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
or by appointment

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts tell us that after Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the Good News a considerable number of disciples were added to their number … What is a disciple? A disciple is a student, a person desiring God. A person desiring God … A person craving, yearning and hungry for God. Are you hungry enough for God? Is your belly growling for God? When we are hungry enough for God, he will feed us.

Yesterday, the Archdiocese of New Orleans was blessed with the ordination of five transitional deacons - men of various ages and from varying cultures, but with the same hunger and desiring for God that they aspire to share his love and preach the need to be steadfast in our love for one another. The Clarion Herald from two weeks ago have their stories …

Paul and Barnabas tell us to persevere in the faith, saying: “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” I don’t mean to be the bearer of bad news here, but some of our brothers and sisters by baptism think it’s a matter of arriving or showing up at the gates of heaven with some kind of clicker to get in. Arriving, yes but admittance no! Be watchful, Satan wants to devour you. [I Peter 5:8] The life of the Christian is hardship and picking up the cross every day and following Jesus, and not just following Jesus but being like Jesus - obedient to the Father and loving others to the point that we can forgive them in Jesus’ name.

Today’s Gospel does not present us with a sentimental view of love. This is a love that is shown in service and sacrifice, and it’s difficult to choose love when faced by hatred and anger - Look to the Cross! We can only be described as disciples by our love … And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love … We see it lived in the lives of the martyrs, and we see it lived in the lives of the saints: men, women, and children who live and love daily - being the difference that makes a difference!

A few weeks ago, we heard of more school shootings. Riley Howell, a 21 year old at University of North Carolina charged the shooter and saved the lives of others. In Colorado, Kendrick Castillo, a teenager died protecting his classmates from the shooter. Kendrick had hoped to study electrical engineering in College next year. He feared not his own life when he came face-to-face with the school shooter. He gave others those precious moments they needed to take cover …

Kendrick’s father is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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May 19 – 25, 2019
“Sanctuary Light”
In Honor of
St. Ann 7th Grade Graduating Class

“Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Aline G. Richards
Respect Life—May Focus-Healing after Abortion

Please participate in our corporal work of mercy:

Three out of every ten women in the US are post-abortive. Sometimes women are forced to have abortions by another. Sometimes they choose abortion because they have never heard of other options. Sometimes they choose abortion out of fear of lack of support with their difficult position. This year let’s take another step to show support for the choice of life by helping St. Vincent Maternity Clinic and the women and babies they serve. Our goal for May is to raise $3,800, the cost of care for a mother and baby for their entire pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum period. Every little bit helps!

To donate please send a check to ACCESS Pregnancy, 921 Aris Avenue, Suite B, Metairie, LA 70002 (include “St. Vincent” in the memo line). Each week there will be an update of our progress toward the goal of $3,800. Questions? Contact Michelle at mblack@ccano.org.

Ode to Saint Cecilia

Hear the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life has influenced poets, composers, and painters. Enjoy these other audio dramas as well:

▶ Brother Francis
▶ The Trials of Saint Patrick

True Worship

Father Michael Schmitz takes you deeper into the Mass. Check out these other popular Lighthouse Talks:

▶ Made for Greatness by Leah Darrow
▶ Marriage and Family by Scott Hahn
▶ What’s So Great about Being Catholic? by Jason Evert

Beloved: Living Marriage

Strengthen your marriage with a practical video series that will help you put faith at the center of your relationship so it can thrive.

Ignatius of Loyola

This modern and very human movie is an incisive and thrilling look at Saint Ignatius’s transformation into a soldier-saint.

Joan of Arc

Witness the story of the legendary warrior and saint who, at seventeen, led one of the world’s greatest military campaigns.

God with Us

Children and adults alike will be captivated by this account of Jesus’s life, featuring vibrant storytelling and high impact animation.
The PK2 and PK3 classes had their Playdate on Friday. The PK4 students had their Spring Program on Friday. The school patrol picnic and swim party was also on Friday. The school provides this to thank the volunteer patrols for helping to keep our students safe at arrival and dismissal times. The fourth grade annual “Fais Do Do” was also on Friday. We are happy to provide enriching, happy activities for the students as they complete the school year.

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

Retreat-Finding God in the Now

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for a retreat entitled “Finding God in the Now! Everyday Experience” presented May 31 - June 1, 2019, by Fr. Jim Sichko. In this retreat, we learn to recognize God in the here and now. Call Susan Halligan at (504) 267-9604 to reserve your spot.

