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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

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).
The Second Sunday of Lent is about transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray, and while praying his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white - the result of prayer! Prayer can change us ... The glory of the Lord awaits us. We too need to be changed and drawn out of our sinful ways. Lent is an ideal time to do a bit of prayerful climbing and be conformed to Jesus Christ. It’s amazing the heights people go to find God, and yet he is with us every time we gather to celebrate Mass - for as once for the disciples, so now for us he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread - the same Jesus Christ! The Mass is heaven on earth. Have you been changed by the Eucharist? I may be taking the words of Peter out of context ... He wanted to stay in that moment of transfiguration and wanted Jesus to stay on the mountain and avoid the scourging and crucifixion in the valley down below. Perhaps Peter didn’t want to return to the challenges in the “valley” of life. We don’t like change and feel more comfortable with having things our way and life without the cross ... Pope Francis says: “Without the cross, there is no Christian.” He says that the Christian life does not exist outside of Jesus’ requirement: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Today is St. Patrick’s Day - the Apostle of Ireland who learned to take up his cross through the hardships of his slavery on the Slemish Mountain in County Antrim. It was there that he found the courage and mainstay of his mission. In his Confession, he refers to himself as a sinner, most unlearned, the least of all the faithful and utterly despised by unbelievers - “enemies of the cross of Christ.” The Lord opened his unbelieving heart to remember his sins and be converted to the Lord. At the price of considerable sacrifice, Patrick left behind the comforts of Roman Britain to fulfill the mission of preacher to the Irish. Faith is not a knowledge but a life with Christ.

In his Confession, St. Patrick says that despite undergoing six years of harsh captivity as a slave, he never ceased thanking God for the way his ordeals reshaped his character and gave him a new purpose and mission in life. True to character, St. Patrick did not yield to bitterness towards his accusers ... Today, we the spiritual offspring of St. Patrick suffer from our own confrontations, and there is a drift away from a religious and spiritual understanding of life - moving towards a purely materialistic concept, which of course accompanied the collapse of many a great civilization in history. There are growing problems with alcohol and drug abuse, cyber bullying and treats, violence and death, sex trafficking and infanticide - the intentional killing of infants. St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland - a man worth remembering and a saint worth honoring. Courageous he must have been, a man of great faith and a man of prayer! In his Confession he wrote: “The love of God and fear of him increased more and more, and my faith grew and my spirit was stirred up, so that in a single day I prayed as often as a hundred times and by night almost as frequently, even while I was in the woods or on the mountain.”

Those who leave everything in God’s hand will eventually see God’s hand in everything.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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**Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church**

**Friday’s March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2019**

7:00 PM

**March 17–23, 2019**

“Sanctuary Candle”

In Memory of Aline G. Richards

“Sanctuary Candle in Chapel”

In Memory of Khanh T. Tran
Operation Rice Bowl
Our faith community will again participate in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. By eating simple Lenten meals and placing your savings in the Rice Bowl on your family table you make a positive difference in the lives of people around the world. Rice Bowls are returned at the end of Lent usually at the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.

75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services programs around the world.

25% helps alleviate hunger and poverty in your local diocese. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more

Lent and Easter Fasting Regulations
A distinction is to be made between Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The Ordo notes: Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion of life.
This Week at Home

Monday, March 18
Change of Heart

Lent is a time for a change of heart. The Gospel offers concrete examples of how to do this: by not passing judgment on others, by not being critical of others, by living with a forgiving and loving heart. We will be judged in the same manner that we respond to others. Challenge yourself to refrain from negative assessments today. Today’s Readings: Daniel 9:4–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.

Tuesday, March 19
St. Joseph

Today we honor St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. In Scripture, Joseph is described as an upright and righteous man. Little detail is given about him, but his actions portrayed his faith. When the angel in his dream tells him to take Mary as his wife, he abandons his plan to divorce her quietly. Obediently, he also names the child Jesus, just as the angel told him. There are times we do not understand the plan God sets before us. Let us pray today to seek God’s will. Today’s Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5, 12–14, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24.

Wednesday, March 20
Not to Be Served, but to Serve

The mother of Zebedee’s sons asks that her two boys sit at a place of honor with Jesus, one at his right hand and the other at his left in the Kingdom. The other ten disciples are not pleased with this request. None yet understands that through servanthood, the Kingdom of God is entered. What do you request of God as you go through times of difficulty or sorrow? Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.

