

**ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE**

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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.
Lenten Travelers

My fellow Lenten travelers and people of St. Ann, Lent has begun. The bells of our beloved St. Louis Cathedral tolled at midnight on Fat Tuesday bringing an end to the noise and revelry of Mardi Gras. The bells of St. Louis Cathedral and the bells of our own beloved St. Ann Church call us to listen to a different noise during Lent - the “noise” of the Gospel calling us to repentance and a turning away from sin.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and in most Church Offices the phone never stops ringing with people asking about the time for ashes ... It’s all about the ashes as if there was something magical about the ashes ... nothing about the Mass. Oh, you wouldn’t believe the excuses that some people come up with trying to “get” ashes after Mass without even thinking about what the ashes represent and truly mean - repentance! I saw on the news people commenting about the drive-thru ashes and how convenient it is and how lovely it is to get a little personal prayer. Get out of the car and get into church and pray ... What is the purpose of Lent? Do people think that they can just drop into heaven? Why the Cross? Do people think they can drive up to heaven and have valet parking? I think people like that need a brief meeting with St. Pio and St. Teresa of Calcutta.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the blessed palm branches from last year’s Palm Sunday. The first known practice of using ashes for Ash Wednesday dates back to 1091 with Pope Urban II. However, ashes were used before this to demonstrate repentance of sins. The liturgical use of ashes originates in the Old Testament symbolizing mourning, mortality, and penance. Job, for example, repented in sackcloth and ashes [Job 42:6]. Daniel prophesied about the Babylonian captivity in 550 BC and wrote: “I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.” [Daniel 9:3]. Jesus referred to ashes when speaking about towns that refused to repent of sin even though they were witness to numerous miracles and heard the Good News preached by him. [Matthew 11:21]

In the Middle Ages, those who were near death were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest then blessed the dying person with holy water, saying: “Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return.”

In this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, let us not forget the significance of the ashes we have received: mourning and penance for our sins - converting our hearts to Jesus, who suffered and died for us. In closing I share this quote: “Unless there is a Good Friday in your life. There can be no Easter Sunday.” [Venerable Fulton J. Sheen]

Reflection by Fr. Billy

Mass Intentions

Sunday February 25
4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, George Sanderson, Jr., David & Debra M. Liuzza, Sr. (S.I.), David & Emily M. Liuzza, Jr. (S.I.), Miss Amy Liuzza, (S.I.), Matt & Jennifer Lauza & Family, (S.I.), Gardner & McCleland Families, Health & Spirituality, Mr. & Mrs. Karim SeBusi (S.I.), Haifa Mosto Hamide, (S.I.), Amina Hamide, (S.I.), Dorothy Meyers, Patrick O’Riordan, Verna & Ken McElrath
8:00 am Warren Lemonier
9:00 am Paul Boudreaux
11:00 am Mr. & Mrs. G. Cox (S.I.), Rodney P. McIntyre, Christopher Alessi, Patrick & Nora O’Riordan, Susan Luth Sarniguet, Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Lerlin Leah Kain, Kelly J. Johnson, Sr., Pearl H. Johnson, Adaze D. Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Angel D. Henry, Colbert Henry, Thelma Michot, Dora Staines, Loader, Marie Majarrez, Shirley Murphy, Anna Baudoin (Health & Healing), Louise Heath, Robbie Crain (Health)
5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday February 26
6:30 am Eric G. A. (S.I.)
8:45 am Michael Bonura

Tuesday February 27
6:30 am Frank Mason
8:45 am Paul A. Pizzo
7:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

Wednesday February 28
6:30 am Josephine C. Bonfanti
8:45 am Patricia Vezina

Thursday March 1
6:30 am Mark Mclancon
8:45 am Jennifer Courville

Friday March 2
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Watermeier
8:45 am Vincent J. Liuzza, Sr. School Mass 2

Saturday March 3
7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Bernard P. Puccio

Stations of the Cross

In St. Ann church

Friday’s March 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 PM
Parish Calendar

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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

To register, please contact the parish office before March 3, 2018

Dinner’s Ready!
Knights of Columbus Council #3465
Monsignor Charles Duke
Drive Thru Fish Fry
Friday, March 9 5:30-8:00 pm
Help support the Knights of Columbus Council #3465 during their upcoming drive-thru fish fries to be held 5:30-8:00 pm on Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 9 in the Love-land parking lot adjacent to St. Ann Church. Your $10 donation to the Council will get you a delicious fried fish dinner including boiled potato, corn-on-the-cob, bread and cookie. For more information, please see our website at www.kc3465.org, email us at kc3465@gmail.com or call the St. Ann Church office. Vivat Jesus!

St. Ann Parish Seafood Dinner
Friday, March 2 & 16
6-8 pm
St. Ann Parish Cafeteria
Cash Only Please!

Fish Dinner .............................................. $10
Shrimp Dinner ........................................... $10
Fish/Shrimp Dinner Combo ...................... $12

All dinners will be served with potato, Men’s Club salad and garlic bread

Cup of Seafood Gumbo ................................ $5
Slice of Cheese Pizza ................................. $2
Order of Fries .......................................... $1

Prices good for eat-in, carry-out or drive-thru
Cash or Check

Pressed for time?
Try our new Drive Thru to buy your Fish, Shrimp and Dinner Combos only!

Circle the block and look for us in the gravel lot on Meadowdale Street

Enter the drive thru from Harvard & follow the signs!

St. Ann’s St. Anthony Ministry Food pantry is in need of these items:

Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Red Beans, Small Bags of Rice, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Breakfast Foods

God Bless and Thank You for your generosity!