Beginning Experience

Suddenly single again? Dreading being alone? Feeling the pain of having to go on with life but . . . everything has changed? Have you lost your spouse due to Divorce, Death or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program “Coping With Life Alone” to help those struggling to cope with this loss. The Coping Program will begin on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Angela Merici’s conference hall adjacent to the Church on 835 Melody St., Metairie. The cost will be $35. Call Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776 to register and for questions.

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 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 freshman 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/.
This Week at Home

Monday, May 20  The Paraclete
Jesus prepares the disciples that “the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you.” Have there been times in your life when you were especially aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit? What was happening that made you feel that presence? Today’s Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.

Tuesday, May 21  My Peace Is My Gift to You
Jesus tells his friends not to be distressed or afraid as he is going away for a while. At this moment of their great fear, he offers them the gift of his peace. This peace is one that no fear, anxiety, or worry can touch. Have you ever had peace amid times of illness or trouble? Are you able to contribute to peace among your family and coworkers? Or do you find yourself bringing fear and worry? Jesus offers us the gift of peace, it is ours to accept or reject. Today’s Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13, 21; John 14:27–31a.

Wednesday, May 22  St. Rita of Cascia
As a young woman, St. Rita of Cascia sought religious life, but her family had other plans for her. She dutifully married and bore two sons. After becoming a widow and upon the death of her sons, she entered religious life. At age sixty, while meditating upon the crucified Christ, a thorn penetrated her forehead and she was afflicted with this stigmata for more than fifteen years. She offered up her constant pain for the physical and spiritual comfort of others. Is there an illness or burden that you are dealing with today? How can you offer that to the Lord? Today’s Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 23  Your Joy May Be Complete
After Jesus compares the love that he has for his followers to God’s love for him, he gives what seems like a simple directive. The disciples can remain in his love if they keep the commandments just as he has kept the Father’s commandments. By remaining in Jesus, the disciples’ “joy may be complete.” The source of complete joy is the deep and complete love of God. Can you imagine such joy in your life? Today’s Readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 10; John 15:9–11.

Friday, May 24  Bearing Fruit of Love
Jesus concludes the parable of the true vine as he tells the disciples that they are to bear fruit that will remain. The faithful bear fruit by living out the love of God. Those who love are not only disciples but friends of Jesus. After all, he tells his followers, “I have told you everything.” Indeed, we only tell our closest friends everything. Today’s Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10–12; John 15:12–17.

Saturday, May 25  The World of Hate
“If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” At times, living out the Gospel will mean becoming isolated from friends and family. Jesus tells his disciples that following him comes with a price. Sometimes that price includes being hated. Our consolation is knowing the Lord. If you have ever been the one who ostracized someone for their belief, request forgiveness. Today’s Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. These Greek phrase during Mass should either be sung or omitted. What is it?
   a. Alleluia  b. Lamb of God  c. Penitential Rite  d. The Great Amen

2. The assurance that something is true without having scientific proof is called ________?
   a. Mythology  b. methodology  c. Faith  d. mysticism

3. Which liturgical celebration is called the “Feast of Feasts”?
   a. Christmas  b. Easter  c. Pentecost  d. The wedding reception

4. In what religion does Christianity have its roots?

5. There are _______ capital sins?
   a. Three  b. Five  c. Seven  d. Thirteen

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 stanned@bellsouth.net or call the church office and leave a message on extension 2225.

Dear Annie,

It’s been a very long time since I’ve been to confession. I don’t know if things have changed or not or even where to begin. Can you help? Signed, “It’s About Time!”

Dear “It’s About Time,”

Believe it or not, your story is not unique. Many people who have been away from the sacrament of Reconciliation are usually unfamiliar with how they are supposed to approach the sacrament. But DON’T LET THIS KEEP YOU AWAY!

Before entering the confessional, you should first prepare for the sacrament by spending time in prayer making an examination of conscience – a time when we recall our sins and failings since the last time we went to confession. Many examinations of conscience follow the Ten Commandments or the beatitudes. There are many resources available online – and even smart phone apps – that can guide you to make a good examination of conscience. After making an examination of conscience, you should decide how and when you’d like to make your confession. Check your local church to see when confessions are available. You could also set up an appointment with a priest and make a confession privately.

If you are still unsure how to go to confession, you can tell the priest that it has been a long time since your last confession and he can guide you. Finally, if you haven’t made a confession since you were a child, you should try to adjust your approach to be made in a more mature manner. Your examination and confession should be a way to approach God with your failings and a firm purpose of amendment to repent. This is all God wants!