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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

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Saturday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM
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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.

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Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and the second last Sunday of the fifty days of Eastertide. Next Sunday the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost - a day of renewal for the Church, and a day to inhale the breath of God and be moved to mission in proclaiming the Gospel to every creature. Be witnesses for the ascended Christ! Jesus chose his disciples not only to learn from him but to be his witnesses. They were far from professional speakers - they were ordinary people! Jesus could have chosen professional angels to proclaim the Gospel and be witnesses to the ends of the earth. Instead, he chose you and me. How can we be witnesses? For starters, the Vatican II documents on liturgy call for “fully conscious and active” participation in Mass. Perhaps, we should ask ourselves: What is my body language saying when I come to Mass? Is my body and soul at one here? Do I genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament when I enter Church? Do I bless myself with holy water recalling my baptism and being claimed for Christ by the sign of the cross, and to protect myself from the snares of the Evil One? Do I open the hymnal and sing at Mass? Do I move other people to prayer by my participation and reverence for the Holy Eucharist? Am I on time for Mass so that I can spend some interior time in reflection before Mass starts? We are not meant to be spectators at Mass. The Mass is where “heaven meets earth” and where we are “transported” to Mount Calvary to witness the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. The “purpose” of Mass is to call us out of our busy schedule for one hour to worship God through Christ in the Spirit. Work must make room for God. Be witnesses for the ascended Christ!

In these days, when the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist is often very weak [some don’t even know what it is they receive] it is imperative that we show by our gestures the faith we believe. Actions speak louder than words! We should pray with our body also.

Secondly, the Mass NEVER ends! It must be LIVED. The eternal sacrifice of Jesus Christ does not end when Mass ends. The Latin words for dismissal “Ita, missa est” literally mean NOT “The Mass is ended” but “Go, you are sent.’ In other words: Be witnesses for the ascended Christ! You are sent as the body of Christ. As St. Paul says in the second reading: “And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ...” Find your place in the Church so that you can grow to the extent of the full stature of Christ. Be witnesses for the ascended Christ!

What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday**

**4:00 pm**

**Vigil**


**8:00 am**

Parishioners

**9:30 am**

Herman Oufnac

**11:00 am**

June Stockfleth, Tu Tran, Cliff Reis, Sr. William Spath, Julius A. Smith, Jr., Clarence Schultz, Stacieanne Chatelain, James Morris, Sue Ann Viso, Evan Beck (S.I.), Betty Edler, Rob McOnie, Jason Gele

**5:00 pm**

Jim Morris

**Monday**

**6:30 am**

Tu Tran

**8:45 am**

Josephine Rotolo

**Tuesday**

**6:30 am**

Anna M. Boudreaux

**8:45 am**

Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander

**7:00 pm**

All Aborted Babies

**Wednesday**

**6:30 am**

Joseph A. Sclafani

**8:45 am**

Aline Richards

**Thursday**

**6:30 am**

Tu Tran

**8:45 am**

Michael & Marian Donahoe

**Friday**

**6:30 am**

Frank Mason

**8:45 am**

Colin Fontcuberta

**Saturday**

**7:30 am**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rigolsky

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**June 2—8, 2019**

“Sanctuary Light” and “Altar Decorations”

In Memory of Tu Tran
### Parish Calendar

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| 6/2  | Fr. Vincent 1 Year Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination  
9:30 am Cub Scouts at Mass  
12:30 pm Baptism in Church  
6 pm CYO |
| 6/3  | 9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room  
6:30 pm Baptism in Church |
| 6/4  | 9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond  
6:30 pm KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg./JPII |
| 6/5  | 9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/JMC St. Raymond  
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/JMC St. Cecelia  
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church |
| 6/6  | 9:30 am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/JMC St. Raymond  
7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  
7 pm Adult Faith Formation/St. Raymond |
| 6/7  | 9:30 am Adoration in Church |
| 6/8  | 9:30am - 10:30am Adult Catechism/JMC St. Raymond  
Second Collection for Holy Father/Peter’s Pence  
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6 pm CYO Rosary for Healing & Peace in Church |

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**Our Congratulations to Fr. Vincent on his 1st Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on June 2nd**

God’s blessings on you and thank you for all you do in the service of God. Please congratulate Fr. Vincent when you see him.

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**School NEWS**

The school office will be open for another week. There is some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 110 for more information. Warmest wishes to our retiring principal, Mrs. Susan Kropog! She is grateful to all for her 39 years at St. Ann School.

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**Lakeside Hospice is seeking volunteers!**

Our volunteers are a valued part of the hospice team and they make a difference in the lives of our patients and their loved ones everyday! Opportunities include visiting with patients, offering respite to caregivers, or assisting with clerical work in our Metairie office. Volunteers will need to fill out an application, pass a background check, and have an annual TB test. Valid driver's license or state ID and proof of auto insurance is required. Contact Carissa Herhuth for more information at 504-456-6011 or cherhuth@lakesidehospicela.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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**Willwoods Married Couples Retreat: June 21-23**

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St. Joseph Abbey’s Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, LA.

