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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.

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 the Baptism and a Preparation Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 231.

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 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.
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

I am sure you have heard the saying: “It’s not what you know but who you know.” It doesn’t matter where you’re going; it’s who you have beside you on the journey. Being connected has its advantages in all walks of life. That’s the “front page” news of our readings this weekend.

In the first reading, Saul tried to join the disciples, but they were afraid of him. It’s no wonder because Saul was a leader of the Sanhedrin and hated the early Christians, arresting them and hauling them off for execution until the Damascus experience when Jesus spoke to him saying: “Saul, Saul, who do you persecute me?” We do our own share of persecuting of Christians with a bit of gossip. The tongue is a small thing but can do enormous damage. The tongue has no bones but is strong enough to break a heart, so be careful with your words.

The second reading highlights the importance of Action speaks Louder than Words. Actions prove who someone is. Words prove who they wanna be. The Letter of John clearly tells us: “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth …” On occasion I have used the following quote in funeral homilies: “People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

The Gospel reading points to the importance of being connected … “It’s not what you know but who you know.” It doesn’t matter where you’re going; it’s who you have beside you on the journey. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches charged to bear fruit. God expects the world to be a better place by our presence in it.

Reflection by Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

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April 29—May 5, 2018
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Caminita, Sr.

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 30th on Chapters 7 & 8
**Parish Calendar**

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5 PM RCIA/JP II  
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA/CLASSROOMS |
| 5/1  | 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL  
5 PM RCIA/JP II  
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA/CLASSROOMS |
| 5/2  | 8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS  
1 PM SEWING BEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND  
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH  
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA |
| 5/3  | 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND  
7 PM SPRING MUSIC CONCERT  
7 PM ST. ANN FAITH SHARING/JP II |
| 5/4  | 8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS K, 1, 2  
9:30 AM ADORATION/CHURCH  
9:30 AM PK3 MOTHER’S & FATHER’S SOCIAL/CHURCH |
| 5/5  | SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
7:30 AM MEN’S CLUB & KC MASS/CHURCH |
| 5/6  | SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
9:30 AM 3RD GRADE JR. MINISTRY MASS  
3 PM ORDER OF ST. LOUIS CEREMONY AT CATHEDRAL |

**The Woman I Was Created to Be**

Through prayer and reflection, this day will be an experience of “the eternal originality of ‘woman’, just as God wanted her to be, a person for her own sake, who discovers herself by means of a sincere gift of self”. (from the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II, *On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*, 1988).

The Woman I Was Created to Be will be presented on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. This will be presented by Bonnie Chase, Charlene Rovira and Charlene Rovira. For more information or to register, call 504-861-3254. Register online at http://asc.arch-no.org.

**School News**

Let us congratulate our new Home and School Executive Board.

Co-President - Courtney Fox and Tammy Vaccaro  
Secretary: Laura Demalas  
Treasurer: Kristen Nugent  
Parliamentarian: Shelly Nunes

The six graders will go on their field trip this week. Our third graders will have their recorder concert on Friday. We are proud that every student at St. Ann School learns to play a musical instrument!

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**St. Ann Parish Wedding Anniversary**

Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, May 26th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 21st.

**The Eucharistic Miracles of the World**, presented by The Real Presence Association, Inc.

All are invited to a special showing of over 100 posters documenting extraordinary miraculous events concerning the Eucharist. The miracles documented have all been recognized by local bishops, and their origins span the world. The exhibit will be in the gym and is free and open to all ages: Friday, May 11, 2018, from 3:00 - 7:00 PM; Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM; and Sunday, May 13, 2018, from 9:00 AM - 12 noon. For additional information, you may contact the office of St. Dominic Church, 504-482-4156 or Ginger Spedale at 504-758-9290.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Vineyard

God, the giver of joy,
in Baptism you join us to Christ,
the true Vine,
and, through your Word,
we are sustained in holiness
and wisdom.
Send your Holy Spirit upon
your vineyard
so that, each branch may thrive
and reveal your glory by yielding love
and joy.
Sustain the Church in holiness
and help it bear much fruit for
your kingdom.
When our parched hearts begin
to wither,
draw us close to you and nurture us
with your grace.
And on that final day, may we be found
praising your holy name
in the assembly of your people.

Today’s Readings: Acts of the Apostles 9:26 – 31; Psalm 22:26 – 27, 28, 30, 31– 32; 1 John 3:18 – 24; John 15:1– 8. When St. Paul first encountered the Christian community, he was not kind or receptive to their message. His heart was transformed when he finally encounters Christ on the road to Damascus. From that point on, he became a fervent preacher of the Gospel. Like the pruned vine in the Gospel, Paul opened his heart to the Good News and allowed the vine grower to prune away all that was dead and did not bear fruit. The Word, which called out to him in Damascus, broke open his heart and won him over. When has the proclaimed Word at Mass deepened your love for Christ and stirred you from your pew to share the Gospel?

