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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

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WEBSITE POLICY
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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 the Baptism Coordinator 455-7071.

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.
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through today’s readings, Jesus is calling us to learn from him the way of discipleship. The Gospel begins, “When the days for Jesus’ being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem…” Jesus knows that this is the time when he will be crucified. Yet, he does not shy away from this, nor does he delay. Instead, he turns with determination and resolve to travel to the place of his coming betrayal, torture, and death because he knows that this is the will of the Father. So, like Christ, we must turn with renewed commitment and courage to follow the will of the Father.

In the second reading from St. Paul, we hear that “for freedom Christ set us free.” Further, he points out two opposing forces within us: the flesh and the Spirit. Thus, we see that the Lord has set us free to live according to the Spirit, and to no longer be slaves to the flesh. This reading, together with the Gospel, calls us to live in that same freedom of Christ which allows him to be determined to make his every action for the sake of reaching Jerusalem. Yet, just what is Jerusalem? It is, of course his place of crucifixion, but what more does it symbolize? It is the place where he will suffer for our sake, to set us free from slavery to the flesh. Further, it is the place of resurrection; the place where we rise with him in the life of the Spirit. Therefore, Christ’s singular focus on Jerusalem is really his intense love for us. The Jerusalem he journeys toward with unwavering resolve is the human heart. There he seeks to put to death the fleshly desires which oppose the Spirit, and to raise us to a new life according to that same Spirit of freedom.

All this he has accomplished out of love for us. Today, he continues to journey through the ministry of his Holy Church to each and every heart. Along the way, he meets us where we are and says, “follow me.” It is our turn to respond; the life we live is our chance to answer this calling. Will we answer like the men of the Gospel who said, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father” or “first let me say farewell to my family at home” whom the Lord rebuked in stating, “no one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God”? Christ is not condemning men for burying their fathers or saying goodbye to their families, rather, he is making clear that discipleship is necessarily focused on him alone. All we think, say, and do must be for the sake of loving God and loving neighbor; for this is holiness of life according to the Spirit. The Lord is calling us in this moment. Are we going to renounce him, follow our own will, and gratify the cravings of the flesh in a life of selfishness, choosing to worship ourselves rather than the one true God? Or are we going to follow him totally in love and generosity, making Christ the center of our life and constantly renewing our resolve and determination to glorify our heavenly Father in thought, word, and deed? For this, let us strive.

~ Paolo Taffaro, Parish Seminarian
**Parish Calendar**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass For the Country or a City, nos. 882-886, or For Peace and Justice, nos. 887-891  
**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1bc-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1bc-6; Mt 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

**Ladies Auxiliary News**

St. Ann has a new ladies’ organization that is open to any female (18 years or over) who meets ONE of the following criteria: (1) has a desire to assist in efforts of Charity, Unity and Patriotism; (2) is sponsored by an active Member of the Knights of Columbus or Ladies Auxiliary; OR (3) is an Active and Practicing Catholic, if not related to a Knight. **(Members are not required to be members of St. Ann Parish.)**

The purpose of the St. Ann Ladies K.C. Auxiliary is to assist St. Ann Parish and the broader community through religious and social activities and to voluntarily participate in the K.C. Council of Auxiliaries Louisiana projects.

We encourage all ladies in the area to participate in this new organization—we are currently approaching 50 members!

If you have any questions, you may contact Bonnie Jones at (504) 908-5292 or by email at aux3465@gmail.com.

**Willwoods 12th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper and Substance**

Attention all Married couples! You are invited to a fun and faith-filled date night celebrating and enriching marriages at our 12th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper and Substance on Saturday, July 27th from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at Mid-City Lanes Rock ‘N Bowl located across the street from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. **Come hear an inspiring presentation from speaker couple Jason & Elise Angellette, listen to live music by “After Party” and enjoy great food, drinks, bowling, and a rockin’ good time!**

For tickets, sponsoring a lane or to learn more about the event, call Jason at (504) 830-3716 or go to www.FaithandMarriage.org
Men’s Emmaus Retreat – July 19-21

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the men’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of July 19-21. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage “The appearance on the road to Emmaus” (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men’s lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don’t ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville!

Please contact the following men for additional information: Colin Taulli @ 504-494-4511, or David Drude @ 985-974-0657, or Johnny Fisk @ (504) 427-6601.

The School office is closed for the summer. There is some availability in some grades for the next school year. Please contact the school office at 455-7051 ext. 113 for the school principal if you need more information. School enrollment information will be on the school email stann@stannschool.org.

The school office will reopen July 29th.

Save the Date!
A Retreat for Married Couples and their Children, ages 7-17, November 16th - 17th – ONLY $50 per family.
The retreat will be held at the St. Joseph Abbey in Covington and will begin on Saturday, November 16th at 8:00 AM and end after lunch on Sunday, November 17th. Space is limited to only 30 families so please reserve your spot today for this free, fun and faith-filled family getaway! To register go to FaithandMarriage.org or call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 for more information.