A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need!

To register call 504-830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org.
Knights of Columbus Council #3465 sponsors

Catholic Men

Open to ALL Catholic Men And Their Sons!

“Christians must allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit if they expect to live a Christian life.” Pope Francis

Spirituality Fellowship

“Where Is God In Your Life”

Saturday, June 29, 2019
Begins with 7:30 a.m. Mass
St. Ann Church and Shrine
3600 Transcontinental Drive
Metairie, LA 70006

Guest Speakers
Sean Schaff  Jerry Christopher  Danny Abramowicz
Exposition—Adoration—Benediction
Confessions
This Week at Home

**Monday, June 3  Courage and Peace**
The disciples assure Jesus that they know everything about him and believe he came from God. However, Jesus tells them that they will scatter, leaving him alone in his suffering. In this moment, as he speaks of their abandonment, he comforts them with words of peace and courage. In what area of your life is it difficult to afford the courage to proclaim Jesus as Lord? *Today’s Readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:29–33.*

**Tuesday, June 4  The Glory of God**
Jesus’ prayer for his disciples is also a prayer for Christians today. Spend some time in prayer today, asking Christ to bless all those followers who have shared and continue to share the Good News of faith with you. Ask Christ to hold close all those who have wandered away and do not feel as though they belong to him. May we be united for the glory of God. *Today’s Readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11.*

**Wednesday, June 5  Keep Watch over the Flock**
The Acts of the Apostles offers a beautiful image of Paul among the elders of the church of Ephesus. After he addresses them, he kneels down and prays with them. They are so moved by his words and the realization that they will not see him again, they begin to weep without restraint and throw their arms around him and kiss him. May our love of God and neighbor move us so that there is no doubt about the work of the Spirit in our heart. *Today’s Readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33, 35, 35–36; John 17:11–19.*

**Thursday, June 6  Hidden Gifts**
While praying, Jesus thanks the Father for the gift of his followers. Imagine Jesus’ gratitude for human beings who are messy, weak, and flawed. Jesus responds to this gift with a wish that believers be with Jesus and see his glory. Considering that all are a gift to the Son, reflect on the sacredness within each person. *Today’s Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

**Friday, June 7  Ancient Cultures**
Ancient cultures often speak of both living well and dying well. It is unusual today to hear people look forward to dying, but what if we knew our final act would give glory to God? That is what Jesus promises Peter regarding his death. Would such knowledge transform the way you live? Have you considered how every moment of our lives, our faith, and our love of the Lord give glory to God? *Today’s Readings: Acts 25:13–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; John 21:15–19.*

**Saturday, June 8  One Book**
Have you ever been so captivated by an experience that time seems to have been suspended? The closing verse of the Gospel hints at this very nature of Jesus Christ. John writes that this book of the Bible is his testimony to the life of Christ. He could have written more but the information about Jesus is more than the books that could be written. More important than words is the relationship that is formed with Christ. Take to heart John’s words to grow in love with Christ. *Today’s Readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5, 7; John 21:20–25.*
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. At the Transfiguration, which two prophets appeared with Jesus?
   a. Noah & Moses  
   b. Elijah & Elisha  
   c. Moses & Aaron  
   d. Moses & Elijah

2. Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell are referred as what?
   a. Man’s Destiny  
   b. The Four Last Things  
   c. Evangelicals  
   d. The Theological Virtues

3. Including Peter and Pope Francis, how many popes have there been?
   a. 133  
   b. 197  
   c. 266  
   d. 427

4. Which religious order is called the “Order of Preachers”?
   a. Dominicans  
   b. Jesuits  
   c. Benedictins  
   d. Franciscans

5. In which Gospel is the story of the washing of the disciple’s feet occur?
   a. Three  
   b. Five  
   c. Seven  
   d. Thirteen

See answers at the bottom of this page.

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.

http://www.gofundme.com/BetterDifferenceThatMakesaDifference/donate

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

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

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,

Why do we make a small cross on our forehead just before the Gospel? Signed, “The Wonderer”

Dear “The Wonderer,”

During Mass, when the Gospel is about to be read, the priest or deacon says: “A Reading from the Gospel according to St____.” The congregation then responds, “Glory to You Oh Lord,” making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and chest. We do this because these outward gestures made with our bodies are pointing to an inward prayer that is happening in our hearts. Silently, we should be praying, “May God be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts, that we may worthily receive and proclaim His holy word.” It is a reminder that we are about to take part in a living proclamation of God’s Word (literally, God is present among us as the Gospel is proclaimed). Our gesture should remind us to intently focus on what is being proclaimed and how we should respond.

St. Paul wrote, “For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). In the outward sign of crossing our forehead, lips, and heart, we are asking that the Word of God to pierce our mind, lips, and hearts.

"Be Fishers of Men"
You Catch 'em, I’ll Clean 'em!