

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

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WEBSITE POLICY

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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 Phil Doolen 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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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.

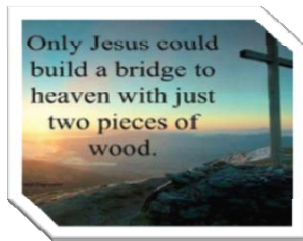
Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



Lenten Travelers - Stage II

Last week, I ended my thoughts with a quote from Venerable Fulton J. Sheen: "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life. There can be no Easter Sunday." These are hefty words, and indeed a reminder of the discipline of Lent and discipleship in Jesus' name. In St. Luke's Gospel 9:23 Jesus said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Isn't that what Lent is all about ... **When you come to the end of yourself you find the beginning of God.**



I invite you to find a new beginning with God during our Lenten Mission on March 5th, 6th, and 7th when Fr. James Kubicki, SJ will speak about The Eucharist: God's Greatest Gift - A Mystery to be Believed, A Mystery to be Celebrated, and A Mystery to be Lived. St. John Vianney shares this thought on the Eucharist: "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

The challenge put to us, especially during Lent is to "live" the Eucharist. Having received the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass we are living tabernacles. We are containers for the Body and the Blood of Christ. St. Paul in his address to the Corinthians said: "You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within - the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased at a price. So glorify God in your body." [I Corinthians 6:19-20] Those words of St. Paul bring us back to those Ash Wednesday words: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Jesus was driven into the desert to be tempted by Satan ... For us, too, Lent is a time of spiritual training and combat. We will face the Evil One! These are signs of the Evil One: Enjoying someone's misfortune, control issues, dishonesty, lack of responsibility, racism, belittling others, having no boundaries ... Some days, the Evil One sits back and enjoys his work. Even the Evil One was once an angel. **You can't walk with God holding hands with the Devil.**

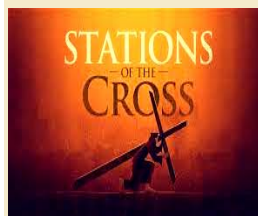
Some years ago, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "It is urgently necessary in these forty days of Lent to listen anew to the Gospel, the word of the Lord, the word of truth." Lent should remind you of the benefits of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and to the meaningful celebration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. **When you come to the end of yourself you find the beginning of God.**

Are you feeling suffocated by sin? Let God save you by coming to St. Ann Lenten Mission, and also taking the opportunity to go to confession in **any church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans** on March 7th, 14th and 21st from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM - any church!

Reflection by Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	March 3
4:00 pm	
Vigil	Robert McGinnis, George Sanderson, Jr., Gardner & McClelland Families, Dorothy Meyers, Patrick O'Riordan, Marie Majarrez, Joe Eagan (Thanksgiving), Joyce Evans, Rita Marino Bertolino, Albert Bentz, Sr., Judith R. Dell, Jeffrey Lambert, Ursula McGuire, Thelma Deroche Michot, Catherine O. Pastor, Joe Cervantes, Aida Palmeri, Susan Atchley (Health), Deacon Tom Fox (Health), Hans Fink, Bennie Hanford
8:00 am	Pat O'Riordan
9:30 am	Parishioners
11:00 am	Dillon Family, Eddie Lehmann, Christopher Alessi, Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Patrick O'Riordan, Lerrin Leah Kain, Kelly J. Johnson, Sr., Pearl H. Johnson, Adaze D. Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Angel D. Henry, Colbert Henry, Thelma Michot, Robbie Crain (Health), Yvonne B. Johns, Cheryl Brahney, Susan Kropog (Health), Rita Raphael, Poor Souls in Purgatory (S.I.), Hans Fink
5:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. George M. Gilibert
Monday	March 5
6:30 am	Steven Walch
10:00 am	Warren Lemonier
7:00 pm	Patrick O'Riordan
Tuesday	March 6
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
10:00 am	Margaret "Peggy" Grieshaber
7:00 pm	Patrick O'Riordan
Wednesday	March 7
6:30 am	Joyce Estrade
10:00 am	Elsie "Blondie" Fontenet
7:00 pm	Elta Hymel
Thursday	March 8
6:30 am	Joyce Estrade
8:45 am	Deceased Family & Friends
Friday	March 9
6:30 am	Rose Deckelman (S.I.)
8:45 am	Frank Mason
Saturday	March 10
7:30 am	Patrick O'Riordan



**Stations of the Cross
in St. Ann church
Friday's March 9, 16,
and 23 at 7:00 PM**

March 4 - 10, 2018
"Sanctuary Candle"
In Memory of Mark J. LaBorde

Parish Calendar

- 3/5 10 AM & 7 PM FR. KUBICKI LENTEN MISSION
9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN
7 PM H & S CLUB BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS MTG./CAF
- 3/6 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
10 AM & 7 PM FR. KUBICKI LENTEN MISSION
5 PM RCIA/JPII
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
- 3/7 10 AM & 7 PM FR. KUBICKI LENTEN MISSION
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
5 PM CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH FOR ALL PARISHES
- 3/8 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS) CHURCH
- 3/9 5:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU FISH FRY
7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN CHURCH
- 3/10 & 11 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE COLLECTION

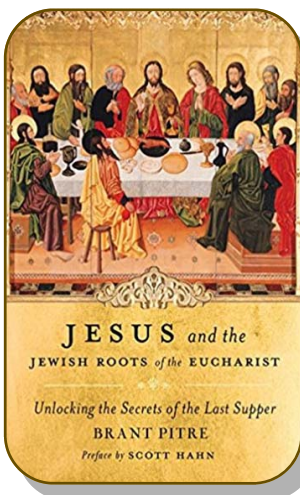


We are collecting Palms for Palm Sunday, please place them in the baskets in the back of the Shrine. Thank You!

