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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.

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 Mass and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann).

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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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
Blessed Is He Who Come In The Lord’s Name

Jesus entered into the holy city of Jerusalem for the last time. He knew His Hour had to come. He told His disciples about His upcoming suffering and death. But they were busy discussing who among them was the greatest and who would sit next to Jesus in the Kingdom.

He looked at his closest friends and he knew what they were about to do. Peter the Rock would run away and deny Him. Judas would sell Him at the price of a slave. The rest would run as far as possible. Only John would be brave enough to stand at the foot of the Cross. His Mother would have to suffer indescribably seeing her Son being nailed on the cross. He saw the scourges, the thorns, the nails, and the cross.

Jesus entered into Jerusalem on the back of a colt - the same way King David got into the holy city. People gave Him royal greetings. Cloaks and leafy branches were spread on the road. They proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” The same crowd later would shout loudly: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” They would ask for Barabbas the murderer to be released but the Son of God they would kill.

The Hour had come. His Father's will had to be done. For this hour He has been sent into the world. The Son of Man had to be lifted up so that He would draw everyone to Himself. He foresaw and accepted everything.

Fr. Vincent
Parish Calendar

4/14  8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Pre-Mass Reh./St. Cecelia
  6 pm CYO Rosary for Healing & Peace in Church
  6 pm Family Fest Meeting/Cafeteria
4/15  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
  6 pm SAM Meeting/JPII
  7 pm Baptismal Seminar/JPII
4/16  6:30 am 40 Hours Devotion Starts in Chapel
  9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
  10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church
  3:15 pm Children’s Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
  6:15 pm PSR classes in cafeteria & classrooms
4/17  40 Hours Devotion continues ends at 10 pm in Chapel
  9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
  1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
  6:30 pm Cub Scout Pak Mtg./Cafeteria
  7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
  7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
4/18  Holy Thursday  8:45 Morning Prayer in Church
  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
  9:30 am Stations of the Cross for School (Grades K-7)/church
  1:30 pm Faculty Reflection in Church
  7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
  7 pm Adult Faith Formation/JPII
  7 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
4/19  Good Friday  8:45 am Morning Prayer
      Holy Land Collection
  3 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
  7 pm Stations of the Cross in Church
4/20  Holy Saturday
  8 pm Easter Vigil
4/21  Easter Sunday
  11 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal before 11 am Mass/St. Cecelia
  6 pm CYO Sports Night in Gym with food

St. Ann CYO Hosts Living Stations

Our CYO here at St. Ann will be hosting a “Living Stations of the Cross” on Sunday, April 14th at 6:15 p.m. in the school gym. This will be a live actions reenactment of the passion of Christ with music, meditation, and dramatic presentation of the stations of the cross. This is a free event, but donations will be requested to help support our yearly production. All St. Ann parishioners and friends are invited to attend! We hope to see you there!

Good Friday Nine Church Tour 2019

Fr. Billy will be leading a Nine Church Tour on Good Friday, April 19th. We will take a bus and leave from St. Ann following 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer. The bus can hold 30 people, so sign-up is on a first come-first served basis. The first church is St. Ann, and the bus will drop us off at Our Lady of Good Counsel and pick us up at St. Louis Cathedral, so there will be a great deal of walking involved. Please wear your walking shoes. Because Good Friday is a day of fasting, no food will be provided and we will not be stopping for lunch. Please remember to bring water. We will return about 1:30 p.m., in time for the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at St. Ann, which is at 3:00 p.m.

Churches we will visit: St. Ann, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Mary’s Chapel, St. Alphonsus Church St. Mary’s Assumption, St. Theresa Avila, St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception, St. Louis Cathedral.

Sign up online or call Debbie in the office 504-455-7071 (221) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508-54cacab2aa0f94-good1.

School NEWS

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

The Home and School Easter Social for students is Saturday. The students will participate in Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. Our faculty and staff will have a Lenten Reflection on Holy Thursday. Have a blessed and Happy Easter!

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S.A.M.

Substance Addiction Ministry

Meeting April 16, 2019

Third Monday of the Month
6:00 P.M.
St. Ann
Ministry Center
John Paul II Room

The Substance Addiction Ministry (S.A.M) is a parish-based minstry whose mission is to offer a safe, confidential place for those who are afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drug addiction to come and find help, healing, and hope through education, prevention, referral, and support.

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Friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord’s Passion. United with Christ in his suffering on the Cross, may we share in his resurrection and new life … Those words come from the Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as an address to the beginning of Holy Week. At the beginning of the Mass on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the priest blesses branches as we joyfully acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King. Imagine Jesus as Messiah and King entering Jerusalem - the excitement, people waving branches as someone new with a message of hope arrives in Jerusalem. It’s natural to be excited and emotionally drawn into the arrival of someone new. As we know, the mood changed very quickly and the crowd was stirred-up to the point of yelling: “Crucify him!” Oh, but I would never say that … But we have. We are in the Palm Sunday Gospel at the Table betraying Jesus in some kind of way, selling him short as we put ourselves before him, denying him like Peter when put to the test, resisting helping like Simon of Cyrene, crucifying him by our unkind words and gossip about others - the Body of Christ … Recently, I came across this quote: “If you are not hungry for God, you are probably full of yourself.” Remember those Ash Wednesday words: Repent, and believe in the Gospel. God can heal a broken heart, but you must give him all the pieces. Jesus Christ is our model of humility as we enter Holy Week.

