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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 - Stage III

Only Jesus … In Romans 10:13 we are told: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Only Jesus … During these days of Lent we are called to come to the end of “it’s all about me” attitude and find the beginning of God, and to accept the Light of the World. In baptism we received the light of Christ to be kept burning brightly so as to go out and meet the Lord with all the angels and saints in the heavenly kingdom. So, how is it going? In these days of Lent we are given the opportunity throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans to go to confession on March 14th and 21st from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM in any church - every priest, every parish.

The light is on! Judgment is not passed by God … People judge themselves by their response to the Light of the World.

A visitor was shown around an art gallery containing some universally acknowledged masterpieces. At the end of the tour, the visitor said: “I don’t think much of these old pictures.” To which the guide replied: “My good man, these pictures are no longer on trial, but those who look at them are.” The man’s reaction was not a judgment on the pictures but on his own pitiful reaction to beauty. In the same way those who prefer the darkness to light condemn themselves - sounds familiar? They hate goodness because it reveals their badness … Anyone who does wrong hates the light and avoids it. There is a darkness in our lives … even the best of us can be spiritually blind. There is a danger these days to see darkness as the new light … Perhaps the greatest danger facing the best of us is that we might settle for a twilight existence. The result is a mediocre person - neither a great saint nor a great sinner. I share a quote by John Newton: “My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things; that I am a sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.” Only Jesus …

In a few days, the world will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day … I’m not forgetting St. Joseph’s Day, but I want to point to Patrick’s conversion. Captured and brought to Ireland by Irish raiders, Patrick was sold as a slave and spent six years in the lonely hills of Antrim herding animals. In his Confession he writes that his “captivity” was central to his spiritual awakening. He explains that the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and afforded him the opportunity to be forgiven of his sins and converted to Christianity. Lent is our awakening time!

Mass Intentions

Sunday March 11
4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, Jeffrey Lambert, Mary & Jerome Centanni, Tony & Rosalie Benigno, Tony & Maria Ricotta, George Sanderson, Jr., John Falgoust, Gardiner & McCleland Families, Christopher Alessi, Kenny Ruiz, Patrick O’Riordan, Dorothy Meyers, Albert Bentz, Sr., Joe Cervantes, Aida Palmeri (Health), Frank Messina, Mary Swartz, Eddie Pender (Health), Donald Meyer, Philip Alongio, Jr. (Health), Selz Couvillion, Mabel Couvillion, James Rogers, James Lemoine, Thomas Caronna (Health), Lee Cox (Health), Victoria Gubert (Health)
8:00 am Parishioners
9:30 am Paul Boudreaux
5:00 pm Saverio & Anna Lauto

Monday March 12
6:30 am Warren Lemonier
8:45 am Luis Toca

Tuesday March 13
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Warren Lemonier
7:00 pm Edwin & Stella Rodi

Wednesday March 14
6:30 am Mindy Leigh Gascon
8:45 am Sara Staines School Mass (3-7)

Thursday March 15
6:30 am Patrick O’Riordan
8:45 am Luis Toca

Friday March 16
6:30 am Daniel Halligan
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Moore Gauthier School Mass 2

Saturday March 17
7:30 am Eugene Hickey

Confessions will be available at St. Ann Parish and all parishes on Wednesday, March 14 and 21, 2018 from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM.

Reflection by Fr. Billy

March 11 - 17, 2018
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Moore Gauthier
We are collecting Palms for Palm Sunday, please place them in the baskets in the back of the Shrine. Thank You!

The students participated in a Lenten Rosary on Wednesday. Students in PK4-1st grade will have a Bingo night on Friday. At St. Ann School our students are fortunate to have many outside activities to socialize with their friends. The fifth grade field trip is on Thursday.

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 Parish 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.

Monday, March 26th
- Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Tuesday, March 27th
- Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM
- 40 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 AM Mass until 10:00 PM on Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel ONLY
- Mass of Chrism at St. Louis Cathedral: 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 28th
- Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Holy Thursday, March 29th
- Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 PM followed by procession to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, March 30
- Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3:00 PM
- Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31
- Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM. The entire celebration of this Vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before dawn. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. [No 3:00 PM Confessions or 4:00 PM Mass]

Easter Sunday, April 1th
- Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM [No 5:00 PM Mass]
This Lent, become companions on the journey through

Daily prayer
Weekly fasting
Almsgiving that changes lives

Jesus gives us the example of the Good Samaritan. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor.

