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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
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.
Prepare The Way

My first trip to New Orleans was four and a half years ago. Since then, I had kept coming back until I made my life decision to move to New Orleans two years ago. I have traveled to different parts of the country but only New Orleans makes me feel home. There are so many good things here including Catholic tradition, music, culture, food, and so on. But what impressed me the most is your hospitality. New Orleans’ warm welcome truly makes me want to call it my new home.

Now as a New Orleanian, I learn from your hospitality. During the Thanksgiving break, I invited two seminarians to visit New Orleans. Before they arrived, I cleaned my house and filled my refrigerator with food. I did everything to make sure the seminarians feel welcomed like I did when I first came. Everyone would do the same to welcome your friends.

What if I tell you, the Lord of heaven and earth are coming to your home. Christ Jesus our Savior is on his way. What should we do to welcome Him?

John the Baptist is the key figure of the season of Advent. John comes before the Lord Jesus to prepare his way. He calls people to repent for the forgiveness of sins. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.” We need to prepare the way to welcome Christ Jesus. We need to make sure that the way is straight and smooth. We need to clean and decorate our home to be a worthy place to receive Him.

Many of us have already prepared our Christmas trees and decorated our houses. We are busy with preparing Christmas parties and gifts for our loved ones. These are good things to do. But the main focus of this season of Advent is to prepare our hearts and our souls to receive Christ. Do not let the busyness of this season make us forget Jesus - the birthday boy. We cannot celebrate his birthday without the birthday boy.

We need to prepare our hearts and our souls for Christ’s coming. And the best way to cleanse our soul is to go to confession. No one receives guests with a messy house. Likewise, we cannot receive Christ with a soul filled with sins. Cleanse our souls and get rid of your sins. Let’s make our soul a worthy dwelling of the Lord.

Sisters and brothers, Christ Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth is on His way. Let us show Him our southern hospitality. Reflection by Fr. Vincent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday December 16
4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, Olga M. Haughton
Darenbourg, George Sanderson, Jr., Gardner & McCleland Families, Buddy Hyver, Ernest Becnel, Tu Tran, Chad Anthony Rancatore, Lester Palmisano, Nofie Alfonso, Rev. Harry Adams, Evelyn Gerard, Mary L. Rodriguez, Michael Sherrick
8:00 am Thomas J. Kelly
9:30 am Eugene Hickey
11:00 am Beth Hanson, Marie Jumonville, Luis Toca, Linda Murry (in thanks to Blessed Mother/health), Carrie Labruzzo, Lelia DuValle, Ralph Tortorich, Sr., Dee Dee Enright, Joyce Brumfield, Tu Tran, Lester Palmisano, Charlotte Fritz, Cliff Reis, Sr., Marcia Williams
5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday December 17
6:30 am Barbara Carriere (S.I.)
8:45 am Danny Halligan

Tuesday December 18
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Elizabeth Thelemann
7:00 pm Antoine (Andy) Williams

Wednesday December 19
6:30 am Tu Tran
8:45 am Frank Scalia

Thursday December 20
6:30 am Brett Keller
8:45 am Domingo & Ramona Caro

Friday December 21
6:30 am Clarence Francis Sclamp, Jr.
8:45 am Luis Toca

Saturday December 22
7:30 am Lois Lagarde

December 16 - 22, 2018
“Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Danny Halligan
Parish Calendar

12/16 8:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRE-MASS REH./ST. CECELIA
9 AM MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/CAFETERIA
12/17 9:30 AM COME AND SEE
9:30 AM WALK THROUGH TOURS/SCHOOL OFFICE
7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/JPII
12/18 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
6:15 PM NO PSR CLASSES
12/19 9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
6:30 PM CUB SCOUT PACK MTG./CAFETERIA
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
12/20 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
10 AM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (K-7) CHURCH
7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/JPII
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECELIA

Bambinelli Sunday

Each year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter’s Square for “Bambinelli Sunday.” The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child - the “Bambinelli” - from their family’s Nativity scene. During the noontime Angelus prayer, the pope blesses the figurines they have brought. On the Third Sunday of Advent - December 16th at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here at St. Ann Church. Therefore, we invite the children to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass for a blessing, and then to be taken home and placed in the Nativity Scene as you wait for Christmas.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

School News

During this season of Advent, the students made many preparations for Christmas. Thursday, Dec. 20th is the last school day before the Christmas holidays. The students will be treated to the reenactment of the Nativity by the fifth grade students and will celebrate with Christmas parties. School will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

Thank you for your support and generosity on #GivingTuesday! We had 78 donations in the amount of $4,610 donated to St. Ann School via #iGiveCatholic. These funds will go to the St. Ann School Endowment Fund. Due to the large number of advanced gifts we received, the school also received an additional $250 prize!

