**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

**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

**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.

**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).
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

He is called the doubting Thomas. His name is used for those who refuse to believe something without evidence. Yet I want to help restore his good name. I bet you among your friends someone who always asks questions, some of which you do not dare to ask. Thomas is like that person among the apostles. When Jesus speaks of His departure, He says to the Twelve: “Where I am going, you know the way.” It is Thomas who asks: “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus tells him: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” At another time, when Jesus wants to go to Judea where people tried to stone Him, the disciples prevent Him to do so. But Thomas tells his fellow disciples: “Let us also go to die with Him.” Indeed, Thomas shed his blood bearing witness to the resurrected Christ.

In today’s Gospel, Thomas refuses to believe unless he sees Jesus in person and touches His wounds. Jesus appears again and shows Thomas His hands and His side. He says to Jesus: “My Lord and my God.” Thanks to Thomas, we know that the resurrected body of Christ still bears the wounds of the crucifixion.

Commenting on this Gospel passage, Cardinal Tagle of Manila says that when Jesus appears to His disciples, He blesses them with His hands, the hands that three days ago were nailed on the cross. His disciples failed Him, betrayed Him, and ran away from Him. Yet Jesus gives them peace.

Sisters and brothers, we all are wounded. Wounded by our own sins. Wounded by others. As wounded patients, we need to show our wounds to the Divine Physician. Jesus is the wounded Healer. By His wounds, we are healed.

Jesus has shown us His wounds. Will you show Him yours?

Fr. Vincent
**Parish Calendar**

**4/28**  Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
6 pm CYO

**4/29**  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann  
10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church

**4/30**  9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond  
10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church  
6:15 pm PSR classes in Cafeteria/Classrooms

**5/1**  8:45 am School Mass Grades 2-7  
9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church  
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond  
6:30 pm Altar Servers Award Dinner JPII  
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church

**5/2**  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond  
10:45 am First Communion Practice/Church  
7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7 pm Adult Faith Formation/JPII

**5/3**  9:30 am Adoration in Church  
9:30 –10:30 am Mother & Fathers Social PK3 in Classrooms and Church  
10:30 am First Communion Practice in Church

**5/4**  7:30 am Men’s Club & KC Mass in Church  
10 am First Communion in Church  
Reception following in Cafeteria  
Pictures taken in Gym  
7:15 Family-Drive-In Movie Night

**5/5**  8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  
9:30 am Mass-Order of St. Louis Medallion Recipients  
12:30 pm Baptisms in Church  
6 pm CYO

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**Knights of Columbus Mr. Charles Duke Council #3465**

**Fish Fry**

**Thank you to all who came out!**  
**We hope you enjoyed our Fish Fry!**

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**Hospitality Committee**

The Hospitality Committee is looking for new members to assist and host church events here at St. Ann.  
If interested please contact the church office at 455-7071 (221). Thank You!

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**Celebrating Faithfulness**

**St. Ann Parish**  
**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, May 25th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office to RSVP by Monday, May 20th.
The third graders will have their recorder concert assembly on Friday. We are very proud that at St. Ann School all students learn to read music and play an instrument. All third graders will be invited to join the school band in fourth grade.

### Summer Service Opportunity for High School Students

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering a summer service program, Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences, **SERVE**. This is an opportunity for high school students to give back to the community and achieve the service hours required by many parochial high schools. Sessions run for four weeks with options to earn 12-32 hours. **SERVE** sites include a homeless shelter, two adult day healthcare centers, and a food bank. Students must be incoming freshmen through seniors. Registration is non-refundable – $15 for Mini-SERVE or $30 for SERVE. Registration is open now until full. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Shannon Murphy, Director of Volunteers at (504) 310-6962. Register online at [http://www.ccano.org/serve-app/](http://www.ccano.org/serve-app/)

### SERVE schedule 2019

#### Second Harvest SERVE Camp
**June 17-21, 2019**

Working in the warehouse reviewing food donations and sorting/packaging food to distribute to the needy!

- 9am—12pm (15hrs),
- 1pm—3:30pm (12hrs),
- 9am—3:30 pm (32hrs)

700 Edwards Avenue in New Orleans

#### Greenwalt Center Mini SERVE
**June 24-28m 2019**

Interact with senior citizens, play bingo and serve LUNCH!

- 8:30am—12:30pm (20hrs)
- 1926 18th Street, Kenner, LA

#### Ozanam Inn
**July 8-12, 2019**

Assist with meal prep, housekeeping and organization tasks for homeless shelter

- 9am—1pm (20hrs)

843 Camp Street, New Orleans, La  No Parking Available

#### PACE Mini SERVE
**July 15-19, 2019**

Interact with senior citizens, assist with games and activities, and serve lunch.

- 8:30am—1:30pm (25hrs)
- 4201 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, LA

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### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Please support the second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend April 27-28, 2019. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs—such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training—to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).
This Week at Home

Monday, April 29  St. Catherine of Siena
Even as a young woman, St. Catherine of Siena was known for her holiness. She was a mystic, a spiritual writer, and one of the four women declared a doctor of the Church. This woman of prayer was a mediator and peacemaker for the Church. She settled family disputes and arguments among Italian city-states. She was instrumental in bringing the papacy back to Rome from France. Pray to St. Catherine this week for help in restoring peace in our homes and our world. Today’s Readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–6, 7–9; John 3:1–8.