School NEWS

Fr. Braud will begin a book study on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre beginning on Monday of Holy Week, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Paul II Room of the Ministry Center. Each participant is responsible for purchasing a copy of the book before the study begins. Please sign up on the parish website or contact the parish office 504-455-7071.

ATTENTION: FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Families of children who are making their First Communion this year are asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your family to bring up the Gifts. You can contact Debbie at 504-455-7071 ext 221 or e-mail dsoomers@stannchurchandshrine.org.
Fr. James Kubicki was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1971 and was ordained in 1983.

From 1984-88 he served as the Vocation Director and from 1995-99 as the Director of Formation for the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province, a seven-state region in the upper Midwest.

From 1989-95 he worked at the Sioux Spiritual Center, a retreat house for Native Americans in western South Dakota. During that time he was also the Assistant Director of the Diocese of Rapid City’s deacon and lay ministry formation program.

Since 1986 he has given preached retreats around the country, including at Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House in Convent, LA.

In 2003 he became the national director of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer), a position he held for fourteen years.

In 2017 he moved to the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota where he currently serves as the director of St. Francis Mission which was founded in 1886.

Fr. Kubicki appears regularly on Catholic radio shows around the country. His book “A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” was selected by the Catholic Book Publishers Association as among the three best spirituality books in 2012. His latest book is “A Year of Daily Offerings.”
This Week at Home

Monday, February 26
Forgiveness
“Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins,” is the refrain for today’s Psalm. This refrain is a fitting response to the First Reading in which Daniel calls out his people’s sin. He also reminds us that God is compassionate and forgiving. Sin separates us from God, but when we seek pardon with contrite hearts, God hears us and embraces us. We are then called to imitate God and forgive one another. How might you practice forgiveness? Today, meditate on the Act of Contrition.


Tuesday, February 27
Hear and Listen
The prophet Isaiah passionately calls upon the people to “hear” and to “listen” to God. Isaiah also calls to us in this Lenten season to open our hearts to God’s love. Listen! Hear! God is calling you away from our misdeeds and urging you to work for justice. God’s promise is that the stain upon our hearts will be washed clean and become as white as snow. Place yourself in the First Reading and the Gospel as you pray today. What do you hear?

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16 – 20; Psalm 50:8 – 9, 16bc –17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.

Wednesday, February 28
Save Me
Strong emotion is evident in today’s Psalm. When distraught, we can look to the psalms for the words to give voice to our feelings. Other psalms help us sing of our love for God. No matter how we feel at the moment, the psalms can help us realize God’s love for us and surrender ourselves to him. This evening, pray today’s Psalm.


Thursday, March 1
What Path
The prophet Jeremiah presents us with two paths. The first is for the one who trusts in earthly things or ideas. This person will not have life. The second is the path of the one who trusts in the Lord. The one who follows the Lord will bear abundant fruit. Consider your life. What path have you chosen? Take a slow walk today and meditate upon this reading and your journey.


Friday, March 2
The Vineyard
Imagine yourself (and your parish) as the vineyard in today’s story. How often have you rejected or ignored God’s servants? It is difficult at times to hear the call to conversion. If you put yourself into the story, who would you be and how would you react? Ultimately, Jesus is trying to teach us that he is the one who saves and those who choose to ignore and not follow will not inherit the Kingdom. Go forth today and cultivate good conversations and share the Good News.


Saturday, March 3
Loving and Forgiving
The Prodigal Son is a familiar story that invites us to contemplate our relationship with God and God’s abounding love for us. As you read this Gospel once again, identify the main movements. What does this parable teach about forgiveness? As the Psalm states, “The Lord is kind and merciful,” and each of us, united in love, is called to show compassion. Consider ways you might festively celebrate one’s return or the gift of reconciliation.

Rosary for Healing and Peace!

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. The next date is March 11th. All parishioners and friends are welcomed to participate and pray for healing and peace within our lives, family and our world. Come join us!

PSR Reconciliation for all students February 27

All students in our Parish School of Religion will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 27th as part of their Lenten journey of Faith. Students in grades 2nd through high school will have an opportunity to witness God’s forgiving grace as part of their faith formation program.

CYO Seeks Donations for Human Trafficking Victims

Our CYO here at St. Ann is partnering with the Young Adult Council group with the Archdiocese of New Orleans in conducting a donation drive to benefit young teenage victims of Human Trafficking. February has been called a month of prayer for an end to human trafficking, throughout the Archdiocese. Our CYO will be setting up donation boxes where parishioners can donate items such as: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, pasta, canned goods, rice, sugar, flour, popcorn, dairy products, bread, feminine products, or any other basic hygiene products that will be donated to “Free Indeed Home,” a Northshore safe house. We will be collecting items for disbursement throughout the month of February, only. Thank you and God Bless!

Exercise Daily Run from Satan, Walk with God!

St. Ann Men’s Club and Knights of Columbus invites all Parishioners to celebrate The First Saturday Mass on Saturday, March 3rd at 7:30 a.m. at St. Ann. This is part of the spiritual dimension of both of these groups. Following the Mass, men may speak with both groups to inquire about membership. Be a Real Man of Christ!

Vacation Bible School Seeks Adult Volunteers!

No! It’s not near summer yet! However, as we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School, our team is looking for several adult paid volunteers to assist with the production of the event. Adults are needed to coordinate each station as well as a VBS coordinator also. Each position receives a stipend for time worked. This is easily, one of the BEST events we host each year! If you’d like to be a part of the program give us a call at 455-7071, ext. 225. We’d LOVE to have you join us this summer! Planned dates are July 2—13th.
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