Forgot to give? Want to make an additional donation? Please visit http://cf.arch-no.org/donate-now/ and select the St. Ann School Endowment Fund. You can also send checks made payable to St. Ann School Endowment Fund to the school office.

The next #iGiveCatholic day of giving will be December 3, 2019.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Ann School. We are proud that we can continue to add to our Endowment Fund. The growth of the St. Ann School Endowment Fund helps assure our legacy for the future.
St. Ann Alumni, this is a new event created with you in mind. Spread the word and come and catch up with friends and play some kickball! You can sign up here: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/young-adults-reunion.

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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.
https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/guide/holiday-gift-guide

A GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

This Christmas please consider shopping on this ethical trade website. Your purchases are not only of good quality but will help men and women who are working hard to work their way out of poverty.

You will find gift suggestions for the kitchen, home, entertaining, jewelry, comfort, chocolate and other food items and gift baskets. These are gifts you can feel good about giving. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:41

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN’S RETREAT

Msgr. David Toups, Deacon Larry and Andi Oney will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat from January 25-27, 2019, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The prophetic theme is “For Such a Time as This.” The liturgies, music, prayer, teaching and fellowship will bring encouragement to all those who love the Lord and the Church. Msgr. Toups is Rector of St. Vincent Seminary in Florida and Spiritual Director for Magnificent Ministry to Catholic Women. He writes and speaks out of his deep love for God and his profound faith. Deacon Larry and Andi Oney will be leading an Empowerment Service Saturday night. Their preaching ministry has brought them around the world, most recently to Poland and Canada. Patti Mansfield will be teaching on Spiritual Warfare and Janice Charbonnet on the Feminine Genes. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and has been serving hundreds of women from the Gulf South since 1988. Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368.

Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible Begins New Program on January 8th

EVERYONE is invited to a Catholic-Based Adult Bible Study program which will begin a new program here at St. Ann church on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). This Bible Study is open to anyone wishing to gain a firm foundation on HOW to read Scripture, Understand the HISTORICAL and CULTURAL significance of the Gospel, and learn how to APPRECIATE the revelation of God’s Word in Scripture. This topic of Scripture will last about 10-12 weeks. Participants will have the option of continuing with a new topic after the conclusion. We will meet every Tuesday following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

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Thursday, December 20
Do Not Be Afraid
In Luke’s account of the Annunciation, Mary is initially troubled at the angel’s greeting; but after Gabriel assures her she has nothing to fear, she consents to be the mother of the Messiah. St. John writes: “There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear” (1 John 4:18a). Mary’s perfect love for God allows her to accept God’s plan for her life. Do your fears hold you back from giving your life totally to Jesus?


Friday, December 21
Leaping for Joy
Song of Songs uses poetic images for the love between God, the lover, and his people, the beloved. In The History of the Kingdom of God: From Creation to Parousia, theologian Sofia Cavalletti writes, “A plan has always existed in the mind of God, the aim of which is to bring humankind to the full enjoyment of God.” While we await that day, we can enjoy God’s presence now. John leaps for joy in his mother’s womb in recognition of Jesus, just as the lover in the Song of Songs leaps across the hills on his way to the beloved.


Saturday, December 22
The Greatness of the Lord
Have you ever felt a strong desire to praise God—perhaps while on a mountaintop or at the birth of a child? When Mary hears Elizabeth’s greeting, she is overcome with that desire. As she proclaims the Magnificat, her prayer reveals so much about our God and offers such perfect praise that the Church prays it each day at Evening Prayer. Today’s Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4–5, 6–7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46–56.
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