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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).
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Well, brothers and sisters in Christ, the Church is back to the Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the liturgical year, comprising of 33 weeks divided into two sections. The weeks between Christmas and Lent is the shorter part of Ordinary Time, and the weeks from Pentecost to the First Sunday of Advent is the long stretch. In Ordinary Time we have 33 weeks to examine and order our lives and enter into living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time deserves to be lived in an EXTRAORDINARY manner. Jesus begins his public ministry in an extraordinary manner - at a wedding where he performed his first miracle. In the Gospel story there were six stone water jars, each holding twenty to thirty gallons - 120 to 180 gallons of wine, which means almost 1000 bottles of wine - the extravagance and extra of God’s love showing the abundant blessing of Christ and upon his bride, the Church.

The wedding at Cana also points to the intercessory role of Mary. Jewish wedding parties went on for days - no honeymoon in those days, and running out of wine would reflect poor planning. The plan was to serve the best wine first and when the crowd was somewhat inebriated and didn’t notice the difference, a poor and even watered down wine was served. However, at the hands of Jesus the best wine is served … God’s ability to transform our emptiness into celebration and feasting!

Let’s focus on Mary as a mother and intercessor … She goes to Jesus out of concern for the newlyweds to explain that something is terribly wrong. They have run out of wine and she knows it would be a social disaster and embarrassment to the newlyweds and their families. Mary reflects our reaction too when we are met with dreadful and disheartening news. We turn to Jesus to do something … Do something Jesus! Sadly some people have only a 911 relationship with Jesus … Jesus doesn’t fix the situation all by himself - he needed others and he needs you and me. We are servers in time and place. Think of yourself as God’s instrument, maybe a bit out of tune at times. In tuning, Jesus will stretch us and we become servers and ministers in his name. With Mary’s compassion and empathy for others we must do something. Like the servants, we must do the heavy lifting … At times I am sure the servants wondered what was the point of all this dragging 120 to 180 gallons of water … Mary sees the need and the servers get to experience the result. Obedience is our gift to God. Without Mary, the servers, and the steward, the party would have been over. Independently, their actions don’t always makes sense, but all these people working together change the face of everything. With Jesus in the mix there was a miracle. In spite of dire news and predictions, Jesus needs our gifts and passion. There’s a quote attributed to Walt Disney: “It’s kind of fun to do the impossible.” So, with Jesus let’s make some things happen …

Reflection: Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  January 20
4:00 pm  Louise Darmana, Robert McGinnis, William Shaw, Jr., Charles Abercornie, Francis Sr. & Francis III Dutilh, Fernandend Petrie, Buddy Hyver, Khanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Darlene Bruno, Bryan Eversole (S.I.), Sarah Gilberti (S.I.), Beth Tallier, Mae & Charles Gremillion, Mindy Gascon, Eileen Joseph Schulin, Gardner & McCleland Families, George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander, Delta Allemand Tabor, Dorothy Olano, Michelle Kitchen, Angelle Marie Clifton, Jess Preston, Peter Doskey, Camille Horridge, Mary Capacci, Theresa Hymel

8:00 am  Sylvia Reis
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Msgr. W. Wendell Sontheimer, Luis Toca, Jessica A. Noggerath, Ralph Tortorich, Sr., Khanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Cliff Reis, Sr., Louis Perret
5:00 pm  Richard “Dickey” Hamilton, II

Monday  January 21
6:30 am  Frank Mason
8:45 am  Scigo Cara

Tuesday  January 22
6:30 am  Eunice Sonnier
8:45 am  Randolph Clifford Smith
7:00 pm  Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

Wednesday  January 23
6:30 am  Ricky Michael Oddo
8:45 am  Patricia Virgadamo

Thursday  January 24
6:30 am  Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Sclafani
8:45 am  Damiano Caro

Friday  January 25
6:30 am  Sr. Elizabeth Franco
8:45 am  Ernest Becnel

Saturday  January 26
7:30 am  Peace for Tran Family

January 20 - 26, 2019
“Sanctuary Candle” & “Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Sclafani
“Chapel Sanctuary Candle”
In Memory of Khanh V. Tran
Parish Calendar

1/20  8:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
1/21  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
9:30 AM AM COME AND SEE
7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR/JPPII
1/22  9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL
9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY/ST. RAYMOND
3:15 PM CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
6:15 PM PSR CLASSES IN CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
1/23  9:30 AM ROSARY PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
6 PM SEMINARIAN EVENING PRAYER/CHURCH
6:30 PM CUB SCOUT PACK MTG./CAFETERIA
7 PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL/CHURCH
1/24  9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
9:30 AM WALK THROUGH TOURS/SCHOOL OFFICE
6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (GENERAL)/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION 2 CLASS 3/CAF. & CLASSROOMS
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
1/25  7 PM BUNCO 4TH & 5TH GRADES/CAFETERIA
1/26  10 AM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST/GYM
10 AM 6TH & 7TH GRADE SOCIAL
1/27  CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
8:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REH./ST. CECILIA
6 PM FAMILY FEST MTG./CAFETERIA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

LIFE MARCH SOUTH
Sat. Jan. 26, 2019 | 10 am

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This New Orleans bus list will be updated as groups send their details. Send your bus info to the Respect Life Office soon at respect-life@arch-no.org
1. “Peace be to this house!”

