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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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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.

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
This is for students in grades kinder-  
teen, one, two and three and is held during  
the Sunday 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- 
ccons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS  
Families should contact the Church Of- 
vice 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 Wednes- 
day 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  
The parish bulletin is published on the  
parish website on the internet. Any person  
who does not want his or her name or  
picture in the bulletin or on the internet,  
please notify the Parish Office immediately  
in writing.
May It Be Done To Me

In our daily life, we have so many things to worry about. We worry about the material needs of our families. We worry about the bills that we have to pay each month. We worry about the future of our children and grandchildren. None of these are wrong because we are responsible for our own lives and the lives of our children. But if we allow worry to take over, we might forget to pray for God’s plan for us. We might forget to discern God’s will. And when things do not happen according to our plan, we become depressed. Like children whose parents do not act according to their plans, we might get angry with God. Sometimes, we exclude God in planning our future.

The Virgin Mary and her future spouse Joseph indeed did make their own plan for their future together. But when Mary learned about God’s plan brought to her by the angel, she accepted it. She decided to change her plan according to God’s will. She chose to surrender her own will to the will of God. She knew in her heart that God alone was the center of her life.

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

These words of Mary is the exemplar attitude for our daily prayer. Learning from Our Mother, let us always prayerfully discern God’s will and act accordingly.

Fr. Vincent

We are collecting Palms for Palm Sunday, please place them in the baskets in the back of the Shrine. Thank You!

Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church
Friday’s April 5, 12, 19, 2019
7:00 PM

March 31 - April 6, 2019
“Sanctuary Light”
In Memory of Mary Quaid
Parish Calendar

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
4/1   9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
       6:30 pm St. Anthony Ministry/St. Raymond
4/2   9:15 am Adoration in Chapel
       9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
       10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church
       3:15 pm Children’s Choir Reh./Church
       6:15 pm PSR classes in cafeteria & classrooms
       6:30 pm KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg./JPII
4/3   8:45 am School Mass Grades 2-7
       9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
       1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
       5 pm Confessions All Parishes
       7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
       7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
4/4   9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
       10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church
       7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
       7 pm Adult Faith Formation/JPII
4/5   9:30 am Adoration in Church
       5:30 pm Men’s Club Lenten Seafood Dinner/Cafeteria
4/6   7:30 am Men’s Club & KC Mass/Church
       7 pm City Park Night
4/7   Book Fair for School 4/7-4/13
       8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
       9 am Men’s Club Donut Breakfast/Cafeteria
       12:30 pm Baptisms in Church

The inaugural meeting of ST. ANN LADIES’ AUXILIARY will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Ministry Center (located behind the Church).

The purpose of the group is to assist St. Ann Parish and the community through religious and social activities and to participate in the KC Council of Auxiliaries Louisiana projects.

Membership is open to any female (18 years or over) who meets the following criteria: (1) has a desire to assist in efforts of Charity, Unity and Patriotism; (2) is sponsored by an active Member of the Knights of Columbus or Ladies Auxiliary; and/or (3) is an Active and Practicing Catholic, if not related to a Knight.

We encourage your participation in this new organization for our Parish and look forward to seeing you on April 2nd!

If you have any questions, you may contact Bonnie Jones at (504) 908-5292.

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.

April 3 and April 10
5:00pm—6:30 pm

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    Pope Francis

Spring is a busy school field trip time! The sixth graders will attend a play at Tulane Theater. The third graders will visit Rivertown and the first graders will have a visit from the Zoomobile on Friday.

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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.
Could you not watch one hour with Me?
(Mk 14:34)

We are in need of adorers on Tuesdays, particularly from 10 am - 11 am, 11 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 1 pm, and 1 pm - 2 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. 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!

Born to Run/5K and Fun Run April 13, 2019

Join Go Make a Difference Team!

EVENT INFORMATION
New Location: New Orleans Lakefront across from Landry's
7:30 am - Runner sign-in, on-site registration available
8:30 am - 1/2-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
9:00 am - 5K begins
Post-race “Birth” day Party to follow
www.womensnewlife.com/borntorun

The 2019 Born to Run/NOLA is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in Woman’s New Life Center’s mission. Woman’s New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the New Orleans and Greater Baton Rouge areas. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run/NOLA.

Olga Ann Frank, children’s choir director at St. Ann is participating in The Born to Run Race benefiting Woman’s New Life Center on Saturday, April 13th, at the New Orleans Lakefront and I’d love for you to join me! We can change lives in our community just by running, walking, or strolling along beautiful Lake Pontchartrain.

If you’d like to join me, please visit my Team Page using the link below.
Team Page:https://secure.qgiv.com/event/account/734070/
Team Name: St. Ann “Go Make a Difference”
Team Captain: Olga Ann Frank

Online registration is easy - it only takes a few minutes! When you sign up you can choose to participate in the race as a runner/walker or set up your own fundraising page, or you can do both. Born to Run is an important event for Woman’s New Life Center, and I hope you can join me!
Year of the Family

Our pastoral theme this year is focused on Family Life.

