**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

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**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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**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

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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).

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**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.
Before I Formed You I Knew You

“Nobody cares for me” seems to be the worst of all human feelings and emotions. Sometimes, it seems that no one cares for us when we are lonely, when we are far away from home, when someone we loved passed away, and when we are hurt, especially by someone we trust and love. “Nobody cares for me” is the worst lie that the devil tries to deceive us.

We the disciples of Jesus receive three gifts from Him: faith, hope, and love. We have faith in God who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who is Love and who gives us hope. But the devil tries to uproot these gifts and sow in our hearts the three vices of distrust, despair, and hatred. First, if nobody cares for me, God does not exist or if He does, He doesn’t care. Second, if God does not exist or if He doesn’t care, I have no hope. Finally, if nobody cares for me, why should I care for others?

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

That is God’s answer for the feeling of nobody-care-for-me. If we ever doubt God’s love and care for us, let these words of the Lord assure us. If we ever think we are abandoned, the Lord tells us otherwise. He knew us even before we were formed. He dedicated us even before our birth. From all eternity, our names are written in His Heart. Even when we turn away from Him, He sent His Beloved Son to give us hope. None of us should live in despair. We know that God cares for us, our families and friends cares for us, and the Church cares for us. Nobody should be left behind.

If we are loved and cared for by God and people around us, we in turn need to love and care for others especially those who are in most need of love. Saint Paul teaches us today: “If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing...If I give away everything I own, ... but do not have love, I gain nothing.” We are true disciples of Jesus only when we show love and care for one another. We need to look for those who are abandoned and left behind, telling them: God cares for you, and we care for you.

When I read these words of the Lord: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,” my very first thought was about the new abortion law in New York. By saying these words to us, God gives the final answer to those who advocate abortion:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you,
The Lord knew us before He formed us in the womb. From all eternity, our names are written in His Heart. Each child being form in the womb is loved and cared for by God. Children both born and unborn are to be loved and protected. We need to pray for the conversion of heart of those who involve. We need to pray and care for the parents who suffer post-abortion, telling them that God wants to forgive and heal their wounds.

Let us always remember that everybody is loved and cared for by God.

Fr. Vincent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday February 10
4:00 pm Vigil Robert McGinnis, Mary & Jerome Centanni, Tony & Rosalie Benigno, Tony & Maria Ricotta, Buddy Hyver, Alberta Basha, Frank Mason, Tu Tran, Bryan Eversole (S.I.), Sarah Gilberti (S. I.), Darlene Bruno, Gardner & McCleland Families, George Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Dorothy Olano, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander, Camillie Horridge, Theresa Hymel, Roseanna Morgan Catoire, Rosalie Hymel, Ronald Steven Baker, Hazel Calcote, Dominic Tran, Tran Family (Thanksgiving)
8:00 am Edison & Jeanne Schayot
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Puccio, Luis Toca, Tu Tran, Cliff Reis, Sr., Jules Bagley, Louis Perret, Harold J. Justrabo, Patricia Carter, Mrs. August C. Murphy, Cecelia F. Lafaviers (Health), A. T. Mora, Leona Rohr
5:00 pm Colin Fontcuberta

Monday February 11
6:30 am Sr. Aneilla Kurita
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

Tuesday February 12
6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo
8:45 am Tu Tran
7:00 pm Jules Bagley

Wednesday February 13
6:30 am Tu Tran
8:45 am Nofie D. Alfonso School Mass 2-7

Thursday February 14
6:30 am Mary Quaid
8:45 am Ida Encar

Friday February 15
6:30 am Ricky Michael Oddo
8:45 am Charley Carriere (S.I.)

Saturday February 16
7:30 am Richard “Dickey” Hamilton, II

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**Parish Calendar**

2/10  8:30am Children's Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
2/11  9:30am - 10:30am Come and See
      9:30am - 10:30am Walk Through Tours/School Office
2/12  9:15am ADORATION/Chapel
      9:30am - 10:30am Bible Study/PMC St. Raymond
      3:15pm Children's Church Choir Rehearsal/Church
      6:15pm PSR Classes in cafeteria and classrooms
2/13  8:45 am School Mass Grades 2-7
      9:30am - 12:30pm Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
      1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
      7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
      7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
2/14  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
      6 pm Knights of Columbus (Business)/St. Raymond
      7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
2/15  7th Grade Monthly Assembly in Gym
2/16  Bethlehem Nativity Group sell Olive Wood articles/all masses
      10 am Altar Society/St. Raymond
2/17  8:30am Children's Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
      6pm Confirmation practice Church & Cafeteria

The Bethlehem Nativity Group is a Christian Organization from The Holy Land that represents and supports Christian Families in Bethlehem, Holy Land by selling their Hand Carved Olive Wood Religious articles.

**Mission:** Our mission is to find market for these products that gives the Christian communities job opportunities; a source of income; to live and work with dignity in their home land in the middle of the ongoing conflict and stopping them from immigrating from The Holy Land.

They will be here at St. Ann Church next weekend February 16 & 17 to sell their Hand Carved Olive Wood articles.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- **Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- **Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- **Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- **Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- **Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- **Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Arise Mission Trip June 29 – July 6, 2019**

St. Ann Social Justice Committee is planning a Mission trip to the Arise Center in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas this summer. Develop leadership skills and share your gifts this summers. Information on Arise can be found at [www.arisesotex.org](http://www.arisesotex.org). Lodging and meals are provided, you will only have to pay for your transportation. Spaces are limited, please go to this link to sign up [https://stannchurchandshrine.org/social-justice](https://stannchurchandshrine.org/social-justice).

**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.
Since November, Alley's newly formed Student Ministry Club, a group of 19 St. Ann sixth and seventh graders, has been meeting every Monday and Tuesday morning before school to research soothing and colorful religious drawings to post alongside the rosary prayers and mysteries. The finished product, which will include the students' recorded voices, will be broadcast on St. Ann's closed-circuit television system during quarterly school wide rosaries beginning in March.

Sixth grader Trystan Rieffel, an altar server, said he joined the Student Ministry Club to help his schoolmates. When challenged by Alley to find an image to place alongside one of the rosary's Our Fathers, he chose a picture of a happy monk named Brother Francis, his hands coming together in prayer.

"'Brother Francis' is a religious video. It's a class favorite," Trystan said. "So I decided to put the Our Father prayer next to Brother Francis, to make it a little bit more fun."

Soothing illustrations for the “Our Father” and the Assumption of Mary - the Fourth Glorious Mystery - will be folded into the video rosary guide being assembled at St. Ann School. Ministry Club members meet in the cafeteria before school on Mondays.

Alley said the club creates or supports any campus endeavor that cultivates St. Ann School's Catholic identity. Other club activities include writing prayers other school clubs and teams can use at their meetings; and making campus banners, some based on inspirational homily points offered by St. Ann’s pastor, Father Billy O’Riordan. The group also helped make prayer cards celebrating Vocation Awareness Week, dedicated to local seminarians.
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: stanncyo@bellsouth.net or call us at 455-7071, ext. 225. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday Morning Catholic Bible Study

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). Our current Bible Study is taking an in-depth look at the 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 Join Us each week as Learn from and about God!

To See Life Clearly, Focus On God!

Contact the Church Office at 504-455-7071 for more info about our local Knights of Columbus council
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