ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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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.

MARRIAGE
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.

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.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  

Today we hear the familiar and often referenced story of Martha and Mary. In response to Martha’s command, Jesus says, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.” In light of the fact that she is a saint in the Tradition of the Church, how should we understand these words of Christ? Is Jesus saying that work is meaningless and worthless? Only a distraction? Jesus adds to his reply, saying, “Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Notice the wording here: “Mary has chosen the better part…” Thus, the virtue of being hard at work is maintained, but only as long as the purpose of the work is upheld.

The Lord is challenging us to reflect on something very important for our time. The reality is that our life revolves around the busy work schedule we have each and every day. Even for us who do not work a regular job, we find ways to keep busy, filling our time so as to feel busy. It is precisely this workaholic tendency that Jesus is exposing as something which can very easily move us gradually away from him. As such, we will be like Martha who comes to Christ, not to listen or pray, but to tell him what she thinks needs to be done. How often we do this! Yet, the Lord takes even that complaint and transforms it into an invitation to turn back to him, and focus on him as the end and purpose of all our work.

Therefore, Mary and Martha reveal to us that the purpose of all work, as well as every event of our lives, is directed towards one singular end: Jesus Christ. For, “There is need of only one thing.” Mary chose the better part because she saw that the end of all the busy work was sitting right in front of her. Martha, on the other hand, was so focused on what she thought was important, that she missed the Son of God present in her midst. Let us pray, then, through the intercession of SS. Martha and Mary, that we may have the eyes of faith to see the Lord’s presence among us, and to listen to him. Let us offer our work, not for the gain of money or prestige, position or power, but for the glory of God and the attainment of that heavenly banquet, where we will behold Christ as he is, praising him and adoring him with Martha and Mary and all the saints forever. There is only one who matters at all. Choose him.

~ Paolo Taffaro, Parish Seminarian ~
Parish Calendar

7/21  Black and Indian Home Mission Collection  
CYO Sports Night in Gym  

7/22  Novena Masses 10 am and 7 pm  
9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann Room  

7/23  Novena Masses 10 am and 7 pm  
9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel  
9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond  

7/24  Novena Masses 10 am and 7 pm  
9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond  
1pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/ St. Raymond  
7pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia  
7pm - 8pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church  

7/25  Novena Masses 10 am & 7 pm  
9:30 am Adult Catechism/St. Raymond  
6 pm Knights of Columbus (General)/St. Raymond  
7 pm Adult Choir Reh./St. Cecelia  

7/26  Novena ends Masses 10 am & 7 pm  
Pattuck gathering after 7 pm Novena in JPII Room  

7/27  5 pm KC Installation of Officers in Church  
followed by receptions in JPII Room  

7/28  11 am Pastoral Council Induction in Church  
6 pm CYO  

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13  

NFP Awareness Week | July 21-27, 2019

"Love, Naturally!" Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national campaign established by the USCCB. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is scheduled July 21st-27th to include the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic belief about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. It also includes the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

God designed marriage as an "intimate partnership of life and love" (see Gaudium et spes, no. 48). In God's design, marriage is a unique union of one man with one woman "for the whole of life" (see Canon 1055, The Code of Canon Law). Marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses and to the creation and nurture of new human life (see Gaudium et spes, no. 48). Making decisions therefore, about when and how many children to have in marriage is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to husband and wife. This is the foundation of what the Church calls, "Responsible Parenthood"—the call to discern God's will for your marriage while respecting His design for life and love.

The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy. When learning about NFP, it is important to know that:

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Classes

With professional instruction, Natural Family Planning has proven itself to be safe, effective, and a moral way for couples to plan their families. It is a method which respects the meaning of human sexuality as God created it and thus marital love is enhanced and strengthened.

This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The dates of the class series are August 30, September 13, September 27, and October 25, 2019. Hours are 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. The classes will be held in the Most Holy Trinity Family Life Center in Covington. The cost is $100 and includes all classes and materials.

Pre-registration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course.
St. Ann Novena continues until July 26th The Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim

Mass Schedule:
Weekday Masses: 10 AM and 7 PM
Daily Reconciliation: after the 10 AM Mass and 6 PM before the 7 PM Mass

The NolaCatholic eNews is Now 1!
The weekly archdiocesan email newsletter for the general public is celebrating its one year anniversary. Thank you to everyone who has supported this new digital outreach to New Orleans area Catholics! If you would like the latest in Catholic news from our area, across the country and around the world delivered to your inbox every Wednesday, go to nolacatholic.org and click on the NOLACatholic eNews Banner at the top of the page.

Black and Indian Mission Collection
This weekend the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which has a direct impact in our own archdiocese as we benefit locally from grants funded by the collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.

Matt Keller
Matt Keller is a Metairie native and a graduate of St. Ann School, Archbishop Rummel High School, and The University of Southern Mississippi. He is currently joining the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) as a campus missionary. As a campus missionary, he will be reaching out to college students at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and calling them higher to place their identities as sons and daughters of God. There are three ways that you can help in this mission to bring college students closer to Christ:
1. Become AWARE: read, study, and talk to these students.
2. PRAY: for missionaries and the future leaders within the college campus. Nothing is possible without God. He is the one who heals and changes hearts.
3. Consider SUPPORT: All missionaries are responsible for fundraising 100% of their salary with the help their community in order to allow them to get to campus as quick as possible.

