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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
or by appointment

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. 2231.

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).

WEBSITE POLICY
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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.
I Will Give You Shepherds After My Own Heart

The weekends of May and June are filled with joy. First Communion. Confirmation. Graduation. It is also known as the season of ordination. The chosen men are being ordained to the Sacred Orders of Deacon and Priesthood. This year, the Church of America is abundantly blessed with 481 men to become priests to serve domestically and globally. These men, during one of the most difficult periods of the Church, are generously saying YES to the call of the Lord.

Last weekend, five new deacons were ordained to serve at the Eucharistic Altar of the Lord. And this weekend, Archbishop Gregory Aymond will lay his hands on eight men, ordaining them to be priests of Jesus Christ. These men will be sent to different parishes in New Orleans, only after promising their loyalty to the Lord and His Church. They are to preach, to sanctify, and to love as Christ has commanded them.

First, priests are to proclaim the Word of God. Not their own words by the sacred words handed to them by the Apostles. When the bishop gives the newly ordained deacons the Book of the Gospel, he tells them: “Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.” Without believing what they teach, preachers become liars. Without practicing what they teach, preachers become hypocrites who honor the Lord with their lips but their hearts are far away from Him. Practice first and then preach because actions always speak louder than words.

Second, priests are to do the works of God. At the priestly ordination, the priest’s hands are anointed with the Sacred Oil so that they may be worthy “to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God.” From that moment on, the priests are to do the works of the Lord, practicing their ministry in persona Christi capitis - in the person of Christ the Head. The most visible instance of their priestly ministry is the celebration of the Holy Mass at which the priest, saying these words over the bread and wine: “This is My Body” and “This is the Chalice of My Blood.” The priest is to baptize, to hear confession, and to visit the sick. These work Christ Himself had done on earth and commanded His disciples to do likewise.

Third, the priest is to love with the heart of Christ the Good Shepherd. When Jesus spoke with Peter after the Resurrection, He asked him thrice: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Only after Peter affirmed his love for the Lord, he was given the task of tending His sheep. Likewise, the priest must have a personal love for Christ in order to be given the priestly mission. Without a personal love for the Lord, the priest “works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.” (John 10: 13) Only when he loves with the heart of the Good Shepherd, he is able to be moved with pity for the flock.

Let us remember to pray for all the priests, especially those being ordained this year, that they might have the heart of the Good Shepherd and always have “the smell of the sheep.”

Fr. Vincent

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May 26—June 1, 2019

“Sanctuary Light”
In Memory of
Fekete, Kelly, Maggio & Roppolo Families

“Altar Decorations”
In Memory of Leonardo A. Beltran
5/26  6 pm CYO
5/27  Memorial Day Parish Office Closed
5/28  9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel
      9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
5/29  9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
      1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
      7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
    7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
5/30  9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
      7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
    7 pm VBS Leader Mtg./St. Raymond
6/1  7:30 am Men’s Club & KC Mass
     10 am Priesthood Ordination
6/2  Fr. Vincent 1 Year Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination
     9:30 am Cub Scouts at Mass
     12:30 pm Baptisms
     6 pm CYO

The Dedication of the new St. Ann Church Rosary Garden took place after the 4 PM Mass on Saturday, May 11, 2019.


Beloved: Living Marriage
Strength your marriage with a practical video series that will help you put faith at the center of your relationship so it can thrive.

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

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 vivid storytelling and high-impact animation.

For more great content, sign up for free at stannchurchandshrine.formed.org
The school year ended on Friday May 24th. The first through sixth grades each had a special “Fun Day” during the last week. Kindergarten students had an end of year prayer service on Tuesday. The seventh grade closing Mass and reception was Wednesday. Please join me in wishing the best to our seventh grade students who are moving to area high schools.

Prayer for Those who have Lost a Child to Abortion
by Fr. Frank Pavone

Lord of all Life,
You have entrusted us to the care of one another,
And called us to be one Body in Christ.
You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,
And to weep with those who weep.

Hear our prayer today
For our brothers and sisters who have lost children to abortion.
Help us to understand
The pain that is in their hearts,
And to be a living sign to them
Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.

Help them to undergo with courage
The process of grief and the journey of healing.
Never allow them to feel alone;
Always refresh them with the presence of
Your Spirit
And of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Console them with the sure hope
That you love and care for their children.
Give them new strength,
That even while they grieve what they have lost,
They may look forward to all the good
That you still have in store for them.

Lord of healing and hope,
Give us all the forgiveness of our sins,
And the joy of your salvation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Peter’s Pence Collection

The Collection for the Holy Father or Peter’s Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer. The collection is scheduled June 8-9, 2019.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary this weekend at the 4 PM Mass

25 Years  Thomas & Charlotte Carrigee
45 Years  Joseph & Joan Gallagher
          James “Mike” & Jackie Johnston
          Steve & Kathy McLeod
50 Years  Gerald & Mary Rose Christopher
          Henry & Mary Ann Nuss
          Sidney & Jane Trouard
55 Years  Lynn & Joyce Boudreaux
          Terry & Lois Meilleur
60 Years  Pat & Clovina Meyer
65 Years  Oscar & Joycelyn Valeton, Jr.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps in New Orleans

If you are retired and would like to invest your free time in our community while strengthening your Christian faith, please consider joining a new endeavor for New Orleans: the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (www.ivcusa.org). Ignatian Volunteers are individuals 50 years of age or better who use their life experience and professional skills as a volunteer with an agency that serves people in need.