After our Lenten journey, we, like Paul, have opened ourselves to God’s mercy; the dead branches have been pruned so that we might bear fruit. Paul and the other disciples went about preaching and building up the Kingdom. We have to ask ourselves, what does it look like in our time to be heralds of Good News? Through prayer, the celebration of the Eucharist, and good works, we remain connected to the Vine and grow in holiness. This holiness, this life in the Holy Spirit, helps us see the poor, assists us in reaching out to the places where the Gospel is silenced, and enables us to love. Peruse a hymnal at the parish and pray with a song in the discipleship or mission section that grabs your heart. What do you hear?
This Week at Home

Monday, April 30

Idols

It can be easy to get caught in the fame of a sports figure or celebrity and forget that Jesus is the true Savior. In the First Reading, Paul and Barnabas are misidentified as the gods Zeus and Hermes. Their words were so captivating that the people couldn’t hear the real message and began to honor them as gods. Quickly they admonished this action. How do we keep our eyes on the prize, especially when we hear so many “good” messages? Today, pray for all who are in positions of power that they might use their status for good and lead others to right living. Today’s Readings: Acts 14:5 –18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.

Tuesday, May 1

Make Known

As members of the Body of Christ, our lives proclaim the goodness of God’s mercy and compassion. Through our actions and words, we make known the splendor of God and teach others about Christ. The Psalm reminds us that we are God’s friends whose mouths must speak his praise. How do you offer praise to God, especially when the Good News is not welcomed? Think of a concrete way you might share the Gospel today. Today’s Readings: Acts 14:19 –28; Psalm 145:10 –11, 12 –13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.

Wednesday, May 2

Memorial of St. Athanasius

Today, the Church remembers St. Athanasius, who was bishop of Alexandria in the fourth century. He is an important figure and doctor of the Church because he staunchly fought against the Arian heresy, which denied Christ’s divinity. He was met with much opposition, but fervently taught the faith, especially the Incarnation. Today’s Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 3

Feast of Sts. Philip and James

The two Apostles we commemorate today remind us that we are called to holiness. Both were members of the original Twelve who followed Jesus. Through their ministry, they led others to encounter Christ. Philip, as we see in today’s Gospel, took a long time to realize who Jesus was. There is not much known about James the Lesser, but tradition tells us that he is the author of the Letter of James and was the bishop of Jerusalem. Philip and James are the patrons of Uruguay. Honor these saints by praying for Uruguayans. Today’s Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2 –3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.

Friday, May 4

Love One Another

As we near the end of the Easter season, John’s Gospel account reminds us that Jesus’ death was the ultimate gift of love. Jesus commands his followers to love as he loves. This is not easy to do. Jesus was filled with compassion for the poor and marginalized. He revealed the undying and unbiased love God has for his children. Spend time meditating on Jesus’ words, “Love one another as I have loved you.” Today’s Readings: Acts 15:22 –31; Psalm 57:8 –9, 10 and 12; John 15:12 –17.

Saturday, May 5

The World

In the Gospel, Jesus states, “You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.” At Baptism, we were adopted as children of God and belong totally to God. We live in the world and our living helps make known the presence of Christ. As Christians, we are called to be radical witnesses of God’s truth and love. This message, especially when it contradicts worldly ideals, is not always welcome. Make notes of ways you might help foster love with those you encounter. Today’s Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b –2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.
Men’s Club Family Cabbageball Registration Open

This year’s Summer Cabbageball league will offer TWO separate rounds for our students and families to participate in. The first round will be each Monday and Wednesday from June 4—27. The second round will be Mondays and Wednesdays from July 9—August 1. Each session is a stand alone round and students entering grades Kindergarten up to 7th grade can participate in one or both rounds. Prices begin at $35 for one session but will be adjusted to number of sessions played and number of children in a family. Each round will receive team photos, trophies, weekly treats and activities and a closing party. For more info, contact Andrew Silva at 504-858-7103 or asilva06@cox.net. Parents can also volunteer as on field coaches! Register at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/14124

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

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. Registration for volunteers is at: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/13765. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of the program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

St. Ann Church will be offering a video-led series with a focus on the Mass and 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!

Respect Life Committee

This ministry assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in disseminating information to Parishioners in regards to all Life matters. The ministry’s main focus points are these:

To recruit volunteers to hand out the NCCB’s Respect Life Month literature after each Mass on a designated Sunday in October.

To assist the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in disseminating petitions, letters, etc., as requested by the Archbishop.

To assist the Pastor, the Pastoral Council, parents’ clubs and St. Ann School with the acquisition of pro-life literature, audiovisual aids and guest speakers and to facilitate any respect life activities.
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