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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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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.

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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.

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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
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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A

In the year 2000 St. John Paul II officially declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord revealed secrets of His mercy to St. Faustina, and also told her of His desire for the Second Sunday of Easter to be the Feast of His Mercy. The following is from St. Faustina’s diary:

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (Diary, 699)

This Sunday is really a great opportunity for us to receive the Mercy of Christ that is likened to a second baptism. We all have an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence today. Plenary indulgences remove even the temporal punishment due to sin, meaning our time in purgatory is lessened. In order to receive this special Divine Mercy plenary indulgence we have to do the following:

[the] plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!”)

Let us all take advantage of the opportunity this weekend and receive Our Lord’s Divine Mercy. Let us become refreshed and renewed by the waters of His Mercy, that we might be a people of mercy. May we place the words on the image of Divine Mercy on our lips and in our hearts: Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 8
4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, Alberta Basha, George Sanderson, Jr., Vincent & Gloria Liuzzo, Sr., Hillard Hymel, Dorothy Meyers, Frank Mason, Patrick O'Riordan, Jeffrey Lambert, Carrie Labruzzo, Connie McAvoy, Cheryl Brahney, Hans Fink, Walton Caire, Gardner & McCleland Families, Ida Hyver, Fay Vuscovich (Health), Gilvar Quinta deLuz, Emily Cercena (Health), Angelle Melancon (Health)
8:00 am Mary Fontenette
9:30 am Marilyn Garon
11:00 am Vincent A. Tallo, Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Patrick O’Riordan, Lerlin Leah Kain, Kelly J. Johnson, Sr., Pearl H. Johnson, Adaze D. Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Angel D. Henry, Colbert Henry, Al Benz, Thelma Michot, Cliff Williams, Rita Raphael, Ted Staines, Shannon McGuire, Gloria Keller, Andrew Varuso (S.I.), Hans Fink, Carrie LaBruzzo, Bob & Margaret Kiener, Robbie Crain, Dan Dennison, Josephine Guevara, Joseph Leehans, Christian Rodriguez, Susan Caire, Donna Clement, Anna Margaret Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux
5:00 pm Parishioners
Monday April 9
6:30 am Helen Petrie
8:45 am Shirley Mercante
Tuesday April 10
6:30 am Christopher Alessi
8:45 am Albert Sidney Bentz, Sr.
7:00 pm Wanda F. Yost
Wednesday April 11
6:30 am Sergio & Damiana Caro
8:45 am Josephine Lopiccolo School Mass 3-7
Thursday April 12
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Luis Toca
Friday April 13
6:30 am Katherine Jane Clavin Hingle
8:45 am Joyce Estrade School Mass K, 1, 2
Saturday April 14
7:30 am Patrick O’Riordan

Encounter Retreat for Young Adults
“Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for the upcoming ENCOUNTER retreat, April 13-14, 2018, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Guest speakers include: Timmy McCaffery, Adam Fuselier, Rita West, Sr. Benedicta Turner, and Fr. Jacob Dumont.
To learn more and register please visit www.yamarchno.org.”
Divine Mercy
April 8, 2018

Parish Calendar

4/8
11 AM ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION MASS IN CHURCH
4/9
9:30 AM COME AND SEE
10:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
6:30 PM FR. BRAUD'S BOOK STUDY
4/10
9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
5 PM RCIA/JPII
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA/CLASSROOMS
4/11
8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (3-7)
10:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH
7 PM CYO VOLLEYBALL/ST. ANN GYM
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
7:40 PM CYO VOLLEYBALL/ST. ANN GYM
4/12
9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/WST. RAYMOND
10:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
3 PM BEGINNER CHOIR REH./CHURCH
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BUSINESS)/ST. RAYMOND
4/13
8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (K-1,2)
9:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
4/14
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 4 PM MASS
4/15
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/ALL MASSES

School NEWS

We are proud that our seventh graders will participate in a very special field trip to the Ursuline Convent Museum. This is in honor of 300 years of Catholic education in New Orleans. Our third graders will go to Rivertown for their field trip on Friday.

Fr. Braud book study continues on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre at 6:30 p.m. The next meetings will be Monday:
April 9th on Chapters 3 & 4
April 23rd on Chapters 5 & 6
April 30th on Chapters 7 & 8

April 2018 Quotes for Pro-Life
“Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation.”

Surviving Divorce
Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family

Rose Sweet, international speaker and author of the much used Surviving Divorce program, will be coming to New Orleans to speak to all who are interested in learning best practices and vital insights into providing the support and healing necessary for those who have undergone or are undergoing the intense pain and destruction caused by divorce. The presentation will be Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:30 PM in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary for all who are interested.