Please reach out to Matt with any interest, questions, or concerns at matthew.keller@focus.org or 504-210-5567.
For more information about FOCUS, please visit focus.org.
FUND RUN SPONSORSHIP - - - - - - - - - - - - - $250
Display your company’s banner on the fence at the start/end of the St. Ann Fun Run on Loveland St. from September 28th through October 12th. Banner not to exceed 3’ by 9’.

TISKET-A-TASKET TENT SPONSORSHIP - - - - - - - - - - - - - $200
Includes a large individual sign with name on the Tisket-a-Tasket Tent at the Family Fest. Can be a name of a business, family, student, club, etc. Only four sponsorships are available so please contact us prior to submitting your form to ensure availability.

BOOTH SPONSORSHIP - - - - - - - - - - - - - $150
Includes an individual sign on your sponsored booth at the Family Fest. It can be the name of a business, family, student, club, etc.

PRIZE CASH SPONSOR - - - - - - - - - - - $25 to $100
Donated cash is used to offset the cost of prizes.

PRIZE DONATION & RAFFLE PRIZES
Includes inventory items or promotional items such as pens, pencils, T-shirts, key chains, baseball caps, gadgets, etc. and donations of large items, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, entertainment, artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, etc.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and return to:
St. Ann Family Fest Committee  ATTN: Jennifer LaMonte  4921 Meadowdale Street  Metairie, LA 70006
Questions? Contact Jennifer @ 250-8764 or Christy @ 729-0659 or email: stannfair@gmail.com. Donations of items can be delivered to the St. Ann School Office or you may call or email to arrange for a pick up.

Name and/or Business: _________________________________________________________________________
This is how it will appear on signs & acknowledgements. Your donation can remain anonymous & appear as “Friend of St. Ann”.
Address: ________________________________________________________________   Zip: ________________
Contact Person: _________________________E-Mail:___________________________  Phone: ________
Donation Category: ___________________________  Amount Enclosed: ___________________
Parish School of Religion
Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to: https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/19398 or the church website and clicking on the Parish School of Religion link. Our Registration Day will be Tuesday, August 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. You may complete registration, pick up textbooks, pay fees, and meet the teachers for the upcoming year at this registration night. Any student in grades Kindergarten thru High School who is not attending a Catholic school will need to be registered through the Parish School of Religion. The fee structure is a flat $35.00 per student. Our classes are held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 from 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Contact David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more info.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church? The parish faith community of St. Ann Church invites you or someone you may know to a series of inquiry sessions that will invite inquirers to the Faith an opportunity to explore the church in a non-committal way. Invite someone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. Your invitation may be the one that they are waiting for! Call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 2225 for more information.

Confirmation Registration
All incoming 11th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ann Church should register for preparation classes that will begin in the Fall using the link below. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eleventh grade year for all students in a formal religious education program (including Catholic high schools). Contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 2225 if you have any questions or concerns. https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/18716

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,
Can a lay person bless religious articles, or people, or is this reserved for the clergy? Signed “Curious”

Dear “Curious,”
There are some blessings that may only be done by bishops, some only done by bishops and priests, some that may be done by any clergy (including deacons), and some that even may be done by lay persons. It depends on what is being blessed and the circumstances. The directives are given in the Book of Blessings in the introduction to the rite for each person or thing to be blessed. Also, there are certain gestures of blessing that are reserved to the ordained (e.g., making the sign of the cross). It is also appropriate that the person of the highest hierarchical status give the blessing when present (e.g., a priest would not bless in the presence of a bishop, a lay person would not give a blessing when a deacon was present).

There are many blessings of people in various circumstances and of other things such as meals, homes and cars that include directives for how this rite may be done by lay persons. Most major buildings must be blessed ordained by ordained clergy. The blessing of people as a commissioning ceremony of individuals or a group is also generally limited to the ordained.

The blessing of religious articles for liturgical use, public worship, or private devotion must, for the most part, be blessed by a member of the clergy. Often it is preferred that a bishop bless certain things (e.g., a Catholic cemetery), but in most cases a bishop can authorize a priest to bless most things. There are a few exceptions to the rule of thumb that religious articles must be blessed by the clergy. They generally relate to certain feasts and special seasons. Lay persons can bless Advent wreaths, a nativity scene, a Christmas tree, throats on the feast of St. Blase, St. Joseph’s table, and Easter food.

How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. During a papal conclave, what color smoke indicates that a new pope has been selected?
   a. White b. Black
c. Blue d. Yellow

2. How many bishops has the Archdiocese of New Orleans since its inception (including the diocese of Louisiana)?
   a. 22 b. 33 c. 17 d. 11

3. All of the following are symbols of the Holy Spirit except.

4. How many days are there in the Lenten season?
   a. 33 b. 40 c. 44 d. 50

5. How many days are there in the Easter season?
   a. 33 b. 40 c. 44 d. 50

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers
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