July is the Month of the
Precious Blood of Jesus
Celebrate with this Mini (one day) Pilgrimage
Wednesday July 10, 2019 – 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
St. Helena Parish Campus, Amite, LA

Learn about and Experience Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
St. Helena Parish Campus
122 S. First Street, Amite, LA 70422

What is at St. Helena Campus?
- 151 First Class Relics
- Courtyard with Life Size Statues of the Apostles
- Garden of Gethsemane Replica
- Chapel of the Repose
- Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
- Adoration Chapel

Unlimited is the effectiveness of the God Man’s Blood — just as unlimited as the love that impelled him to pour it out for us first at his circumcision eight days after birth, and more profusely later on in his agony in the garden, in his scourging and crowning with thorns, in his climbing Calvary and crucifixion, and finally from that great wide wound in his side which symbolizes the divine Blood cascading down into all the Church sacraments. Such surpassing love suggests, nay demands, that everyone be born in the torrents of that Blood adored with grateful love.

Inde a Primis, Pope Saint John XXIII
June 30, 1962

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann Church & Shrine,

Greetings in the Lord, and in the name of St. Ann, mother of the Mother of God! School is out and people are beginning to take some time for vacation and visiting friends. Well, it’s almost time for St. Ann Novena 2019 - July 18th until July 26th, the feast day of our Patron Saint.

During Lent, the priest scheduled to do our St. Ann Novena called to cancel because his Bishop is sending him to India to speak at a conference. With suggestions from Fr. Jim Marchionda O.P., we called other priests to lead our 2019 Novena, and after several phone calls, none are available to do the nine days … With that, Plan C has been put into operation. We will have different priests from throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans who have experience in preaching on various retreats and missions. I told them to bring their best sermon to the table. Hence, we are going with the theme: Potluck Novena.

Generally, we bring our favorite dish to a potluck. In this case, I encourage you to invite your family and friends to our Potluck Novena. Food unites us, and in many ways we, the People of God under the patronage of St. Ann, serve as the ingredients for something greater - brought together in prayer as God’s children to seek God’s reign anew, to acclaim the faith of Jesus and share in Christ the feast that frees us.

Start saving the date: July 18th - July 26th for our Potluck Novena. More information later!

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Billy O’Riordan, Pastor

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**Our Lady of Prompt Succor for Hurricane Protection**

*Our Lady of Prompt Succor* protected New Orleans during the Great Fire of 1812, and again during the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. She is the patroness of both the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana. Today she is prayed to for protection against hurricanes. Hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin runs from June 1 to November 30. In the eastern Pacific, the season began on May 15 and ends November 30. Please join in prayer with all who are threatened by hurricanes.

*Image below:* Dedicated by Archbishop Schulte on May 18, 1997, this seventy-seven-square-foot mosaic by Professor Sergio Papucci of Florence Italy, is on the site of the Almonester Chapel where the nuns prayed before the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. It depicts a scene from the Battle of New Orleans.

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor may we be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season!"
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. In what year did New Orleans become a Catholic diocese?
   a. 1793    b. 1802    c. 1806    d. 1814

2. Chronologically, which number diocese is New Orleans?
   a. 2nd    b. 6th    c. 11th    d. 14th

3. The two official patron saints of the archdiocese of New Orleans are St. Louis, king of France and ____________?
   c. St. Anthony    d. Our Lady of Prompt Succor

4. St. Louis Cathedral is the oldest church in the archdiocese. Which is the second?
   a. St. Joseph Church    b. St. Patrick Church
   c. St. John the Baptist    d. Holy Name of Jesus Church

5. Who was the first bishop of New Orleans?
   a. Louis-Guillaume Dubourg    b. Francisco Reinado
   c. Luis Ignatius Cárdenas    d. Antoine Blanc

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers

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,
Who is Melchizedek and why is Jesus a priest in his line? Signed “Clueless”

Dear “Clueless,”

Melchizedek is a somewhat mysterious figure in Scripture but none-the-less, very important. In the Old Testament, he is only briefly mentioned twice. In the first mention of him, it is in relation to a story involving Abram (Abraham) (Genesis 14:18). After a victorious battle, Abram is passing through the Valley of Shaveh (King’s Valley), where he is greeted by two kings, the king of Sodom (Bera) and the king of Salem (Melchizedek). Melchizedek is both a king and priest. His name means “Righteous king” and he is king of Salem (taken from Salm or Peace). So he is both the king of peace and the king of righteousness. The second Old Testament mention is in Psalm 110:4, where the reference is generally understood to mean Jesus where it states, “You are a priest forever in the manner of Melchizedek.” In the book of Hebrews (6:13—7:28), both references are explained to indicate that Jesus is foreshadowed in these Old Testament references. So how are the references best understood? First, Melchizedek offers bread and wine to Abram and blesses him in the name of God, Most High. Abram then gives a tenth of his spoils to Melchizedek, showing that he was superior to even Abram. Third, Jesus, who is in the line of Melchizedek and not Levi, shows His priesthood is different from that of the Levitical priests. The Matthew Henry Concise Commentary said this about Psalm 110: “[Jesus] is the Priest of the order of Melchizedek, which was before that of Aaron, and on many accounts superior to it, and a more lively representation of Christ’s priesthood.” Jesus fulfills the priesthood of Melchizedek by becoming the true King of Peace and Righteousness.
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