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

Pastor
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Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
www.stannschool.org

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kinder-
teen, one, two and three and is held during the
Saturday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sun-
day 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 dea-
cons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Of-
lice 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.
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Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednes-
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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
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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.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, and we are already in the month of February - the month dedicated to the **Holy Family**. This year the whole month of February falls within Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green, the color that is a symbol of hope and sprouting seeds, leaves and flowers. This points us to reflect on the hope of nature and our hope of reaping an eternal reward in heaven.

Some important feasts are celebrated during this month: The Presentation of the Lord, **St. Blaise**, Our Lady of Lourdes, The Chair of Peter ... Being part of a family and the greater family of St. Ann Parish, we should focus on imitating the saints. St. John Climacus shares these words: **Humility ... is the only thing that no devil can imitate.** Thomas à Kempis in his book *Imitation of Christ* shares this thought: “Be prepared to do battle, for you are surrounded by enemies that never rest.” Even Jesus Christ was surrounded by enemies who rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill to hurl him down ... Like so many prophets before and after him, Jesus was rejected by some of his own people. They were blind to his gifts and refused to accept the truth!

Their attempt to kill Jesus is of course an indication of what is to come - the crucifixion! In spite of opposition, Jesus spent his public life and ministry amongst the scribes and Pharisees and proclaimed the Kingdom of God. We learn from Christian teaching that our life too on this earth is a period of preparation for eternal life. Yet, there are times when we pick and choose what we want with regard to Church teachings and the word of God in the Bible. We are selective in our choices ... If we are totally honest with ourselves there is much to be done when it comes to being disciples of Jesus Christ. We would not of course openly deny Christ [some do] much less try, like his neighbors in Nazareth, to throw him to his death over a cliff. Truth be told we often try in our actions and dealings with others ... We selfishly want our way ... We lose our temper with spouse, children, parents, other car drivers, and in turn act irresponsibly and recklessly at times.

The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of St. Luke's Gospel for the cross. St. Luke wants us to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. **“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”** [Benjamin Franklin]  

**Reflection:** Fr. Billy

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday** February 3

4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, Anna M. Boudreaux, Buddy Hyver, Kanh V. Tran, Tu Tran, Les Palmisano, Darlene Bruno, Bryan Eversole (S.I.), Sarah Gilberti (S.I.), Gardner & McCleland Families, George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Jason Souge (S.I.), Dorothy Olano, Camille Horridge, Theresa Hynel, Roseanna Morgan Catoire, Elaine Mary Falk, Dominic DiGiovanni, J. G. (S.I.)

8:00 am Parishioners

9:30 am Floyd Halligan

11:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Watermeier, Ralph Tortorich, Sr., Tu Tran, Cliff Reis, Sr., Louis Perret, Marie Doolen (In Thanks), Charlotte Fritz, Dominic DiGiovanni, Harold J. Justrabo, Elaine Tusa

5:00 pm Richard “Dickey” Hamilton, II

**Monday** February 4

6:30 am Sr. Aneilla Kurita

8:45 am Joseph Stoltz, Sr.

**Tuesday** February 5

6:30 am Ernestine C. Purpera

8:45 am Randolph Clifford Smith

7:00 pm Tu Tran

**Wednesday** February 6

6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo

8:45 am Thomas J. Kelly  School Mass 2-7

**Thursday** February 7

6:30 am Irene Cormier

8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Moore Gauthier

**Friday** February 8

6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo

8:45 am Mary & Joseph Maggio

**Saturday** February 9

7:30 am Esther Bourgeois

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February 3 - 9, 2019

“Sanctuary Candle”

**In Memory of Thomas J. Kelly**

“Chapel Sanctuary Candle”

**In Memory of Khai Nguyen**
**Parish Calendar**

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**Special Intentions of Pope Francis**

Dear Lord Jesus,
During this month of February, we cry out to you and pray for the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and violence. Rescue them, O Lord!

**School NEWS**

The school celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week. The students participated in many activities designed to recognize the importance of their wonderful Catholic education. Students met with their buddies for cookies at the Buddy Bash, attended a special Catholic Schools Week Mass, and wrote letters of encouragement and appreciation to the seminarians. There was a pep rally where we recognized the 33 faculty/staff members who have been at St. Ann School for 10 years or more and the 19 former St. Ann School graduates who are now on our staff. It was a fun filled week to create an awareness of the lifelong values instilled by a Catholic education. New Student Registration is Monday night Feb. 4 from 6-7 pm in the school cafeteria. Please remember our second grade students who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

**St. Ann’s Linen Committee is looking for volunteers**
The St. Ann linen committee is looking for volunteers to help with the laundering of the linens and towels. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office at 455-7071 ext. 222.
Share Your Faith
Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

"Dear young people, do not allow the spark of youth to be extinguished in the darkness of a closed room in which the only window to the outside world is a computer and smartphone," Pope Francis said in his message to open the registrations for the 2019 World Youth Day (WYD) in Panama (February 11, 2018).

Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for us to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. Young people are the future of our Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith. Pope Francis concluded his message by saying: "WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?"

Through your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith. Your generosity is helping the young people of the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with one another, with their peers throughout Latin America, and with the rest of the world as they prepare for World Youth Day 2019. This is a tremendous event in the life of the Church, and young people are now experiencing it to the fullest. You have given these young people the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

Support the collection today, and help young people grow as leaders of our Church!

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.
In Home Marriage Preparation Mentor  
Couple Training  
The next opportunity for potential marriage preparation mentor couples to be trained in the In Home Marriage Preparation program written by Jan and Lloyd Tate will be Saturday, February 23, 2019, at St. Rita Catholic Church in Harahan from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The training will be presented by the Tate’s, and the cost is $125 per couple. Couples can either register themselves or be registered by their parish at the following link: https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-prep-training-fbruary-23-2019

Annulment Writing Workshop  
The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in Our Lady of Divine Providence’s Providence Hall in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9, 2019. Hours are 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The materials for the series cost $25.00. To register go to our website https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop. For more information, please call Cathy, 504-861-6243.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish office before March 1, 2019)
Calling ALL High School students!

St. Ann CYO will be going Ice Skating on Friday, February 22 and all high school students are invited to attend. The cost is $20 per student which includes transportation, dinner and admission to skate for three hours. Any student wishing to attend should email us at: stannycyo@bellsouth.net or call us at 455-7071, ext. 225. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Anti-NFL Pool!

Each square is just $20 and participants can win $400 per quarter (NO overtime!). Proceeds raised support the charitable work of your LOCAL Knights of Columbus council. For square purchases, contact Lynn Boudreaux: (504) 421-5955.

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!
St. Ann Church and Shrine

Date: February 3, 2019

Contact: Linda Ehrhardt (504)455-7071 ext. 222

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