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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

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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
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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).

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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.
A central teaching of Jesus is picked up in all of our readings this weekend. What is central to Jesus’ teaching and mission is conversion. John the Baptist prepared the people to receive by teaching repentance, but Jesus enacted it. Jesus didn’t just preach conversion, but made it real through His passion, death, and resurrection. It isn’t a nice sentiment that makes us feel good. It is real. What Jesus promises can and does happen in the world. This all will be fulfilled when He comes again, but we can anticipate its arrival by living it here and now. As St. Paul told the Corinthians, “Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2)

In order to receive God’s mercy there has to be a conversion of heart, an interior turning back towards Christ. This is an ongoing thing for all of us. Conversion is a journey that brings us to Jesus. It can be a somewhat instantaneous event. Some of the saints attest to this. But for most of us to truly convert our whole being to Christ takes time.

There is a part of this journey of conversion and receiving God’s mercy that gets overlooked sometimes. I am referring to what is called amendment of life. This is integral to receiving God’s mercy, particularly in the Sacrament of Confession. When we beg of God’s mercy and forgiveness there also has to be a firm commitment to change our lives. The grace He gives us can cause us to break free from these sinful habits and inclinations. It is our job to cooperate with this grace that our lives may become transformed by Christ, to allow it to permeate every facet of our being.

We shouldn’t ask of God’s mercy if we know full well that we’ll most likely fall back into this sin(s) that we’ve confessed. Are we really sorry if we repeat the same offense? This is what amendment of life is all about. Changing our ways so as to avoid the sins of our past. We would do well to be honest with ourselves and examine those sins that we tend to repeat. What habits can we change to better help us to avoid them in the future? What practical things can we do, or not do, to be free of these habitual sins?

There is true joy and freedom in the Christian life. This journey of conversion is the road that brings us there. God’s sacramental mercy that we receive in Confession places us back on this road. We also have to do our part so as to remain on this path of joy and freedom.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
**Parish Calendar**

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**School News**  
Our students have completed nearly two months of school! The first quarter will be complete on Oct. 13th. This Thursday will be our first Pep Rally of the school year. We are preparing for a wonderful Family Fest next weekend.

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**Important Notice:**  
Opening of the 2018 Mass Book  
The Mass Book for 2018 will be open on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Please submit your Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Light and Altar Decoration requests in person on Tuesday, October 10 at 10 AM in the Parish Office. No early requests will be accepted. If your first date and time is not available, we will select an alternative date and time at our discretion. We will follow up with a phone call. Also, if one of the priests is away and we have to schedule a Communion Service, the Mass Intention will be moved to another Mass time on the same date. Requests for Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Lights and Altar Decorations will not be posted upon receipt. The requests will be posted in the order in which they are received on Tuesday. We will accept no more than SIX Mass Intentions and ONE Sanctuary Light request per family. The offering (stipend) for each Mass Intention is $5, $10 for each Sanctuary Light, and $35 for each Altar Decoration.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Request for Mass Intentions,**  
**Sanctuary Light and/or Altar Flowers**

Requested by: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Telephone (day): __________________________
Telephone (night): _________________________

**Mass Intentions**  
Name of deceased: ____________________________  
Date/Time Requested: _______________________

1) _______________________________________
2) _______________________________________
3) _______________________________________
4) _______________________________________
5) _______________________________________
6) _______________________________________

**Sanctuary Light**  
*Week Date* (One week per family)  
(Begins on a Sunday and burns for one week.)

**Altar Decorations**  
*Week Date* (Begins on Sunday-lasts for one week.)

If the requested mass time and/or date is not available, we will select an alternative mass time and date at our discretion. The same policy will apply to Sanctuary Light and Altar Decoration requests. You will be notified by phone if necessary. Also, if one of the priests is away and a mass intention needs to be rescheduled, the church office will move your mass intention to another mass within the same week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Notations: ____________________________
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 5—CYO Volleyball, St. Pius vs St. Ann 7:45 p.m.
- 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

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 stannreled@bellsouth.net and we can set up a time for you to come see it.
DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?
Any boy or girl in grades 4th through 12th who wants to serve God as an Altar Server is invited to complete the online form on the St. Ann website, under the Altar Server tab, and register. Being an Altar Server is a fun and fulfilling way to learn about God, our Catholic faith and serve our parish. We will begin a new training class to coincide with the beginning of our liturgical year, Advent. The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few.

The deadline to register is Friday, October 20, 2017. Training classes will begin in November, 2017. There will be an informational meeting for all who are interested in St. Ann Church on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6:30pm-7pm.

HELP YOUR GRADE WIN A DONUT PARTY…….
DONATE TO THE SWEET SHOPPE
For each dozen of baked items donated your grade will receive 1 stamp.

The grade with the most stamps at 11:00 am on Saturday, Oct. 7 will win the donut party.

Donations will be collected in the cafeteria on:
Thursday, Oct. 5th 6-8 pm
Friday, Oct. 6th 4-7 pm
Saturday, Oct. 7th 10-11 am

Suggestions for items to donate
Brownies @ Fudge @ Cupcakes @ Petit Fours @ Pralines @ Cakepops @ Cookies

Questions?
Contact Jessica Misuraca—jessical1@msn.com/559-0556
Amy Giroir—amy.giroir@freeman.com/628-5324

RESPECT LIFE
BE NOT AFRAID
The archdiocesan program 40 Days for Life begins on September 27 and runs to November 5. The goal of the program is end abortions and save lives. October 1st is Respect Life Sunday and it marks the first Sunday of 40 Days for Life. There are three pillars of the 40 days program. The first is prayer and fasting. Please commit to daily prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. The fast can be personal to you.

The second pillar is peaceful and compassionate presence. To date, over 13,305 children and women have been spared the pain of abortion after witnessing the peaceful presence of prayer at abortion sites. St. Ann Parish has adopted Saturday October 21, 2017, to pray peacefully in front of the new Planned Parenthood facility on South Claiborne Ave.

The third pillar is outreach to educate and foster awareness in the community. We will have a brief meeting in the cafeteria following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday October 15th to provide more information on our day of prayer. Please consider committing to an hour of prayer on October 21. Our goal is to have at least two members of the parish present continually from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE CELEBRATION
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.

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.
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#### $200 TAT TENT SPONSORS
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- De La Salle High School

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- Cafe B
- Café Du Monde
- Café Dugas
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- The Cheesecake Factory
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- The Educator

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- Earthsavers
- Fantastic Sam’s
- Fisher and Sons Jewelers
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- Global Wildlife Foundation
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- Ivanov’s Gymnastics Academy
- Jesuit High School
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- Lynn Meadows Discovery Center
- Massage Envy
- Mrs. Joanna Montz
- Mount Carmel Academy

- Mule’s Religious and Office Supply
- The National WWll Museum
- New Orleans Museum of Art
- New Orleans Ballet Association
- New Orleans Paddlewheels
- New Orleans School of Cooking
- New Orleans Steamboat Company/Grayline
- Tours of N.O.
- Nola Couture
- Kristen & Paul Nugent
- The Ogden Museum of Southern Art
- Omni Riverfront Hotel
- Palm Tree Playground
- Ponsett’s Shoes
- Schumacher’s Shops & Uniforms
- Small Talk Boutique
- St. Mary’s Dominican High School
- Sun Turtle Yoga
- Trey Yuen Cuisine of China
- VCA Causeway Animal Hospital
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