Thursday, March 21
The Face of Christ

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus invites us to reflect upon our attitude toward the poor. What can your family do to respond to the needs of the poor in your community? Consider providing a meal for a shelter or serving at a soup kitchen. Reflect with your family following the visit on what they saw and experienced. Discuss how you felt God’s presence during your visit. Ask the family if they saw the face of Christ in any of the guests of this meal. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4–6; Luke 16:19–31.

Friday, March 22
Reject the Cornerstone

It is easy to stand outside the setting of today’s Gospel and not identify with the characters in this parable. The tenants are portrayed as those who do not listen to the owner. They are shown as disobedient and greedy. During an examination of conscience, consider how you listen to the Word of God. Do you give God glory or only seek your success and reward? Do you worry excessively about money and finances? Have you intentionally done evil to someone? Today’s Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13, 17–28; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.

Saturday, March 23
Joy of the Feast

The parable of the forgiving father is familiar to us. What do we think the younger son was expecting when he arrived home? He had been away from his country, his father’s house, and his family a long time. He did not know what was happening there while he was gone. Upon his return, he experiences the mercy and the love of his Father. The joy of the feast is compromised by the response of the older brother. Do we ever judge our family members in a harsher light? Carry out a random act of kindness in your home today. Today’s Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.
**Important Information for People 70 1/2 and older**

**Qualified Charitable Contributions**

What is a Qualified Charitable Contribution?

Generally, a qualified charitable contribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70 1/2 or over that is paid DIRECTLY from the IRA to a qualified charity. Many of our parishioners have inquired about this and several are already taking advantage of this possible tax-free opportunity. Of course, discuss this with your CPA or tax accountant to confirm the benefits of this program.

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**Could you not watch one hour with Me?**

(Mk 14:34)

We are in need of adorers on Tuesdays, particularly from 4 - 5 pm. Adoration takes place in the chapel every Tuesday following the 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:30 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left alone while it is exposed.

If you can spend an hour with Our Lord, please sign up here: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/adoration-society or call the parish office.

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**Catholic Charismatic Healing Conference**

March 29-31, 2019

Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center

Metairie, LA

“*The Spirit of Truth: Signs, Wonders and Miracles*” is the theme for the annual Catholic Charismatic Conference, March 29-31, 2019, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, Metairie, LA. The program will include: Greeting by Archbishop Aymond, Preaching, Prayer for Healing, Eucharistic celebrations, Late Night Worship, Adoration, Inspiring Music, Charismatic Ministry, and Prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to “share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church.” That is the aim of this Conference. Pre-register at www.ccrno.org.
St. Ann CYO students Honored!

Three of our St. Ann students will be honored at the upcoming Youth Leadership awards to be held at St. Louis Cathedral in April. This award is offered to outstanding CYO youth members who exhibit leadership, dedication and Christian service. This year's winners are Gabrielle Taylor, Ligia St. Ann, and Elisa Castillion. Congratulations ladies and thanks for your inspiration and service!

Dear Annie . . .

This NEW article will endeavor to collect and answer your common questions regarding our Faith, practices or Church. Submit your questions to stannreled@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 225.

Dear Annie,

What is the history of receiving ashes on your forehead on the first day of Lent? Signed, Dirty Forehead

Dear Dirty Forehead,

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. Today's ceremony is much simpler but the intent is the same; remind us of our sins and the need for repentance and reconciliation.

How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. Which is/are the mandatory days of fast and abstinence from meat?
   A. Ash Wednesday    B. Good Friday    C. Holy Thursday
   D. All of the above    E. A & B    F. B & C    G. A & C
   2. What are the three calls to holiness during Lent?
   A. Almsgiving    B. Prayer    C. Abstinence
   D. Confession    E. A & D    F. B & D    G. A, B, C
   3. How many books from the Catholic Bible are not considered inspired in most Protestant Bibles?
   A. 3    B. 5    C. 7    D. 10    E. 14    F. 27    G. None
   C.  Every Sunday    D. Sundays + Days of Obligation
   4. Who may validly administer the sacrament of Baptism?
   A. Priest    B. Deacon    C. Any Christian    D. Any person
   5. What is referred to as the "domestic church?"
   A. Parishes    B. Families    C. Schools    D. All of the above

See answers at the bottom of this page.
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