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

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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Pastor
Rev. Fr. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 223

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Fr. Vincent Nguyen, ext. 224

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Philip Doolen, ext. 231
Rev. Mr. Tom Fox, ext. 257

Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry
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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

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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 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
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Solemnity of Christ the King Year B
Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

This Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The Liturgical Year consists of a three-year-cycle A, B, C, and we have now come to the end of Year B. Thus, we move from St. Mark, the Evangelist to St. Luke, the Evangelist next Sunday - the First Sunday of the Advent Year C.

In today’s Gospel scripture Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charges brought against him - King of the Jews! Jesus is a king, but not the kind of king we might imagine. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. As C. S. Lewis put it: “God doesn’t want something from us; he simply wants us.”

It’s not usual for us to think of kings and heads of state as caring people like Jesus - most of them are inaccessible, existing behind many layers of security and staff, but Jesus is more present to us than even we are to ourselves - as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread - the Son of God, King Jesus Christ becoming one with us and IN us through the Eucharist. Sometimes it’s only with the passage of time and our looking back over our lives that we can recognize how God has saved us and cares for us - FOOTPRINTS!

King Jesus Christ conquers - really? From the second reading we know he conquered sin and death. Unlike earthly kings, King Jesus Christ does not force us or threaten us - sometimes I wish he did! He respects our freedom to decide and trusts us more than we even trust ourselves. Hell is not so much a place of punishment. It’s a place for those who say “NO” to King Jesus Christ and refuse to be guided by God’s love - therefore a state of punishment!

In Cycle A Gospel reading [Matthew 25:31-46] we can read about Jesus’ return in glory and the sorting of the sheep from the goats … to judge the living and the dead. Having loved like God and listened to the voice of King Jesus Christ, we will discover that somehow we recognize him and have met him before for he was the person we stopped and talked to begging at the street corner, the person we bought the hamburger for, the person we gave a spare pair of shoes to … “I assure you, as often as you did it for one of these least ones you did it for me.” Yes, we meet the King every day!

Reflection: Fr. Billy
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

Parish Calendar

11/26 9:30 AM COME AND SEE
11/27 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
3:15 PM CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON DAVID/CAFETERIA
7 PM ASHLEY CODE FUND COMMITTEE/ST. RAYMOND
11/28 9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
9:45 AM SEWING SEAMS MEET/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECELIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
11/29 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECELIA
12/1 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALENDAR SALES AFTER MASS
7:30 AM MEN’S CLUB AND KC MASS
12 Noon—5 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/CAF.
12/2 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALENDAR SALES AFTER MASSES
8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRE-MASS REH./ST. CECELIA
9:30 AM CUB SCOUTS AT MASS
12:30 PM BAPTISM IN CHURCH

Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule:
Friday, December 7th
Vigil 6:30 PM
Saturday, December 8th
7:30 & 9:30 AM

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Tuesday, Nov. 27 is a special day to give to St. Ann School for #iGiveCatholic. Please check our website at [www.stannschool.org](http://www.stannschool.org) for more information. We are very proud of our students for contributing to our Thanksgiving Drive so generously. We also thank the students for the very successful mission drive held last month. The money collected will be used to benefit mission activities around the world and the hurricane victims in Florida. We are very grateful to all who contributed to the St. Ann Family Fest 2018. We especially thank our chairwoman, Richelle Hebert and all committee members. Everyone had a great time, the fair profit was approximately $76,000.00.

The Word of God proclaimed throughout Advent point to the intimate CONNECTING, like a CHARISMATIC DANCE between two lovers, that God does with our hearts and minds, in the hope that our conversion will occur and our hearts have been won. In this wonderful moment of an Advent day, we will look at how this “dance” or intertwining movement between the human and divine unfurls in the stories of the Old and New Testament.

8:30 am: REGISTRATION † 9:00 am: PRESENTATIONS BEGIN w/COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS BREAK
11:15 am: QUIET PRAYER † SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION † 11:30 am: MASS

All are welcomed! Donations appreciated.

For more information: or to Pre-Register: JANETTANIE MEARS • 504.615.1469 • jmears@outlook.com

**School News**

#iGiveCatholic

Support us by participating in #iGiveCatholic!

It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Give early! Advanced day giving runs November 12 through 26.

If you would prefer to have us process your gift, please complete and return the donation card below to the St. Ann School Office, Church Office, or place in the collection basket at Mass. All donation cards must be received no later than Tuesday, November 27. Information will remain secure and confidential.

