy to celebrate Family Sunday! “Meeting God in Our Home” is this year’s theme. Refreshments will be served after Mass this Sunday morning. The St. Ann School Advisory Council will meet on September 21st. Ordinarily, the council meets the third Thursday of the month. These meetings are open to all St. Ann parishioners and all school parents who wish to observe. Copies of the approved minutes of each meeting are available in the school office. The School Advisory Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor and the Principal in the implementation of current policies and in the development of new policies. The council does not discipline students, develop curriculum, approve instructional materials, hire/fire staff, write regulations or handle grievances. Anyone wishing to address the School Advisory Council concerning school policy and/or development must complete the required form, which is available in the school office. The completed form must be submitted to the School Advisory Council via the school office. You will then be contacted regarding your request.


Family Sunday

“Meeting God in Our Home”
St. Ann Cafeteria
Sunday, September 24, 2017
following the
8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses

Coffee and Donuts will be served in the cafeteria. Profession photographer in the gym for family pictures.

St. Ann Family Fest Raffle Tickets

Today, as you exit the church, there are buckets with raffle tickets and brochures with a schedule of events. Please feel welcome to take a pack of tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors to help support SAS and catholic education. Tickets cost $1 and offer a chance to win $1,500 or one of our $25 drawings throughout the weekend. Winners do not need to be present to win. Ticket and money may be returned to the school or church office, the information booth at the fest, or in the weekly collection basket. We appreciate your support and ask that you pray for beautiful weather. Thank you.

September Respect Life focus is on Human Cloning and Stem Cell Research

Our spiritual work of mercy:
Please join in our prayer during the month of September

Lord God, you alone have the power to instill the spark of life, yet, you have made humankind the stewards of creation. Help us to be faithful to this sacred trust so that we may protect and promote the dignity of every human life from the very moment of conception, particularly the tiniest humans in the embryonic stage of human development who are so often forgotten by society & used by modern science. May these tiny humans be given the full respect due to all human life. May those entrusted to care for them protect them fully from all experimentation and harm. And may these tiniest of us be afforded the opportunity to grow to the fullness in this life for which they are created. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.
Looking for a good book?
Our Religious Education Department here at St. Ann has established a lending library for use by our teachers, catechists and parishioners. There are hundreds of books and dozens of videos that are available for free. If you’d like to view the library, stop by the church office during office hours or contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225 or email at stann-reled@bellsouth.net and we can set up a time for you to come see it.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Returns!
Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word here at St. Ann will resume once again beginning on Sunday October 1st! This is for children in grades Kindergarten thru 4th grade and will be hosted at the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. The children will be called forward just before the readings and they will walk over to the Parish Ministry Center where they will hear a children’s version of the readings, along with explanation. Afterwards, the children will receive an activity sheet and brought back into the church to complete Mass. Mrs. Sandy Shedlarski will be returning to teach the students while being assisted by Mrs. Rosie Landeche who will lead the students out and bring them back to Church. Thank you to both volunteers! If anyone wishes to assist with the worthwhile program, should speak with Mrs. Sandy.

Becoming Catholic
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.

Confirmation Sponsor Meeting
There will be a meeting for all sponsors for Confirmation here at St. Ann on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. 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.

St. Ann CYO
St. Ann CYO is open to ALL 8th through 12th graders. Our youth group meets each Sunday evening following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Youth House located at 4909 Loveland Street. If you are interested in participating in any CYO event, feel free to call the church office at 455-7071, ext 225 or attend any of CYO meetings listed below. Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows:

October 1—CYO Topic Sharing Night in Youth House with snacks
October 8—CYO Sports Night in Gym with food
October 13—CYO corn maze outing
October 15—CYO service night with snacks
October 16—CYO Volleyball, St. Dominic vs St. Ann
October 17—CYO Volleyball, St. Ann vs St. Pius
October 22—CYO social night in youth house with food
October 15—CYO Service Night

Catch Up with Jesus
Cuz He loves me from my head to-to-ma-toes

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Respect Life Apostolate

BE A LIFE SAVER AND JOIN US!
PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL, LIFE SAVING APOSTOLATE
IN NEW ORLEANS AT
WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE CENTER
2701 GEN. PERSHING ST.
ACROSS FROM
PLANNED PARENTHOOD
4636 CLAIBORNE AVE.

Hours: Every Tues. and Thurs.: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., 2701 General Pershing
Every Wed: 8:00-10:15 a.m. 2701 General Pershing
Every Sat: 8:15-10:00 a.m. 2701 General Pershing and 4636 Claiborne
or across from Planned Parenthood
You may come for 10, 15, 30 minutes or longer. You can pray out loud or silently!
JUST COME!

COME TO PRAY IN REPARATION FOR THE INJUSTICE BEING PERFORMED ON THE TINY BODIES OF THE BABIES BROUGHT TO THE ABORTION CENTER.
DON’T TURN A DEAF EAR TO THE CRIES OF THE TINY INFANTS IN THE WOMBES OF THEIR MOTHERS OR TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF JESUS – IT IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

If you wish to participate but cannot come at the times listed above, but you can come out at other times, or need additional information, please e-mail xr89k@yahoo.com.

Our goal is to have at least two prayer warriors praying in front of this abortion center every hour that it is open.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

All are invited to participate in a one-hour Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14, 2017, in front of St. Ann Church (facing Transcontinental Dr.). This Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

The rally will begin promptly at 12:00 noon - the time that 70,000 people witnessed the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917. We wish to honor Our Lady and Our Lord within this time frame.

For every one person who joins the Catholic Church, six are leaving. Only 28% of Catholics attend Mass in America. Catholics must not be ashamed of their faith.

Praying the Rosary in public is an excellent way to introduce others to the Catholic Faith and the Fatima message (STOP OFFENDING GOD). Public prayer gets results. The Rosary can attract blessings on our country and strengthen every Rally participant. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20).

PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO STAND THE ENTIRE TIME THE ROSARY IS BEING RECITED.
## 2017 Family Fest Sponsors

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- Supreme Automotive
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- Clement Building Company
- The Fox Group
- Brothers Martin High School
- Key Real Estate of LA, LLC
- The Fox Group
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- The Engraving Company
- Joseph Lopinto, Sheriff
- MiMi’s Kids’ Boutique
- The Engraving Company
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- Civic Source
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- Civic Source

### $150 Booth Sponsors
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- Holy Cross High School
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- Louisiana Children’s Museum
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