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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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.
The King Who Died for His Servants

In the early years of 1900s, humanity witnessed the rise of a new way of life: secularism. According to this way of life, human beings should leave God out of their lives and live as if God did not exist. As a response to this lifestyle, the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe, was established in 1925 to remind us who the true King and Lord is. Christ Jesus alone is the King of the universe and also the King of our heart, our mind, our soul, and our whole being.

When we visit a government's office, we often see the official picture of the president or king of that country. The picture is meant to tell us who the leader of that country is. Likewise, when you step into any Catholic church, the first thing you see is the Crucifix. The Crucifix is the official portrait of our King. But our King looks different than other kings. Unlike earthly kings who wear golden crowns, our King wears a crown of thorns. Other kings wear royal rings on their hands; the hands of our Kings were pierced with nails. Earthly kings wear royal clothes; our King was stripped naked on the Cross. Earthly kings, when they die, are buried in pyramid or in royal tombs; our King was buried in a tomb borrowed from someone. To meet the president or the king is almost impossible for us. But to meet Christ Jesus our King, we just need to stop by any church at any time. He is always there in the tabernacle waiting for us. And perhaps none of us has ever shared a meal with a king or a president. But we are always invited to the Eucharistic table where our King feeds us with His Holy Body and Blood.

The first reading from the Book of Daniel and Saint John's Gospel provide us two contrasting images of Christ the King. In the Book of Daniel, Christ is depicted as the Son of man coming in glory and “all peoples, nations, and languages serve Him.” But in the Gospel of John, Christ was arrested and brought to trial before Pilate. The almighty God, the King of kings gave up his glory and honor and became one of us in order to save us.

Therefore, none of us can say that God abandons us in our sufferings. No one should say that God does not know human suffering. Indeed, the sufferings of Christ our King are far worse than ours. If you think you do not have enough, our King was born in a manger and lived His whole life in poverty. If you feel alone and abandoned, our King was betrayed and sold by His own friends including those closest to Him. When we suffer physical pain, let us offer our suffering to Christ who was nailed on the Cross.

In earthly countries, there are many laws and regulation that need to be followed. But in the Kingdom of Christ, there is only one law: the law of love. “Love one another as I have loved you,” says our King. Love is the sign of Christ’s kingdom. And by loving one another, we bear witness to our King whose love is without end.

How blessed we are to have a King who comes to suffer with us, who loves us to the end, and who dies for us in order to bring us back to life. Reflection by Fr. Vincent

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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December 2 - 8, 2018

“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Carol Ross
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**Candlelight Christmas Celebration**

**A Magical Night of Music**

Featuring Trish Foti & Eric McCravy

The Children’s Choir  
Directed by Olgia Ann Frank

The Youth Choir  
Directed by Eric McCrary

The Festival Choir  
Directed by Trish Foti

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- **Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- **Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- **Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- **Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- **Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- **Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**SCHOOL NEWS**

The school is preparing for the birth of Jesus. Our Advent theme is “Virtues Light the Way to Christmas” Our school is continuing with walk through tours every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Please meet in the school office if you are considering registering your child for any of our programs beginning with the PK2 class. For more information about our school please check [www.stansschool.org](http://www.stansschool.org) or call 455-8383.

**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

**A Christmas to Warm Your Heart**

**December 14**

**7:00 PM**

**ST. ANN CHURCH**
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.

St. Ann is Adopting St. Dominic Parish

Please Help St. Dominic Parish

Ways to Give:
- Donation Form on our website
- Choose St. Dominic Hurricane Relief as the fund when using ParishSOFT Giving
- Special envelopes available in the church and parish office
Retirement Fund for the Religious

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.

Supper & Substance

Supper & Substance is a simple, yet very positive approach to helping couples within their church parish to appreciate that Matrimony is a life-long process that requires continual attention and God’s loving presence. The program offers the opportunity for spouses to meet with other couples from their parish, enjoy a nice meal (“supper”) and witness an inspiring presentation (“substance”). Events are scheduled throughout the year.

Call the Church Office if you would like more info!
Monday, December 3  St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Prophets know that God’s saving work is not just for the Jewish people. Isaiah calls his countrymen to “walk in the light of the Lord,” anticipating the day when “all nations shall stream toward Jerusalem.” Jesus meets a Roman centurion whose faith amazes him compared to many “children of the kingdom.” As Advent begins, we might ask ourselves whether we, who have had the benefit of hearing the Word of God and receiving sacraments, have weak or strong faith. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b; 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.

Tuesday, December 4  Blessed Are We
Isaiah speaks of a time when the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord, and there will be peace among nations and even animals. These events await the fulfillment of God’s plan when Jesus returns in glory. Yet Jesus knows how blessed his disciples are to see him in the flesh and hear his words. When we take the Risen Christ into our body in the Eucharist and listen to the Word, we are blessed with a foretaste of the time when we will know him fully. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.

Wednesday, December 5  Making God Known
For the third day, we hear Isaiah describe a mountain where all will come to know God as he provides rich, plentiful food and destroys death. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus feeds more than four thousand people and heals all who are sick. Surely, God is making himself known in their midst! When we prepare food for others or tend them when they are sick, are we aware that we are making God known? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29–37.

Thursday, December 6  St. Nicholas
Advent is a good time to evaluate whether our religious practices are built on the rock-solid foundation of Jesus or a lack of trust. Isaiah says that peace will reign when we fully trust God. St. Nicholas, who remains a revered saint 1,800 years after he lived, is remembered for his generosity to the poor and the secrecy of his good deeds. He heard the words of Jesus and acted on them. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1 and 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.

Friday, December 7  St. Ambrose
When Jesus heals two blind men, they tell everyone they know. In the fourth century, St. Ambrose was renowned for both his preaching and his arguments against heresy while bishop of Milan. People loved him best for his first act as bishop: selling all he had and giving to the poor. During this holy season we beg Christ to remove our blindness to our sins, open our lips to tell others about him, and open our hearts to care for the poor among us. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.

Saturday, December 8  Immaculate Conception
During Advent, while the whole Church waits with Mary, we ponder her special role in salvation history and celebrate that she, the perfect vessel who would give birth to the Savior, was conceived without sin. The angel who brought her the news called her “favored one.” The Church echoed those words when, in 1854, it proclaimed as doctrine the Immaculate Conception. So widespread was this belief that eight years before the Vatican pro-