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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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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.

BAPISM
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).

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.
Reflection by Fr. Braud

In my last article I mentioned some particulars about the Eucharistic Prayer that I use most often on Sundays, which is called Eucharistic Prayer 1, and often referred to simply as the Roman Canon. There is another aspect that I would like to mention, and that is this guy named Melchizedek.

Who is he? He is briefly mentioned in the Book of Genesis. In Genesis, Abraham encounters Melchizedek after rescuing his nephew Lot and other kinsmen. After this successful campaign, Melchizedek appears very briefly. All that we are told of him is that he is the King of Salem, he is a priest of God, and as priest he makes an offering of bread and wine. And in the Book of Psalms and the Letter to the Hebrews we read of the priesthood according to Order of Melchizedek.

So what is going on here? Well firstly, his peculiar offering is striking. He offered bread and wine. This is very significant for us as Catholics, as at every Mass the same offering is made to God. So the offering of Melchizedek anticipates the offering of the new priesthood that will be instituted by Christ at the Last Supper.

Another important fact is that we are told he is a priest of God, but the priesthood, of the Old Testament, the priesthood according to the Order of Aaron, wasn’t instituted until the events at Mt. Sinai. So what’s up? We see here that the priesthood of Melchizedek is prior to the priesthood of Aaron, in other words, it is more ancient. And on top of being older than Aaron’s priesthood, the priesthood of Melchizedek is a Gentile priesthood, as the covenant of Abraham didn’t come until after this encounter with Melchizedek.

We have very briefly touched upon why Melchizedek is so important for us, as his priesthood and his offering points to the priesthood and offering of Jesus. And in fact, the Letter to the Hebrews directly states that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is according to the Order of Melchizedek, meaning it is a Gentile priesthood, bread and wine are offered, and this priesthood is eternal. The priesthood of Melchizedek is considered eternal because Scripture does not tell us anything about where he is from, or how he died.

Even though he has a very strange name, Melchizedek is actually very important for understanding the Mass and the Eucharist. We also see how the Old Testament prefigures the New Testament, and how the New Testament sheds light on the Old Testament. God had a plan from the very beginning. Nothing happened last minute or by chance. Everything is wrapped up in the mystery of God’s providence.

So the next time you hear the name of Melchizedek I hope you will have a better understanding of why his name is chosen for the Eucharistic Prayer, and I hope you will have a deeper appreciation for the Eucharist, which will hopefully lead you to enter deeper into the Mass.

Reflection by Fr. Braud
The St. Anthony Ministry is asking for your help. The following items are requested to fill the Thanksgiving boxes which we will be handing out to needy families: Cranberry Sauce, Turkey gravy or gravy mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Peas or Carrots, Green Beans, Oil, Marshmallows, Oatmeal or Grits, Cereal or Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Cake Mix & Icing, Sugar and Canned Meats.

We are collecting these item for Thanksgiving until Sunday, November 12th.

Please place them in the food bins marked Thanksgiving Food Drive in the shrine.

We appreciate your contributions and wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

ST. ANN’S—ST. ANTHONY MINISTRY
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Second Collection November 18-19

Our parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) soon. The programs funded by CCHD help to change the lives of the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.

Men’s Club Thanksgiving Lunch
November 12th
following the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses.

Menu: Turkey with stuffing, Green Bean Casserole, Gumbo, Salad and Bread.
Cost: $5.00 per meal, $1.00 soft drinks and water
All proceeds will be donated to the St. Anthony Ministry!

Monday begins a special week for our seventh grade students. They receive their high school application cards. St. Ann School is proud that 99% of our students are accepted into the high school of their choice. The Home and School Christmas Boutique is Monday evening. On Tuesday, our students will receive the new St. Ann School car magnet to display with pride. If you are interested in a car magnet, please call the school office at 455-8383.

Give early! Advanced day giving runs November 10 through 26. If you would prefer to have us process your gift, please complete and return the donation card below to the St. Ann School Office, Church Office, or place in the collection basket at mass. All donation cards must be received no later than Tuesday, November 28. Information will remain secure and confidential.

Questions? Call Sara Cooper at 504-455-8383 x.181 or email scooper@stannschool.org.

#iGiveCatholic!
It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Give early! Advanced day giving runs November 10 through 26.

To benefit: St. Ann School
Cardholder Name: 
Billing Address: 
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Signature: 
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Email address: 

Cost: $5.00 per meal, $1.00 soft drinks and water
All proceeds will be donated to the St. Anthony Ministry!
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 events listed below. Our calendar for the coming weeks is as follows.

November 12—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.
CYO Sports Night in gym with food.
November 19—CYO Service Night with snacks
November 26—CYO social night with food.
December 3—CYO Topic Sharing Night with snacks
December 10—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.
CYO Sports Night in gym with food.

Rosary for Healing and Peace!

Our CYO will be hosting a monthly Rosary for Peace and Healing following the 5:00 p.m. Mass each second Sunday of the month. The next rosary date is November 12th. All parishioners and friends are welcome to participate and pray for healing and peace within our lives, family and our world. Come join us!

Got good stuff? SHARE IT!
Religious Articles Needed!