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you” (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ’s disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The “house” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “common home”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: “Peace be to this house!”

2. The challenge of good politics

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy celebrated. It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction.

Jesus tells us that, “if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all” (Mk 9:35). In the words of Pope Paul VI, “to take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and worldwide – is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind”.

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

3. Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

Pope Benedict XVI noted that “every Christian is called to practice charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the pólis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have... Man’s earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family”. This is a program on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practice those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity.

In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the “Beatitudes of the Politician”, proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyên Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.
Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.
Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.
Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.
Blessed be the politician who works for unity.
Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.
Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.
Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

4. Political vices

Sadly, together with its virtues, politics also has its share of vices, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority, decisions and actions of those engaged in it. These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony. We think of corruption in its varied forms: the misappropriation of public resources, the exploitation of individuals, the denial of rights, the flouting of community rules, dishonest gain, the justification of power by force or the arbitrary appeal to raison d’état and the refusal to relinquish power. To which we can add xenophobia, racism, lack of concern for the natural environment, the plundering of natural resources for the sake of quick profit and contempt for those forced into exile.
5. **Good politics promotes the participation of the young and trust in others**

When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future. But when politics concretely fosters the talents of young people and their aspirations, peace grows in their outlook and on their faces. It becomes a confident assurance that says, “I trust you and with you I believe” that we can all work together for the common good. Politics is at the service of peace if it finds expression in the recognition of the gifts and abilities of each individual. “What could be more beautiful than an outstretched hand? It was meant by God to offer and to receive. God did not want it to kill (cf. Gen 4:1ff) or to inflict suffering, but to offer care and help in life. Together with our heart and our intelligence, our hands too can become a means of dialogue”[6]

Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home. Authentic political life, grounded in law and in frank and fair relations between individuals, experiences renewal whenever we are convinced that every woman, man and generation brings the promise of new relational, intellectual, cultural and spiritual energies. That kind of trust is never easy to achieve, because human relations are complex, especially in our own times, marked by a climate of mistrust rooted in the fear of others or of strangers, or anxiety about one’s personal security. Sadly, it is also seen at the political level, in attitudes of rejection or forms of nationalism that call into question the fraternity of which our globalized world has such great need. Today more than ever, our societies need “artisans of peace” who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family.

6. **No to war and to the strategy of fear**

A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear. To threaten others is to lower them to the status of objects and to deny their dignity. This is why we state once more that an escalation of intimidation, and the uncontrolled proliferation of arms, is contrary to morality and the search for true peace. Terror exerted over those who are most vulnerable contributes to the exile of entire populations who seek a place of peace. Political addresses that tend to blame every evil on migrants and to deprive the poor of hope are unacceptable. Rather, there is a need to reaffirm that peace is based on respect for each person, whatever his or her background, on respect for the law and the common good, on respect for the environment entrusted to our care and for the richness of the moral tradition inherited from past generations.

Our thoughts turn in a particular way to all those children currently living in areas of conflict, and to all those who work to protect their lives and defend their rights. One out of every six children in our world is affected by the violence of war or its effects, even when they are not enrolled as child soldiers or held hostage by armed groups. The witness given by those who work to defend them and their dignity is most precious for the future of humanity.

7. **A great project of peace**

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope John XXIII: “Man’s awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. He possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man’s personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others”.[5]

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

- peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing “a bit of sweetness towards oneself” in order to offer “a bit of sweetness to others”;
- peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;
- peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God’s gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for every situation of human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the Magnificat, the hymn that Mary, the Mother of Christ the Saviour and Queen of Peace, sang in the name of all mankind: “He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly; …for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever” (Lk 1:50-55).

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Your local Knight of Columbus Council is sponsoring a
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The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Age group winners will receive a Championship plaque and advance to the District Free Throw Championship announced at the end of the tournament.

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Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible
ALL ADULTS are invited to a Catholic-Based Bible Study program here at St. Ann church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). This Bible Study will take an in-depth look at books of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. This 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. Come Joins Us!

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