School NEWS

The students have many Lenten activities. Our theme for Lent is **"Stop and Go" and students will stop for a while and think about what Jesus has done for them.**

Our school will have a rosary next Wednesday. Please check with the school office at 455-8383 if you missed Registration but wish to check for any grade level openings.



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. Please read Chapters 1 & 2 before the meeting and subsequent meetings will be:

April 9th - Chapters 3 & 4
April 23rd - Chapters 5 & 6
April 30th - Chapters 7 & 8
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. You

can purchase the book at Pauline's, Barnes & Nobles and on Amazon. Please sign up on the parish [website](#) or contact the parish office 455-7071.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



A Letter from Archbishop Aymond

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays, March 7, March 14 and March 21 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

St. Ann Lenten Mission

"The Eucharist: God's Greatest Gift"

Monday, March 5 "A Mystery to be Believed"
Tuesday, March 6 "A Mystery to be Celebrated"
Wednesday, March 7 "A Mystery to be Lived"
Times: 10 AM and 7 PM



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."

The Sewing Seams of Faith Ministry has prayer blankets available in the parish office for those who would benefit from their comfort and prayers.



Saint Ann Confirmands for 2018

Congratulations Confirmands!!!

St. Ann Church wishes to congratulate the following students who received Confirmation on Thursday, March 1st. Please make sure to congratulate them personally if you see them at Mass!

Victoria Aldrete
Sophia Alvarado
Maya Anclade
Laura Arenas
Travis Bairnsfather
Roman Bankson
Brianna Barry
Jack Battaglia
Anthony Beavers
Jordan Berry
Meagan Bickmann
Logan Bock
Gus Bongiovanni
Connor Boylan
Kaitlyn Braud
Julia Brown
Catherine Carpenter
Connor Casso
Gianna Catalanotto
Chase Clement
Jacqueline Dantagnan
Caroline Dares
Megan Dubuc
Nicholas Dupuy
Katie Elam
Zoe Elam

Matthew Gray
Brady Haag
Mason Haro
Elliott Hattier
Camryn Jeansonne
Molly Kyle
Dominic Lamm
Cameron Linn
Juliana Long
Nina Lopez
Jenna Lupo
Patrick Lyell
Sebastian Mac
Christopher MacDowell
Chloe Marino
Meredith McKeough
Scott McKeough
Cael Meilleur
Kohl Morris
Gregory Nielsen
Daniel O'Leary
Kurt Oberlander
Michaela Olsen
Lillian Orban

Michael Owers
Camille Peters
Patrick Raley
Abby Russo
Madison Savarese
Brooke Scardino
Gabriela Serena
Natalie Shepherd
Jesenia Sierra
Cade Simpson
Lindsey Sommers
Lauren Songy
Michael Soule', III
Ligia St. Ann
John Stemke
Harold Stephens, IV
Natalie Sunseri
Luke Tweedy
Ashley Vogt
Dominic Vu
Emma Wehlen
Lauren Wehlen
Kameron West
Ashlyn Wilkes
Andrew Winstein

Rosary for Healing and Peace for all Parishioners including School Principal!

For this month's Rosary for Peace and Healing, our CYO will focus on all parishioners and will also include prayers for school principal, Susan Kropog. This will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on 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!



CYO News

Our 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.

- March 4—CYO Topic Sharing Night with snacks
- March 11—Rosary for Peace and Healing 6:00 p.m.
Followed CYO Meeting in Youth House with food.
- March 18—CYO Sports Night in Gym with snacks
- March 25—Service Night in Youth House with food
- April 1—NO CYO - Easter Break

**Practice Makes Perfect!
So Practice Your
Faith Everyday!**

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.



Parish Donut Breakfast Sunday March 11th 9:00—11:00 a.m.

All parishioners are invited to a parish donut breakfast following the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the cafeteria on Sunday March 11th. Bring the entire family and join us for some fellowship along with coffee, milk, juice and friends! There is no cost and you can stay as long as you wish. Come meet with those people you celebrate Mass with each week!



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Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry This Friday Night!

The next Knights of Columbus DRIVE THRU Fish Fry will be next Friday, March 9th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the CHURCH Parking lot on the Loveland Side of the Church. Plates are just \$10 and include fish, potatoes, bread, corn, and a cookie. All proceeds raised help support the charitable donations of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks for your Support!



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