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ENCOUNTER ANDRISE/Visit crsricebowl.org.

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

St. Ann Church
Friday’s March 16 and 23 at 7:00 PM

Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience Weekend on April 6-8, 2018, is a wonderful healing opportunity for those suffering the loss of a spouse either through death or separation/divorce. Those who have attended this weekend attest to the new hope they have received and the powerful safe and loving environment they found in the experience. Under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life, this international program has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Call Jeani (985) 640-8505 or Genevieve (504) 236-1052 for more information.
This Week at Home

Monday, March 12
Healed
When we reflect on Scripture, we consider not only physical healing but spiritual transformations. The first thing you might notice in the Gospel is that the official’s son is healed, but that is not the end of the story. When the son is healed, the man “came to believe.” The Psalm provides a prayer of thanksgiving for the times we have been rescued/healed by God. Make a list of those times God has been with you and healed you. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5 – 6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43 – 54.

Tuesday, March 13
Living Water
As you reflect on today’s readings, keep Baptism in mind. Water is a mighty force of nature. It can nourish our bodies and the ground or destroy everything in its path. In Baptism, everything unclean in us is destroyed and we are nourished with the Living Water. Ezekiel’s vision tells of the abundance where the river flows. Christ is the Living Water that brings us life. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9, 12; Psalm 46:2 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 9; John 5:1–16.

Wednesday, March 14
Jesus, the Son of God
In the Gospel, Jesus tells the people that he is the Son of God and that the time will come when all will be raised to new life. As in the First Reading, where Isaiah prophesies about the day of the Lord, Jesus too promises that the dead who have done good will hear and have life. How well have you responded to God’s voice this Lenten season? God is truly gracious and merciful. Open your hearts to his Word. Write about or draw the images that come to mind after reading the Gospel. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:8 –15; Psalm 145:8 – 9, 13cd –14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.

Thursday, March 15
Golden Calf
The First Reading once again highlights God’s profound mercy for his loved ones. The Israelites have crafted a golden calf to worship. They have lost faith in God and turned away from him. We too struggle to remain faithful, especially when we feel lost, alone, or afraid. Moses helped the people see God’s presence. Who helps you see God’s presence? Know that no matter the sin, God will not shower wrath upon you but will call you home and wait patiently for your loving gaze. Make a list of the “golden calves” in your life and offer them up in prayer. Today’s Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19 – 20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, March 16
The Wisdom of God
Though written long before the time of Christ, the First Reading describes how those who reject Jesus’ wisdom plotted to kill him. Wickedness blinds our hearts to see what is good and righteous. It sets us on a path of destruction. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus confronts sin and death so that we might have life. Do we have ears to hear and hearts to learn the wisdom of God? Invite a wisdom figure from your life to coffee or tea. Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12 – 22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19 – 20, 21 and 23; John 7:1– 2, 10, 25 – 30.

Saturday, March 17
Refuge
During these final days of Lent, listen carefully to the refrain of the Psalm. In times of pain and weakness, God is truly our refuge. This Lenten season may have revealed the blind spots within our hearts, but all should know that sin cannot take hold when we seek refuge in God. Allow God’s mercy to wash over you and ask for God’s justice. Pray today for all those who seek refuge and safety. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 11:18 – 20, Psalm 7:2 – 3, 9bc –10, 11–12; John 7:40 – 53.
Knights of Columbus March Madness

Our council of the Knights of Columbus is looking for a few Godly men. From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. If you’d like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we’d like to meet you and invite you to join us. To learn more, call 421-5955 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org

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!

St. Ann Men’s Club Parish Seafood Dinner This Friday Night!
The next Parish Seafood Dinner will be next Friday, March 16th beginning at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria with DRIVE THRU service on Meadowdale Street. Plates begin at $10 for fish or shrimp dinners and $12 for combination plates. There will also be seafood gumbo and cheese pizza. All proceeds raised help support the charitable donations of the St. Ann Men’s Club. Thanks for your Support!

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.

GREAT COSTUMES ... HERE, HAVE SOME LOCUSTS

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 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
April 8—CYO Topic Sharing Night with snacks

John the Baptist during Trick or Treat!
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