Questions? Call Sara Cooper at 504-455-8883 x 181 or email scooper@stannschool.org

To benefit: St. Ann School
Cardholder Name: __________________________
Billing Address: __________________________

Credit card #: __________________________
Expiration Date: __________________________
Security Code: __________________________
Donation Amount: $ __________________________
Signature: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Email address: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________
Christmas Giving Tree

Once again we at St. Ann are invited to share OUR blessings and gifts with the multitudes who are not as fortunate. Hope House and Catholic Charities have numerous children, families, elderly and homeless whom they serve and whom we also, are called to serve. These wonderful Catholic facilities provide for these needs on a daily basis and St. Ann is always extremely generous in our Christmas sharing. The “Giving Tree” will be up from Thanksgiving through SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9. The Angel tags on the tree will indicate the necessary information for you to be able to provide a truly Merry Christmas for MANY considerably less fortunate than us. The tags will indicate specific gift requests along with age, size etc.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU SELECT AN ANGEL TAG YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE WRAP SECURELY WITHOUT A BOW AND PLACE IT UNDER THE TREE AT THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES ONLY!!!!

PLEASE TAPE THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY TO THE PACKAGE WITHOUT THE STRING.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A GIFT AND RETURN IT ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 9. We must have time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. We ask that all gifts be NEW.

Again for SECURITY reasons, please place your gifts under the tree ONLY AT MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

Third Annual 24 Hour Vigil of Prayer and Fasting

ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

Friday, December 7, 2018
Beginning at 8:30 am (before 8:45 am Mass) continuing until Saturday morning, December 8, 2018
Ending with the 7:30 am Mass

(The written prayers collected throughout the vigil will be offered and burned outside of the front of Church after the 7:30 am Mass on Saturday)

Fr. Billy O’Riordan, Pastor of St. Ann Church invites everyone to the Prayer Vigil

The focus of our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil is

HEALING, FORGIVENESS,
PEACE, & THANKSGIVING

Please join us for ALL or SOME of the Prayer Vigil.
Fast as much as you can throughout to the extent that you are able.

Each hour will begin with a prayer-devotion, a personal witness, or a teaching/reflection on a Scripture passage or saint. The remaining part of the hour will be spent in quiet prayer for the intentions of the vigil.

Prime time Friday evening includes Adoration at 5:00 pm, The Angelus and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm and the 6:30 pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception.
Mass will be followed by our guest speaker, Dr. Tom Neal of Notre Dame Seminary (Topic: My Soul Magnifies the Lord: Reflecting on our Baptismal Dignity) at 7:30 pm, followed by music featuring members of Archbishop Chapelle’s Chorale.

J.P.S.O. Sheriff’s Deputies will monitor the premises.

ARE PINE NEEDLES AND CYPRUS LEAVES FALLING FROM YOUR TREE?

ST. ANN CHURCH CAN USE BOTH OF THESE AS MULCH FOR OUR GARDENS.
YOU CAN LEAVE THEM AT THE PARISH MINISTRY CENTER ANYTIME. THANK YOU!
Beginning Experience
Coping With Life Alone Program

The Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program “Coping With Life Alone” to help those struggling to cope with loss due to death, divorce or separation. The Coping Program will begin on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Angela Merci’s Conference Hall adjacent to the Church, 835 Melody Street in Metairie. The cost is $35.00. If you have any questions or to register, please call Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776.
2018

ST. ANN CHURCH & SHRINE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

**Monday, December 24th**
NO 6:30 a.m. Mass
There will be 8:45 a.m. Mass

Vigil Masses:
4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Mass
10:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 25th**

Christmas Day Masses
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

**Monday, December 31st**
NO 6:30 a.m. Mass
There will be 8:45 a.m. Mass

Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 1st**

New Year's Day Masses:
8:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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Proceeds benefit our local KC Council and its Charitable Programs
On Sale in the church office. $20 per Calendar
$20 enters you into a drawing for cash prizes to be held *everyday of the year.*
You can win more than once! Your ticket stays in the raffle everyday - even if you previously won!

**Prizes**

- $2,000 Columbus day
- $1,000 New Year's Day
- $250 April 1 & December 1
- $150 1st day of Feb, Mar, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov.
- $100 Saturdays (51 drawings)  $ 20
- All other days (301 drawings)

To learn more, call 421-5955 or check out our website at [www.kc3465.org](http://www.kc3465.org). Be a real man! Be a Knight!

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**Adult Volunteers are needed to assist with our high school CYO Youth Program!**

If You or someone you know may be interested, call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225

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*Candlelight Christmas Celebration*
*A Magical Night of Music*

Featuring Trish Poti & Eric McCrary

The Children's Choir
Directed by Olga Ann Frank

The Youth Choir
Directed by Eric McCrary

The Festival Choir
Directed by Trish Poti

St. Ann Church & National Shrine
December 6, 2018 at 7 pm in Church