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.

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.

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).
At the beginning of a new year, we often make a list of things we want to achieve in the coming year. As 2019 is about to begin, many of us have already planned our New Year’s resolution out. The most common resolution is to stay fit and healthy. Some want to learn a new language or an instrument. Others like to travel to different parts of the world. Still others want to do more charitable works. Those are the top ideas that we can find for our New Year’s resolutions.

What are your resolutions for your spiritual life? What will you do in this coming year to deepen your relationship with the Lord? I would like to suggest some resolutions regarding the spiritual life:

Make Sunday Mass the priority of the whole week. Go to Mass several minutes early to prepare your soul to receive Christ in His Words and His Sacrament and spend some time after Mass to thank Him. When travelling, you can check the Mass times of the local church.

Go to daily Mass. There is no better way to start a new day than attending the Holy Mass.

Go to confession more often. We want to keep our house neat and tidy. Likewise, our soul, the temple of the Holy Trinity, needs to be kept pure. Do not think of the confessional as a place of punishment. It is the place where God’s love and mercy triumph over sins.

Pray with the Scripture. Read the Scripture readings of the daily Mass. Let the seed of the Word grow and bear fruit in your soul.

Pray with the family each day. Children often imitate their parents. They will learn to pray from their parents’ prayer life. “A family that prays together stays together.”

The Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you cannot say the whole Rosary, pray a decade each day. While driving, you can play a CD of the Holy Rosary and pray along. Let the Mother of God pray with us and for us.

Spiritual reading. Find a good spiritual book such as The Story of A Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux or The Seven Story Mountain by Thomas Merton. Let us learn from the wisdom of the saints.

These are some suggestions for New Year’s resolutions. I pray that your relationship with the Lord will be deepened each and every day. Have a blessed New Year.

Reflection by Fr. Vincent Nguyen

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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December 30, 2018 - January 5, 2019

“Sanctuary Candle”

In Memory & Honor of Dupree Family
Parish Calendar

12/31 6:30 PM SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASS
1/1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8:45 AM AND 7 PM MASS
NO ADORATION
1/2 9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
1/3 SCHOOL RESUMES
9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION/JPII
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 1 IN THE
CAFETERIA AND CLASSROOMS
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECELIA
1/4 9:30 AM ADORATION IN CHURCH
7:30 PM CYO YOUTH REUNION IT'S JUST KICKBALL
/SCHOOLYARD & GYM
1/5 7:30 AM MEN'S CLUB & KC MASS/CHURCH
1/6 8:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REH./ST. CECELIA
9:30 AM CUB SCOUT MASS
12:30 PM BAPTISM IN CHURCH

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.

Men's Emmaus Retreat January 25-27, 2019

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the men’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of January 25-27, 2019. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage “The appearance on the road to Emmaus” (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men’s lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. This retreat is open to men from every Parish and every religious denomination or faith background. Please don’t ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville! More info can be found here: https://catholicretreatcenter.org/upcoming-events/mens-emmaus-july/
You can also contact the following men for additional information: David Drude @ 985-974-0657, or Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411, or Rick Valadie @ (504) 655-8932

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4
-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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.

Louisiana Life March South

The Louisiana Life March South will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, in Baton Rouge. There will be a chartered bus leaving St. Edward the Confessor in Metairie at 7:45 AM. The price is $15 per seat (includes bus driver tip and 2 bottles of water). The deadline to reserve a seat is Friday, January 18, 2019. Please bring your own lunch and beverages. Royal blue and white “life” t-shirts are available for $10.00 each. For more information contact Yvette Fouchi at 504-874-9225 or email yfouchi@yahoo.com.
ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Walk Through Tours
Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

Open House
January 9, 2019 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 21-25, 2019
Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 25, 2019
Tuition due by May 1, 2019

New Student Registration
February 4, 2019 - 6:00-7:00pm - Cafeteria
Registration and Non-Support Fees collected
We are currently accepting early applications for our
PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

PK2 - PK3 - PK4 Programs
Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs.
Child must reach age 2, 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2019.
Uniforms are required for all grade levels - PK2-7th Grade.
Early Application Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - $25.00 (non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee)
Registration Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - $175.00 per child (non-refundable)
Tuition: 2, 3 or 4 year old Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F - $5590. per child
2, 3 or 4 year old Full Day (3) - M-W-F - $3760. per child
2 or 3 year old Half Day (3) - M-W-F - $2520. per child

PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade.
Families with children in both will not be offered the family tuition rate.

KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE
Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2019.
Readiness skills are expected.
Registration Fee: $165.00 - 1 child / $150.00 - each additional child (non-refundable)
Non-Support Fee: $350.00 per child (non-refundable)
iPad Fee: $170.00 annually for 5th-7th grades
Tuition: 1 child $ 5390.
2 children $10,180. = $5390. (1st) + $4790. (2nd)
3 children - $13,670. = $5390. (1st) + $4790. (2nd) + $3490. (3rd)

Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount.

St. Ann School continues to strive to keep tuition costs manageable.
We are mindful of the investment that you are making in your child’s future.
Please know that tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating your child.
WE NEED YOUR PINE STRAW AND CYPRESS LEAVES!

St. Ann Church can use your pine straw or cypress leaves falling from your trees as mulch in our church gardens. Please drop off at the Ministry Center anytime.

Thank You!

Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible Begins New Program on January 8th

ANY ADULT is invited to a Catholic-Based Adult Bible Study 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 I will take an in-depth look at books of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. This 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. Come Joins Us!
Thursday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

John the Baptist calls Jesus “Lamb of God” and “Son of God.” Gabriel tells Mary his name will be Jesus (meaning “Yahweh saves,” Luke 1:31), Son of the Most High, Ruler forever. An angel tells Joseph in a dream that Jesus will be Emmanuel (which means “God is with us,” Matthew 1:18–23). We are grateful to know these names, which help us to know the One they signify. The name of Jesus is itself a powerful prayer, always to be uttered with reverence and awe.


Friday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Soon after Jesus invites Andrew to stay with him, Andrew calls his brother Simon, saying he has found the Messiah. New Yorker Elizabeth Ann Seton embraced the Catholic Church, much to the chagrin of her family, after attending Mass while visiting Italy. A young widow with five children, she shared Jesus by opening the first American Catholic parish school and establishing a religious community. How are you being invited to “stay” with Jesus? Have you found the Messiah? How do you share him with others?

Today’s Readings: 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 7–8, 9; John 1:35–42.

Saturday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

Jesus continues to call Apostles in the Gospel, and still calls today. John Neumann heard that call and came to America as a missionary. Ordained a priest in New York, he ministered to immigrants in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland. As the first American member of the Redemptorist order, he longed for a life of prayer in community. Instead, he was named bishop of Philadelphia, where he opened one hundred Catholic schools. He once took a vow never to waste a moment of time—quite an examination of conscience for us!

Today’s Readings: 1 John 3:11–21; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43–51.