RSVP to mfl@arch-no.org if you would like to attend. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

Seelos Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Please Join Us on Sunday
April 22, 2018

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass at St. Mary’s Assumption Church (Corner of Josephine & Constance St, in New Orleans’ Irish Channel) will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 1:00 PM. There will be one-on-one intercessory prayer in the shrine starting at 11:45 AM and confessions before Mass. Homilist and celebrant will be Fr. Harry A Grile, C.SS.R. The gift shop will be open before and after the healing mass.
Heart and Mind

God, font of all life, through the Paschal Mystery of your Son, Jesus, you have restored your people to life. Our house gives you praise for your enduring mercy and unending love. Watch over and protect our community as we work to make known the message of salvation. Keep us one in heart and mind as we work to build up your Kingdom. Give us hearts overflowing with mercy as we minister to those most in need. Help us remain faithful to your call so that our words and actions may always proclaim Christ as Lord. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

Today’s Readings: Acts 4:32 – 35; Psalm 118:2 – 4, 13 – 15, 22 – 24; 1 John 5:1 – 6; John 20:19 – 31. Jesus’ Resurrection establishes a new way of living. He is the new covenant and in his life, death, and Resurrection, he reveals our loving and merciful God. This new way of living is one of mercy and reconciliation, one of peace and hope, one where the chains of sin can no longer hold us captive. Christ has changed us and, as we proclaim in the refrain to the Responsorial Psalm, we “give thanks to the Lord” because “his love is everlasting.” Our First Reading gives a sense of this new way of living. Acts tells us that the community was united in one heart and mind and that they held their possessions in common. The final lines describe the social outreach of this early community. Christ brought them together and continues to bring us together. We are united to him in one Body, which invites us to risk everything for him and the Kingdom.

Too often we hear of division in our communities. Being members of Christ’s Body urges us to love and forgive. This mercy should not be insular but lead us into the world to advocate for justice. If Christ has truly united us in one heart and mind, then we must work to reconcile differences and let the light of Christ within us shine forth so others may know the transforming love of God. Consider how your faith in Christ leads you to build up the Body of Christ. This week, reach out to your neighbors and friends for conversation or a meal.
This Week at Home

Monday, April 9
The Annunciation of the Lord

“Do not be afraid.” Imagine what it must have been like for Mary to learn God had chosen her to carry the Savior. By grace, she was able to say yes and remain faithful to God. In Baptism, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary, we say yes and commit ourselves to a life that proclaims the Good News. When faced with trials or doubts, keep in mind what the angel said to Mary. There is no need to be afraid; God will be with us. Today, pray for all expectant mothers. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b – 9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4 –10; Luke 1:26 –38.

Tuesday, April 10
Of One Heart and Mind

Just as disagreements arise in faith communities today, the early Church had its difficulties. The picture that Acts paints of the Church as an ideal Christian community provides us something to ponder. Jesus’ Paschal Mystery unites us into one community of God’s mercy. Jesus showed this compassion during his earthly ministry. How does your parish imitate the community of believers? Consider volunteering to coordinate your parish outreach. Today’s Readings: Acts 4:32 – 37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd – 2, 5; John 3:7b –15.

Wednesday, April 11
Memorial of St. Stanislaus

God’s love and justice filled the heart of St. Stanislaus, who fervently opposed injustice and violence in his native Poland. He worked against the injustice of the government of his day, which eventually led to his death. Since we are filled with the light of Christ, we are called to bring light to those in darkness and help free others from oppression. Our Easter alleluias have no meaning if they do not lead us to work for justice and reveal God’s saving love. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:17– 26; Psalm 34:2 – 3, 4 – 5, 6 –7, 8 – 9; John 3:16 – 21.

Thursday, April 12
Share the Gospel

The Apostles are being challenged again in today’s First Reading. They remain fervent in their witness to God and refuse to stop sharing the Good News. Their faith in Christ moves them to glorify God’s name and witness to all what God has given in Christ Jesus. If we live in Christ, the Spirit works through us to share the Gospel. Research a modern-day saint who refused to stop sharing the Gospel. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:27– 33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19 – 20; John 3:31– 36.

Friday, April 13
Tell a Story

No matter the obstacle, the Apostles remain passionate in teaching about Jesus. How would you respond if you found yourself in the First Reading and were flogged and told not to speak of Christ? Would you rejoice as these followers did? For thousands of years, God’s Word has permeated place after place. As disciples who seek to dwell in the Lord’s house, we must be found worthy to suffer for Christ our light. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:34 – 42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13 –14; John 6:1–15.

Saturday, April 14
Ministry of the Word

The First Reading describes the beginning of what we know as the diaconate. Since the community was growing, the needs within the community also grew. Seven men were called upon to help in the ministry through the distribution of goods, freeing the Twelve to spread the Good News. The number seven shows the universal nature of the Church. Today, pray for deacons and consider finding out more about St. Stephen. Today’s Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1– 2, 4 – 5, 18 –19; John 6:16 – 21.

Vacation Bible School

Plans for VBS 2018 are underway! Our theme for this year is VBS Beach Party! **Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open!** The registration link can be found on the church website at: [http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school](http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school)

We will host the events July 2-13 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering pre-K (four years old) through 4th grade are welcome to participate as campers and students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station assistants. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of this year's program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

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](http://www.kc3465.org)

Make Mass More Meaningful!

St. Ann Church will be offering a video-led series to explain the Mass and the Eucharist. This series is narrated by Dr. Brant Pitre and will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning May 22 in the Parish Ministries Center. There is NO COST to participate and all materials and refreshments will be provided. Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. Join us May 22nd to Make Mass More Meaningful!

Ministry Spotlight

**St. Ann Men’s Club**

The St. Ann Men’s Club members include grandfathers, fathers, uncles, brothers, sons and friends! Of St. Ann parish They have a long tradition of service to the St. Ann community and plays a vital role to serve and support the activities of the Parish including the Family Fest, the Crawfish Rumble and Men’s Club Golf Tournament, the parish Thanksgiving Dinners, parish donut breakfasts, Lenten Seafood Dinners to the public, the Breakfast with Santa, the Father & Child Movie Night, and the Summer Cabbage Ball League.

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