Did you notice the statues and crucifixes covered? When and why do we do that? It seems strange that during the most sacred time of the Church year that we cover the crucifix and statues in our shrine. Shouldn’t we be looking at Jesus on the Cross as a reminder of God’s love for humanity? The guidelines in the Roman Missal say: “In the Dioceses in the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.” This current practice is small by comparison to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany in the ninth century there was a tradition of veiling the altar from view throughout Lent. This cloth was referred to as the “Hungertuch” [hunger cloth] which hid the altar entirely from the faithful during Lent, and was not removed until the reading of the Passion on Holy Wednesday at the words “the veil was rent in two.” Some authors say that there was a practical reason for this - often people were illiterate and thus they needed to know it was Lent. The veil also focuses our attention and brings about a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home in heaven. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God’s infinite wisdom. Having prepared ourselves during Lent by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we move into The Sacred Paschal Triduum [Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil] which transitions us from Lent to Easter, from red vestments to white, from death to resurrection, and from human frailty to the hope of eternal salvation in Jesus Christ.
The Easter Triduum is filled with the LIFE of what it means to be Church: the presentation of the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism, Jesus’ act of washing the feet of his disciples, celebrating the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, the passion and death on a cross, and a stone rolled back to reveal the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... The Sacred Triduum is all about prayer. These three days are the holiest days and demand our attention. **Good Friday**, above all days, is NOT a day for partying with drinking beer and stuffing your face with crawfish until you can’t eat anymore … Some may complain that the veneration of the cross takes too long. Hello! Jesus didn’t run up the hill to Calvary in a pair of Nike. **Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence**! The rule states: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat and items made with meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent**. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

Most people forget that **Good Friday** is the only day of the year that the Church does NOT celebrate Mass. The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion usually takes place in the afternoon at 3:00 PM, consisting of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion Service with hosts that were consecrated the evening before at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. On Good Friday, the altar is completely bare - we should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our salvation. **Only one Cross should be used for veneration**. There is no need to rush this part of the liturgy.

The Easter Vigil is obviously celebrated after nightfall and with the church in darkness. Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire. The Easter fire is meant to be a blazing fire prepared in a suitable place outside the church where people can gather. Once the Paschal Candle has been lit from the Easter fire, a procession forms. The order of the procession is: the thurifer carrying a SMOOKING thurible/censer, the deacon carrying the lighted Paschal Candle, followed by the priest and assisting ministers. At three different stations the deacon lifts high the Paschal Candle and sings: **“The Light of Christ”** and the faithful sing: **“Thanks be to God.”** With the Paschal Candle in its stand, the Easter Proclamation [Exsultet] is sung. The Liturgy of the Word has seven readings from the Old Testament, two New Testament readings and the Gospel reading. Some readings may be omitted but parishioners should understand that the solemn Easter Vigil is not just another Mass, nor is it a “long” Mass. The Easter Vigil takes time. The Gloria is sung in its splendor since we have not heard it sung in about 40 days. Only incense is carried in procession with the Book of the Gospels - no need for other candles since the Paschal Candle is at the ambo/pulpit. As St. Augustine said: **“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.”**

**No Holy Water!** The practice of the Church is to empty the Holy Water fonts on the days of the Sacred Triduum in preparation for the blessing at the Easter Vigil. We need a certain anticipation and waiting with expectancy! Following the blessing of water at the Vigil, servers carry jugs of holy water to the fonts by each entrance.

I share this quote by St. John Paul II: **“We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures. We are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.”**

Reflection by Fr. Billy
This Week at Home

Monday, April 15  Witness to the Power
Lazarus is a witness to the power of Jesus and knows that he is the Messiah. The Jews plot to arrest and kill both Jesus and Lazarus. The more we allow our relationship with Christ to change us, the more we will be rejected by the world. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, April 16  Love and Betrayal
When Jesus tells his followers that one of them will betray him, they question who would be a traitor. Still, Peter, who has been with Jesus from the beginning of his mission, will end up denying Jesus three times. Jesus will be merciful when we return after disavowing him. Let us be mindful of our relationships that are in need of repair. How can we bring about healing in our parish and among our family? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 15, 17; John 13:21–33, 35–38.

Wednesday, April 17  Mercy and Forgiveness
Judas pays a high price for handing over Jesus. The price that he pays is much higher than the thirty pieces of silver that the chief priests paid him for handing over Jesus. His is the price of separating himself from Jesus and the love that the Lord offers. He chose not to believe in the forgiveness and mercy of God. Who in your community would benefit from an experience of your forgiveness mercy? Begin by praying for those whose actions are unkind and unfair. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 18  Holy Thursday
Peter sees servitude in the washing of feet; Jesus, however, teaches that the act implies servanthood. By washing the disciples’ feet, Jesus shows that disciples serve others. What small act of love can you do for someone in your family today? What is one small act of help that you can offer to a neighbor? Today’s Readings: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

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Saturday, April 20  Holy Saturday
At the Easter Vigil, the faithful gather around a fire and then in the church to hear the story of salvation. If unable to participate in the liturgy tonight, pray the psalms and the readings at your prayer table. What words of the prophets especially strike you? What aspect of the redemption story calls you to new life? Today’s Readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24–35; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16, 17, 22–23; Luke 24:1–12.

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Monday, April 15th
♦ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Tuesday, April 16th
♦ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM
♦ 40 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 AM Mass until 10:00 PM on Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel ONLY
♦ Mass of Chrism at St. Louis Cathedral: 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 17th
♦ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Holy Thursday, April 18th
♦ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM [No Morning Mass Allowed]
♦ Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 PM followed by procession to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 19th
♦ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
♦ Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3:00 PM
♦ Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20th
♦ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
♦ Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM. The entire celebration of this Vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before dawn. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. [No 3:00 PM Confessions or 4:00 PM Mass]

Easter Sunday, April 21st
♦ Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM [No 5:00 PM Mass]

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