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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.

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).

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.
Third Sunday of Easter Year C

In today’s Gospel Jesus said: “Come, have breakfast.” Try to imagine for a moment Jesus inviting you to breakfast … I bet that numerous people would pay thousands of dollars to have breakfast with Pope Francis, or some famous politician, or actor, or maybe Drew Brees … And yet so many people don’t take time to share the Eucharist at the altar of God every Sunday at Mass. Some of our brothers and sisters by baptism are spiritually dead. The Lord’s call to join him in opening the Scriptures and breaking the bread every Sunday at Mass falls on deaf ears. **Yes, some of our** brothers and sisters by baptism are spiritually dead and have walked away from the community of believers … I am concerned that children confess not going to Sunday Mass and yet parents generally give them everything they want: the latest in clothes and running shoes, handbags and sunglasses, and cars … And sadly, some parents don’t take an hour to celebrate a spiritual life with their children on Sunday morning, despite the fact that they promised God in the Sacrament of Baptism to bring up their children in the practice of the faith and keep God’s commandments. Parents and godparents are entrusted with a lighted candle to light the way for their children and keep the flame of faith alive … so as to go out and meet the Lord with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom. **Sadly,** some will not be in that number when the saints go marching in … What about you? You may be thinking that the people who should be reading this reflection will not be in church to pick up the bulletin and read it. Well, they may well be members of your own family - Pass it on as a reminder and an invitation! **Who** will feed the sheep? Who will feed our children spiritually? Who will hand on the faith? There is only one person who wants to keep you from Church - Satan! If he can keep you away from Jesus and the Eucharist, then you have given him a power over you and your children. In essence, you have given Satan the keys to your house and your family.

In ways some people are done with Church … They won’t always say it because then it would be a reminder … Some will say: “I really don’t need to go to Church. I have a personal relationship with God.” As trendy as the idea of writing off the Church may be, it’s a mistake and leads to nowhere constructive. Yes, the Church is far from perfect. Take today’s Gospel for example. After the crucifixion and death of Jesus, Simon Peter and some of the other disciples go back to fishing even though Jesus had risen from the dead - heading in the wrong direction and away from the community of believers. Simon Peter was generally mouth-almighty and had an answer for everything, lips flapping faster than his mind, but then he denies knowing Jesus when cornered … A coward in ways, but Jesus moves in with a question: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” An answer by words is not enough at this point. Jesus asks three times to obtain a response and then commands him: “Feed my sheep.” How many times will Jesus have to ask us: “Do you love me?” before we get to doing something and getting on with being Church? If you are a Christian, a church is not something you go to. It’s something you are. Maybe what bothers you should actually amaze you!

**Reflection: Fr. Billy**
Parish Calendar

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
5/6  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
    6:30 pm St. Anthony Ministry/St. Raymond
    7 pm Home & School Club Installations Dinner/Caf
5/7  9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel
    9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
    2 pm 7th grade closing practice in church
    3:15 pm Children’s Church Choir Pizza Party
    3:30 pm Faculty Meeting/Music Room
    6:15 pm PSR classes in Cafeteria/Classrooms
    6 pm KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg./JPII
5/8  9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
    1 pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
    2:15 pm May Crowning 1-7 in Church
    7 pm - 9 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
    7 pm - 8 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
5/9  9:30am - 10:30 pm Second Collection Diocesan Priest Retirement
    10:30 am Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Tea/Cafeteria
    5:15 pm Dedication of Rosary Garden
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5/12 Second Collection Diocesan Priest Retirement
     Happy Mother’s Day
     World Day of Prayer for Vocations
     8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
     CYO Rosary for Healing & Peace in Church

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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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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,
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YOU’RE INVITED

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, Deacon Dan
Daranin will be ordained to the
priesthood for the Archdiocese of New
Orleans. All parishioners are invited to
attend his ordination and first Mass.

For those who are interested and able to
attend these events, please visit the
following link to RSVP:

https://rebrand.ly/danordination

The future Fr. Dan will
celebrate Mass here at
St. Ann Church &
Shrine on Sunday,
June 30th at 11:00 am.
The second grade students celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday. Please pray for them. The Home and School Installation Dinner will be on Monday evening. We thank the many St. Ann School moms who donate their time and talent to our school.

To 11:00 AM Mass Reception Following Sunday, May 19, 2019

St. Ann Church and Home & School Club

invite all parishioners, families, current and former St. Ann students, and staff members to join us for

Mass and a Reception

where we wish to show our appreciation for

Church and School Volunteers.

At this gathering we will recognize Mrs. Susan Kropog and Mrs. Lynelle Gumpert for their many years of leadership and service at St. Ann School.

We wish them a Happy Retirement.

Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria courtesy of St. Ann Men’s Club & Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Charles Duke Council #3465

Pentecostal Devotion To The Holy Spirit
Recitation of the Rosary of the Spiritual Mysteries
Five Speakers Presenting Each Mystery

Presented by St. Dominic Church, Very Rev. John G. Restrepo, O.P., V.F., Pastor

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For more information about these devotions, please contact:

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(The Spiritual Mysteries are a consideration of the mysteries of the life of our Lord that have been the product of the personal work and devotion of Mr. Barry Connellee Sr., with the permission and approval of the Archbishop of New Orleans. These mysteries are for the recitation and meditation of the people of God with the understanding that they are not meant at this time for the Universal Church. All the Spiritual Mysteries are based on Sacred Scripture and recognized by the ordinary Magisterium of the Catholic Church.)
This Week at Home

Monday, May 6  A Blameless Life
“Happy are those of blameless life.” This refrain from today’s Responsorial Psalm certainly applies to St. Stephen. In the Acts of the Apostles, we find that the first martyr is filled with wisdom, grace, and power. As others gave false testimony intended to dishonor him, his face seemed like that of an angel. Could Stephen’s face have reflected his close relationship with the Risen Lord? Is the peace of knowing God visible in your life? Today’s Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.

Tuesday, May 7  Bread of Life
In today’s Gospel, Jesus responds to the request for a sign by attributing the Father with “the bread of heaven.” When the crowd seeks a lifetime supply of this bread, Jesus tells them to believe. What do you hunger and thirst for today? It is in Jesus that all hunger and thirst will be satisfied; he will meet all of our needs. Have you taken your deepest needs to him in prayer? Today’s Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1; Psalm 31:3–4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21; John 6:30–35.

Wednesday, May 8  Longing for God
Jesus tells the crowds that he will fill their hungers and thirsts. Children have a deep desire and capacity to be in a loving relationship. It is their deepest need, and when it is met, it is their greatest joy. Ann Garrido writes that because a child’s capacity for relationship is so large, it is difficult to satisfy. In Mustard Seed Preaching, she states, “For, only in God, does the child’s need and capacity fully meet its match.” What are you longing for? Do you long for God just as you long for your best friend? Today’s Readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 6:35–40.

Thursday, May 9  Gather a People to Yourself
Jesus says that only those whom the Father sends will be drawn to him. We also hear how God initiates relationships during the Eucharist Prayer. In Eucharistic Prayer III, the priest prays, “From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.” What is your story of God drawing you to him? How would you describe God gathering a people to himself? Today’s Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.

Friday, May 10  Christ’s Presence Today
Today’s Gospel is from the “Bread of Life” discourse in John’s account of the Gospel. Here, Jesus tells his followers that eternal life is granted to those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. Where do you find Christ’s presence in your life? Christ can be encountered in his Word, in the assembly gathered at liturgy, and in his Body and Blood. Allow yourself the gift of time with the Lord at Mass and in Eucharistic adoration. Be sure to seek him in the face of the poor, the homeless, and the struggling. Today’s Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1, 2; John 6:52–59.

Saturday, May 11  Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?
When many of the disciples return to their former way of life, Jesus asks the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Peter makes a declaration of faith, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Have you ever had doubts about Jesus? Pray for those in your family or parish community who no longer practice the faith or profess to follow Jesus. Today’s Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.
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 child. 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

Love Like There Is No Tomorrow.
You May Not Have One!
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 . . .

Dear Annie,

Why is the Catholic Ten Commandments different from the Protestant version? Signed, “Mixed Up”?

Dear Mixed Up,

What we know as the Ten Commandments have two Scriptural references. The first is Exodus 20:2-17 and again in Deuteronomy 5:6-21. In neither of these lists of the commandments are they numbered in Scripture, meaning that, neither references states “The first commandment is . . . The second commandment is . . .” and so forth. Traditionally, the list was known as the “Decalogue” or “Ten Words.” The actual numbering of the commandments was completed by different groups at different times of history. The Catholic numbering can site St. Augustine around 400 A.D. The Jewish numbering is completed around 500 A.D. and the Protestant version would have been after 1520 A.D. Essentially, the difference is with the first commandment (which is broken into two separate commandments in the Jewish and Protestant versions) and the ninth and tenth commandments (which are combined in the Jewish and Protestant versions). While the numbering may differ in various faith traditions, all faiths accept the entire text as inspired. The reason for the differences are theological, in that different faith traditions wished to emphasize different aspects of the commandments of God. In either case, the rules that God asks us to live by are “required in the love of God and love of neighbor.” (CCC 2067). The Catechism goes on to state, “The Ten Commandments belong to God’s revelation. At the same time they teach us the true humanity of man. They bring to light the essential duties, and therefore, indirectly, the fundamental rights inherent in the nature of the human person.” (CCC 2070)

How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. What is the living teaching office of the Church referred as?

2. When did the Word of God become flesh?
   a. At Creation b. At the Incarnation c. At the Presentation d. At the Resurrection

3. What are the Hebrew scriptures?

4. Who was the first martyr for the Christian Faith?

5. The great collection of Hebrew Religious songs that both Jews and Christian pray today are what?

See answers at the bottom of this page.
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