As an Ignatian Volunteer, you will join a nationwide organization that is active in 19 metropolitan regions. Each Ignatian Volunteer commits to serving with a local non-profit agency 8 to 16 hours per week from September through June. Volunteers meet as a group once a month for prayer and reflection in addition to meeting one-on-one with a “reflector” well-versed in Ignatian spirituality.

To learn more, please join us at an information session on Wednesday May 29, 2019, 6:00 PM at Jesuit High School, Room 133. Parking is available in the schoolyard accessible from Banks Street behind the school building. Enter through the door under the blue awning.

If you plan to attend, or if you are unable to attend but would like to stay informed about further developments, please email us at IVCNewOrleans@gmail.com, or call Roland and Arlene at 504-835-4707.
This Week at Home

Monday, May 27  The Holy Trinity
Jesus speaks of the Trinity as he tells his disciples that he will send the Spirit from the Father. The mystery of the Trinity is central to our faith and is expressed each time the Sign of the Cross is made. As all sign themselves with the cross at the beginning of Mass, the Trinitarian dynamic of worship is recognized. Today’s Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 9; John 15:26–16:4.

Tuesday, May 28  The Paraclete
After being with him for three years, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the day when he will no longer be physically present among them. Unless he goes to the Father, the Paraclete will not be able to come. The word Paraclete means “advocate,” a support to comfort and to console. Journal today on how the Holy Spirit has been a source of comfort or consolation in your life. Today’s Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 7–8; John 16:5–11.

Wednesday, May 29  Spirit of Truth
Jesus tells his disciples that he has so much more to tell them, but they cannot bear it now. Jesus knew that it was not possible for them to absorb the fullness of all that he had to teach them at that moment. It should be comforting to us as well that Jesus still teaches us, reveals himself to us, and allows us to hear his message and meditate upon it. May the Spirit guide us to the truth. Today’s Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 12–14, 14; John 16:12–15.

Thursday, May 30  The Ascension of the Lord
The disciples received a glimpse of the glory of God the Father on that hill near Bethany. We now stand in that time between his glorious Ascension and the resurrection of our body. Until then, it is our mission to spread his Word and baptize in his name. Today’s Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Luke 24:46–53.

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Change is difficult, since we become dependent upon what is familiar to us. The disciples are used to Jesus’ presence, but soon he will be absent. They do not grasp that he will be with them in his Word and in his Body and Blood. Even when they are in the depths of their mourning, he will be present and walk with them in their sadness. How do we allow Jesus to be present to us in times of sorrow or sudden change? Today’s Readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; John 16:16–20.

Friday, May 31  Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Imagine the humility with which Mary and Elizabeth greeted each other. The two women rejoice in each other’s company and then Mary praises God for blessing her with the privilege of birthing the Messiah. Today pray the Magnificat and share in Mary’s joy that God has “remembered his promise of mercy.” Today’s Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.

Saturday, June 1  Ask and You Shall Receive
What type or form of prayer is most comfortable for you? Do you pray traditional prayers or do you offer a spontaneous prayer? Do you offer prayers of thanksgiving or blessing? Do you seem to pray more often for what you desire? Do you write your prayers or offer them to God in song? Gather your family around the table and ask them to choose a form of prayer that is new to them and pray together. Today’s Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.

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 2225.

Dear Annie,

When I grew up, there used to be a rule that stated you couldn’t eat meat on Fridays, but this seems to have gone away. Is this true? Signed, “What happened?”

Dear “What happened?”

According to Canon Law, “All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church. (Canon 1250) Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless (nisi) they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Canon 1251)

However, the U.S. bishops conference obtained the permission of the Holy See that, on the Fridays outside of Lent, Catholics in the US may substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. In this case, they must do some sort of penitential or charitable practice on these Fridays. For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year.

During Lent, however, abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

So why is the practice in place? There are many explanations that attempt to explain this Catholic practice but the best reason is that, since Friday is the day that Jesus shed His blood for us, we therefore do not shed the blood of other warm-blooded mammals as a memorial of Jesus’ passion for us. In any case, the simple recalling to mind Jesus’ suffering is a worthy practice to observe. Fridays should call to mind the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us. While giving up meat in some places (like New Orleans) is easy, our focus should be one of penance and memorial.

Local Student Seeks To Raise Funds For Easter Sri Lankan Church Attack Victims

Tharuka Fernando, a parishioner of St. Ann Church and graduating high school senior is asking for donations to a “Go Fund Me” account to assist the victims of the church bombings on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Tharuka, whose family is from Sri Lanka, has attended services at least one of the churches that was bombed Easter morning. Multiple Easter Sunday attacks on Churches and some hotels around Sri Lanka has left around 350 dead and more than 500 injured. Funds raised will help support children who have lost both parents, provide school scholarships for children whose breadwinner of the family has been killed, provide counseling and support through “Seth Sarana” and “Caritas” team of the Church, with the support of qualified psychologists, and help to support the communities in the affected parishes.

If you are interested in helping, go to the following link or drop your donation to the church office with the note “Sri Lanka” on the envelope. Your generous donation would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.gofundme.com/BetheDifferenceThatMakesaDifference/donate

St. Ann Vacation Bible School!

Registration for VBS 2019 is 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. 2225

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
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