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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

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Saturday 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).

WEBSITE POLICY
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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.

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March 24, 2019

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Easter Vigil Mass
9:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the next 3 Wednesdays (March 27, April 3, and April 10) from 5:00 PM -6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that his heart is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am Sincerely in Christ,

Sincerely yours,
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Stations of the Cross**

**St. Ann Church**

Friday's March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2019

7:00 PM

**March 24 - 30, 2019**

“Sanctuary Light”

In Memory of Curtis Dupree
Parish Calendar

3/24  8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
3/25  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
7:30 pm Home & School Club Board & Committee Mtg.
   In the Cafeteria
3/26  9:15 am Adoration in Chapel
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
3:15 pm Children’s Choir Pizza Party/St. Cecelia
6:15 pm PSR classes in cafeteria & classrooms
3/27  9:30am - 12:30pm Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
9:45 am Sewing Seams of Faith/JPll
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
5 pm Confessions All Parishes
6 pm Knights of Columbus (4th Degree) JPll
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
3/28  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Cecelia
6 pm Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond
7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
3/29  7 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
3/30 Catholic Relief Service Collection
3/31  8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
   Catholic Relief Service Collection
   10 am Altar Server Appreciation Reception/Cafeteria

Catholic Relief Services
Second Collection

The second collection on March 30-31, 2019, benefits Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the U.S. bishops’ international outreach service. CRS works to sustain development for people in underdeveloped countries to help them become self-sustaining. CRS also responds to disasters such as the recent one in the Philippines and Indonesia. Your assistance with this collection will go to help “Jesus in disguise.”

St. Ann Parish and ALL PARISHES of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer Confession on three consecutive Wednesdays of Lent.

March 27, April 3, and April 10
5:00pm—6:30 pm

DON’T BE AFRAID TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION, WHERE YOU WILL MEET JESUS WHO FORGIVES YOU.
Pope Francis

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.

School NEWS

The students viewed our annual St. Joseph’s Altar last week in the school cafeteria. Report card grades for the third quarter were posted this week. We are proud of our students’ academic performance and we are happy to offer secure electronic communication to parents. Please watch the WLAE tuition auction on Tuesday night, March 26. St. Ann School will be one the schools participating.
2019 LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

“For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God”

Dear Brother and Sisters

Each year, through Mother Church, God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed...as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ” (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation, already received as a result of Christ’s paschal mystery - “for in hope we were saved” (Rom 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Rom 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this Lent.

1. The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Rom 8:29) is a priceless gift of God’s mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:14) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God’s law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus’ paschal mystery may experience its fulfillment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the “Canticle of the Creatures” by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. Laudato Si’, 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.

2. The destructive power of sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbors and other creatures - and ourselves as well - since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammeled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1 - 11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans “I want it all and I want it now!” and “Too much is never enough”, gains the upper hand.

The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17 - 18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God’s law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over.

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The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. MK 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made “a new creation”. For “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev. 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This “eager longing”, this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the “travail” that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth “from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the “Lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more the garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

From the Vatican, 4 October 2018
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

St. Anthony Ministry is in need of several food items for the Food Pantry

Jelly, Canned Fruit, Breakfast Foods, Green Peas, Small Bags of Rice, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you for your generous donations!

“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.
St. Ann CYO looking for Adult Volunteers!

Our youth group here at St. Ann would like to formulate an adult steering committee for all our youth ministry programs. This group of 4-6 adults would meet weekly to help formulate and implement youth ministry activities for Jr. high, high school and young adults (18-30 year old) within our parish. Does this sound like something you’re interested in? If so, contact us at 455-7071, ext. 225 and we will explain the process for beginning your new ministry to youth!

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,

I know that at one time, the Church allowed priests to be married, even Peter had a wife and he was the first pope! When did the Church officially forbid marriage for priests? Any chance this can change? Signed, Legally Wed

Dear Legally Wed,

Yes, it is true that marriage for priests was allowed for a time in the Church. However, renouncing marriage (and sexual relations) for the Kingdom of God has a LONG history. Jesus stated that some people are called to renounce sex for the sake of the kingdom (Matthew 19:3-12). St. Paul also gave reasons that unmarried persons are better suited for ministry (1 Cor. 7:7-9). Many Church leaders urged priests and bishops that marriage was not in the best interest of those called to the priesthood (Bishop Hosius of Cordoba 325, Damasus I 384, Siricius 385, St. Epiphanius of Salamis 403, Innocent I 404, and Leo I 458). Finally, the First Lateran Council (1123), an ecumenical council of the Church, mandated celibacy for the Western clergy. The Second Lateran Council (1139) subsequently decreed Holy Orders as an impediment to marriage, making any attempt at marriage by an ordained cleric invalid.

The argument has always been that unmarried persons can devote more time and energy to their ministry to their people they shepherd. This would be true for any person in business as well, and this is recognized by the Church. There are many non-ordained persons who choose a celibate life (consecrated nuns, brothers, and other lay persons). Is it possible that this discipline may change, yes. But change in the Church is often very slow so I wouldn’t look for any major change in the near future!
St. Ann Church and Shrine

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