With this in mind, we will plant a family tree on April 7, 2019 following the 9:30 Mass.

All are invited to bring a small Ziploc bag of soil from your family’s yard to assist in planting our Family Tree, uniting us all as a community dedicated to God under the patronage of St. Ann.

Interested In Exploring Priesthood??
Come and See Weekend April 12-14, 2019
St. Joseph Seminary College Covington, Louisiana

Spend a weekend with seminarians. See what day-to-day life is like at the seminary. The program is designed for High School Juniors and Seniors and College-age Men. There is no charge for the weekend. Deadline for registering is April 5, 2019.

For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298, e-mail vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

This Week at Home

Monday, April 1  God’s Grace
The royal official trusts so much in the word Jesus speaks, that he returned home sure that his daughter would be well. Jesus gave him the opportunity to have faith without seeing. When we come to Jesus with our desires, we do not always get an immediate response to our requests. Often when our prayers are answered, they take us in a direction that we may not have anticipated. Pray today that you may trust where God’s grace is leading you. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–13; John 4:43–54.

Tuesday, April 2  Healing the Isolation
The man who had been sick for thirty-eight years holds out hope that he will be cured, even though he has no one to help him. His hope is fulfilled when Jesus encounters the man at that place of healing. Have you ever been isolated because you needed help? Can you offer assistance or support to the aged or sick who live near you this Lent? Something as simple as bringing a smile, reading a story, or taking someone for a walk can help them feel less alone. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–8; John 5:1–3, 5–16.

Wednesday, April 3  The Work of the Father
“My Father is at work until now, and I am at work as well.” When Jesus told the Pharisees this, they were only angered at what they considered blasphemy. God continues to work, even on the Sabbath. How are we called to be collaborators in the work of God? Reflect on how you can practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to continue the work of God. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13–15, 17–18; John 5:17–30.

Thursday, April 4  The Word of God
Today’s Gospel continues Jesus’ response to those who are not open to hearing his words. Do you ever shut yourself off from the power of the Word of God? This week, be intentional about sitting quietly with his Word, allowing the Word of God to enter your heart. Pay attention to words or phrases that strike you. Write that word or phrase in your Lenten journal. How can you continue to think about that Scripture verse this week? Today’s Readings: Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, April 5  Prepare Your Heart
The crowd in Jerusalem cannot seem to agree. They either know everything about Jesus or they do not know anything about him. It is easy to limit ourselves by making an assumption or jumping to a conclusion. Sometimes, too, decisions are rationalized. Prepare your heart by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or by seeking a spiritual director who is available to pray with you, challenge you, and help you to see how God is calling you. Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:1, 12–22; Psalm 34:17–18, 19–20, 21, 23; John 7:1–2, 10, 25–30.

Saturday, April 6  Open Your Heart
Have you ever been with a group in which each person holds a different opinion? As they attempt to speak and argue their point, confusion and frustration ensues. The Gospel today speaks about division, because the Jewish leaders were judging Jesus. We do not have to look very far to see division and conflict in our communities and even our parishes and families. Let us pray to have an open mind and heart to the thoughts of others. Let us not close ourselves to the presence of Christ in the heart of someone whose opinion differs from ours. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3, 9–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.
St. Ann Confirms 82 Students!

On March 14th, our parish welcomed auxiliary bishop Fernand Cheri as we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation for 82 high school students. These students spent the past 8 months preparing for this sacrament by formal religious education, various activities and ministries within St. Ann parish, and service projects both individually and also as a group as a demonstration of lived faith in Jesus Christ. Congratulations Confirmands! Best of luck living your Catholic Faith!


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,

When does Lent officially end? I have heard conflicting explanations from Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday morning. I am also told that Sundays are not considered part of the Lenten Fast. Can you explain? Signed, Confused Catholic

Dear Confused Catholic,

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Holy Saturday. If you count these days on a calendar, you’ll see that Sundays are not counted in these forty days. However, there is a dramatic shift on Holy Thursday. At the beginning of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Church moves in to the most sacred time of the Church’s liturgical calendar, known as the Easter Triduum. These three days, beginning with the opening of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and concluding with the start of the Easter Vigil celebration, constitute the time in which Jesus began His last supper, endured His passion and death, was buried, and rose from the dead. Good Friday is maintained as a solemn day of Fast and Abstinence from meat. This day should be a solemn time of remembering the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus of His passion and death. Celebrations on this day are discouraged, including things like seafood boils and large family “parties.” Since this is a day of mourning, it’s best to hold off your celebration to Easter Sunday when we truly have a reason to celebrate! So Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter), but Sundays are technically excluded from these days of penance. Why? Look to Easter Sunday! Jesus conquers death and allows us to follow Him to eternal life! Glory to God!
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