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

August 11, 2019
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

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Billy O’Riordan ext. 2223
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St. Ann School
455-8383
Mrs. Lindsay Guidry, Principal
www.stannschool.org

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
For students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd 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 at 455-7071, ext. 2230.

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.
Since several parishioners have asked for my homily during the Novena, I’d like to share it with all of you.

When I started thinking about what I should preach for the novena, I asked myself: “Why not sharing my personal stories: the stories I have brought with me from Vietnam; the stories that I have treasured in my heart?” For the last couple days, different priests have brought different flavors to the potluck. Today, I want to bring you some Vietnamese flavor.

Everybody is called to be a messenger of God. Nobody is excluded from that mission. We listened in the first reading that the LORD appointed Jeremiah to deliver His message. But he replied: “Ah, LORD God, I do not know how to speak. I am too young.”

In my home parish in Vietnam, we had a priest, Fr. Paul, who had been with us for about 60 years. He was loved by many generations. He was also a fabulous preacher. But when he was a young seminarian, one of his worst fears was public speaking. When he was about to be ordained, his mother was teasing him: “When you become a priest, you probably want to preach from the sacristy.” I wish I could preach from the sacristy too. Not so many of us were born with the gift of public speaking. Yet all of us are called to bring the message of the LORD to others. Each of us has different gifts and talents and we need to use these God-given talents to preach the Good News.

We can bring Christ to others even when it seems impossible. Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was arrested when the Communists arrived in Saigon. Being considered a Vatican spy, he had been imprisoned for 13 years. At first, he was devastated because he was separated from the faithful like a shepherd being taken from the flock. But he decided he would not spend time waiting. He decided to “live the present moment and fill it with love.”

When the Communist put him, along with 1,500 other prisoners in a boat moving to the north, he told himself: “Here is my cathedral, here are the people God has given me to care for, here is my mission: to ensure the presence of God among these, my despairing, miserable brothers. It is God’s will that I am here. I accept his will.”

Many people asked Cardinal Van Thuan: “Were you able to say Mass in prison?” When he said YES, their next question would be: “How did you find the bread and wine?” Off course if he asked for bread and wine, the police would never allow. So he wrote home: “Send me some wine as medication for stomach pain.” They understood what he meant. They sent him a small bottle of Mass wine, with a label reading: “medication for stomach pain” and some hosts broken into small pieces. Everyday with three drops of wine and one drop of water in the palm of his hand, he celebrated Mass. He said:

At 9.30 every evening when lights out rang everyone had to be lying down. I bent over my wooden board and celebrated Mass, by heart of course, and distributed Communion to my neighbours under their mosquito nets. We made tiny bags from cigarette paper to protect the Blessed Sacrament.

At night, the prisoners took turns and spent time in adoration. The Blessed Sacrament helped tremendously. Even Buddhists and other non-Christians were converted. The strength of the love of Jesus is irresistible. The darkness of the prison turned into light, the seed germinated [began to grow] silently in the storm.

We don’t know how and in what circumstances the LORD will use us. Our answer to Him should not be “I know not how to speak.” Instead, our response should be: “Here I am. Use me as You wish.”

When we speak of God to others, we don’t expect an instant success. Neither the message nor the messenger would be welcomed by everyone. In today’s Gospel, the sower sows the seeds freely, but only on rich soil the seed could grow and bear fruit. One of the most important virtues of a farmer is patience. The seed does not bear fruit overnight. It takes a long time to grow. Likewise, the words we speak and the good deed we do will take time to grow. St. Paul said: “I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.” Our task is to deliver the message; the LORD will give the increase in His time and in accordance with His will.

My late uncle was a priest, Fr. Augustine Tran. When he was young, he wanted to be a priest. But when the Communists took over the north Vietnam, they closed the seminary. All the seminarians were forced to go home and to get married. Only a few decided to wait with a glimmer of hope. My uncle was one of them. He had waited not 10, not 20, not 30, but almost 40 years to enter the seminary. During these years, he was put to jail twice and almost died. Finally, he entered the seminary when he was over 60 years old. He was ordained a priest on September 8 - the birthday of the Blessed Virgin and died almost two years later on August 15 - the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. God will provide what we need in His time and in accordance with His will.