Tuesday, April 30  One Heart and One Mind
The community of believers were of one heart and one mind. None of them claimed possessions, but instead they held their belongings in common. Today’s First Reading from Acts provides a beautiful image of people laying their donations at the feet of the Apostles. This is a total surrender, giving all they have for the Church. Is there anything you can do in your home to live a simpler lifestyle? Today’s Readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5; John 3:7–15.

Wednesday, May 1  St. Joseph the Worker
The Church honors St. Joseph on March 19 for his role as Mary’s spouse and today for his role as a worker. No words are attributed to St. Joseph in Scripture, yet his silent witness serves as a model for all who labor. This week honor St. Joseph by embracing a chore that you do not enjoy. You might also write a thank-you note to someone in your house for doing a chore that makes your life easier. Today’s Readings: Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14–15, 17, 23–24; Psalm 90:2, 3–4, 12–13, 14, 16; Matthew 13:54–58.

Thursday, May 2  The Name of Jesus
In the First Reading, we hear that the Apostles paid no heed to the admonition not to teach in Jesus’ name. During an interrogation, they proclaimed that they needed to obey God and testify to Jesus’ being raised from the dead. It can be challenging for us today to witness to the Risen Lord in our lives. How do you live the Gospel in a world that turns a deaf ear to Christ? Today’s Readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.

Friday, May 3  Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Sts. Philip and James share a feast day not only because they are both Apostles of our Lord but because both of their relics were brought to Rome together on the same day in early May. Philip and James were commissioned by Jesus to preach, heal, and baptize. They lived and died proclaiming that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Would anyone know of the Risen Christ from the witness of your life? How is Jesus asking you to follow him this week? Today’s Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.

Saturday, May 4  Walking on Water
The winds are blowing on the Sea of Galilee, but that does not stop the disciples from stepping into a boat and attempting to cross toward Capernaum. It is dark and the winds are increasing. They see Jesus coming toward their boat, walking upon the water. Jesus calms their fears by revealing, “It is I; do not be afraid.” There are many circumstances in our lives that cause us to be afraid. Where do you go when you feel worried or anxious? Do you place your trust in the One who can get us safely ashore? Today’s Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. There are only 2 days of the year in which Catholics must fast. These are Good Friday and _____________?
   A. Holy Saturday     B. Holy Thursday
   C. Ash Wednesday    D. Fat Tuesday

2. There is only one day of the year in which no Mass is celebrated anywhere in the world. Which day is this?
   A. Ash Wednesday     B. Good Friday
   C. Holy Saturday  D. Holy Thursday

3. In Scripture, what is considered the First Day of the Week?
   A. Monday    B. Wednesday    C. Saturday    D. Sunday

4. What is the cathedral church of the pope?
   A. St. John Lateran B. St. Peter's Basilica
   C. Most Holy Trinity D. Celebration Church

5. According to Scripture, what kind of forbidden Fruit did Adam and Eve partake?
   A. Fig    B. Apple
   C. Pear   D. Unknown

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Dear Annie . . .

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

Dear Annie,

During the Mass, why does the priest break a piece of the host and place it into the chalice?  Signed, “What’s Up Wit Dat”?

Dear What's Up Wit Dat,

After breaking the host, the priest takes a small piece of the Body of Christ and puts it into the chalice containing the Blood of Christ. As he does this, he prays, “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.” This is known as the “commingling” and is derived from an ancient sign of unity with Rome. At the time, the pope would have a small piece of the host which he consecrated sent out to priests in the city of Rome, who would then place the host into their own chalices as an expression of unity. While this is no longer the case, its rich history can still call to mind our unity with Rome and the Universal Church. The great liturgist, Dom Guéranger, also gives us a spiritual insight into this commingling:

“This object is to show that, at the moment of our Lord’s resurrection, his blood was reunited to his body, by flowing again in his veins as before.”

This link to the Resurrection is a common insight in the Church.

Another beautiful insight is that of St. Alphonsus Ligouri: “This mingling of the holy species represents, too, the unity of divinity with humanity, which was at first effected in the womb of Mary through the incarnation of the Word, and which is renewed in the souls of the faithful when they receive him in the Eucharistic Communion.”

So when you see this at Mass, remember and renew your own personal unity and loyalty to our Church, the pope and all members of our faith community.

St. Ann Vacation Bible School!

Registration for VBS 2019 are currently being accepted. Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open! The registration link can be found on the church website at:

http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school

We will host the events July 1-12 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225

Summer Cabbageball Registration

Registration for this summer’s Cabbageball league is now open! Games begin June 3—26. Students entering grades Kindergarten up to 5th grade may participate. Prices are $35 for each children. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights in the St. Ann schoolyard. Grade-based teams comprised of boys and girls will play games which last about 45 minutes. The series will end with a league party on or near July 1. The cost is $35.00 for each child and includes their shirt, equipment, awards and end-of-season party. Register at:

https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/18229

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers

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