St. Ann’s Parish School of Religion program is asking for any parishioner who has any type of religious “trinkets” that they would like to donate for rewards for our PSR students. These could include prayer cards, small plastic statues or crosses, inexpensive religious medals and so on. We are rewarding our students for regular attendance, good behavior, outstanding achievement and other positive aspects in their Christian Formation. Please drop any items off at the church office. THANKS! To all parishioners and friends who have donated items so far. These have been very well received from our students. If you have any questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071.

Upcoming CYO Events!

Here are some upcoming CYO events our youth can look forward to:

- Ice Skating trip in Baton Rouge
- Outing to Covenant House
- Teen Drive-in Movie Night
- Paint Ball event in Covington
- Eucharistic Adoration Night
- CYO Retreat
- “Battle of the CYO’s” event
- March for Life trip to Washington, DC

We Need Pencils!!!

The St. Ann CYO is on a mission from God! We need to collect One Million Pencils!!! Yes, that’s right One Million Pencils! This is part of a Respect Life Project and will hopefully be on display soon. We need all sorts of pencils: big ones, little ones, new ones, old ones, short ones, fat ones, long ones, skinny ones, any color, any style, any condition. We can even come pick them up! We need as many pencils as you can muster. Please help our CYO reach our goal as quickly as possible. Call 455-7071, ext. 225 or email stannycyo@bellsouth.net with questions.

Wouldn’t it be easier to just text God, rather than pray?
Toiletries for the Troops

On Veterans Day weekend, the Altar Servers are sponsoring Toiletries for Troops, to send care packages to those who are protecting us, and are deployed around the world. At all of the masses on November 11 and 12, we will have collection boxes at the entrances to accept donations. The Altar Servers will then package them and have them sent to brighten the day of our military, letting them know that we have not forgotten the sacrifice they make for our safety and freedom. Suggested items to be collected are:

Hard Candy, Protein Bars, Granola Bars, Playing Cards, Socks (cushioned white crew/calf), Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Deodorant Combs, Hair Brush

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again we at St. Ann are invited to share OUR blessings and gifts with the multitudes who are not as fortunate. Hope House and Catholic Charities have numerous children, families, elderly and homeless whom they serve and whom we also, are called to serve. These wonderful Catholic facilities provide for these needs on a daily basis and St. Ann is always extremely generous in our Christmas sharing. The “Giving Tree” will be up from Thanksgiving through SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10. The Angel tags on the tree will indicate the necessary information for you to be able to provide a truly Merry Christmas for MANY considerably less fortunate than us. The tags will indicate specific gift requests along with age, size etc.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU SELECT AN ANGEL TAG YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE WRAP SECURELY WITHOUT A BOW AND PLACE IT UNDER THE TREE AT THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES ONLY!!!!

PLEASE TAPE THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY TO THE PACKAGE WITHOUT THE STRING.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A GIFT AND RETURN IT ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 10. We must have time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. We ask that all gifts be NEW.

Again for SECURITY reasons, please place your gifts under the tree ONLY AT MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

Adopt a Seminarian!

In honor of our Seminarians the St. Ann’s Vocations Committee has set up a tree near the cry room with a pictures of each seminarian and invites everyone to take one and spiritually adopt one of these seminarians by committing to pray for them and their discernment.

We at St. Ann’s are fortunate to have 2 seminarians studying for the priesthood: Robert Frank and Matthew Hoffpauir. We also are blessed as a diocese to have 42 men in the seminary presently. All of our Seminarians need our prayer.

God Bless our Seminarians!
Guidelines for The Reception Of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

The norm established for the dioceses of the U.S. is that Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member wishes to receive Communion while kneeling (GIRM 160). When receiving Holy Communion, the person approaches the minister and bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence. While the sign of reverence used to be a genuflection, for the sake of unity, the U.S. bishops asked that the faithful bow their head instead.

When the Communion minister says, “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ,” we respond “Amen” as a sign of our belief in the true presence – the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. By our “Amen,” we are saying, “I believe.”

The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. If receiving it on the hand, it is customary to place your left hand on top of your right hand, thus creating a throne for the Eucharist. After the host is placed in your left hand, you take it with your right hand and place it in your mouth to consume the host. If you are receiving on your tongue, it is important to stick your tongue out far enough for the minister to place the host on your tongue.

When receiving the Blood of Christ, after bowing and receiving the chalice in your hands, communicants drink the Blood of Christ and carefully return the chalice to the minister.

If you are not prepared to receive Communion or if someone with you is not Catholic, they can still approach the priest or deacon and receive a blessing. It is customary to cross your arms across your chest as a sign of your desire for a blessing.

Upon receiving the Eucharist, it is appropriate to return to your pew and spend some quiet time in prayer. Some people might prefer to silently pray a spontaneous prayer of thanksgiving or recite a traditional one from memory, while others might prefer to sit in silent communion with Jesus, whom they have just received. Another option is to participate in the singing of the hymn, if one is being sung.

Even though Mass ends shortly after receiving Communion, it is important to stay for the end of Mass, which includes a closing prayer, announcements (if any), and a final blessing. Having heard and reflected on the Scriptures and received Jesus in the Eucharist, the congregation is blessed and sent to go out into the world and announce the Gospel through the way they live.
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