I hope you enjoy the Vietnamese taste I bring to the potluck.

Fr. Vincent Nguyen
**PARISH CALENDAR**

11 CYO
12 H&S Board & Committee Chairs - Cafeteria 6:30 pm
H&S Club New Mom's Social - Cafeteria 7:30 pm
13 Adoration 9:15 am - 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study—St. Raymond 9:45 am
Cub Scouts New Parent Orientation - Café 6:30 pm
14 Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond 9:30 am
Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond 1 pm
Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Café/Gym 6:30 pm
Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Assumption 6:30 pm
(Holy Day of Obligation)
15 Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses: 6:30 am, 8:45 am, 2:00 pm (school), 6:30 pm
Parish Office Closed (Solemnity of Assumption)
Adult Catechism - St. Raymond 9:30 am
Adult Faith Formation - JPII Room 7:00 pm
17 KC Spaghetti Dinner for St. Michael Special School - Cafeteria 5:00 pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
**Tuesday:**
Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
**Wednesday:**
Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
**Thursday:**
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 43:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
**Friday:**
Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
**Saturday:**
Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

School began on Wednesday, August 7th. There was an assembly for the students and the opening Mass will be on the Feast of the Assumption. The St. Ann School theme for the year is “Share the light of Christ”. Each month, a different grade will have the opportunity to display this theme in a monthly assembly for the entire school. We invite all mothers new to St. Ann School to join us in the school cafeteria on Monday, August 12th at 7:30 pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday**  August 11
8:00 am Marjorie Person
9:30 am Parishioners
11:00 am Robert McNulty, Ralph Watermeier, Cliff Reis Sr., William Spath, Quinn Dantagnan (health), Anna Vo, Dorothy Clade Fayard, Clarence F. Schlamp Jr., Waldemira Ferrirade Sousa, Jillian Clark, Lester Robert Tillman, Bobby Karl, Miriam Tabares, Regina Danner (health)
5:00 pm Gail Maloney
**Monday**  August 12
6:30 am Hien Tran
8:45 am Margaret & Edward Kelly Family
**Tuesday**  August 13
6:30 am Hien Tran
8:45 am Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
7:00 pm Tran Family (S.I.)
**Wednesday**  August 14
6:30 am Edmond Schellhaas
8:45 am Hien Tran
6:30 pm Bobby Gonzales
**Thursday**  August 15
6:30 am Anthony L. Musso
8:45 am Vivian Lea
2:00 pm Sherry Harrison Arseneaux
6:30 pm All Aborted Babies
**Friday**  August 16
6:30 am George Turpie III
8:45 am Jennie R. Sclafani (Birthday)
**Saturday**  August 17
7:30 am Dominic McDonagh

August 11 - August 16, 2019
“Sanctuary Light And Flowers”
In Memory of
Anthony L. Musso
“Chapel Sanctuary Light”
In Memory of
Hien Tran
Msgr. Charles Duke Council #3465
Knights of Columbus
Invites you to a
Spaghetti Dinner
to Benefit

St. Michael Special School

Saturday, August 17
5:00 - 8:00 PM
St. Ann School Cafeteria

With your $10 donation, enjoy a homemade meal of spaghetti with meatballs, vegetable, tossed salad, & bread

Dine in or take out

RAFFLE – 50/50 - PRIZES

Pre-sale tickets are available in the Church Office during normal office hours (M-F 9-4 closed 12-1).

Find out more about the dinner and our Council at
http://www.kc3465.org

Monsignor Charles Duke Council #3465
2019 St. Ann Family Fest - October 4th – 5th
“St. Ann Hosts Family Game Night”

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

FUN 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: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
E-Mail: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Donation Category: ___________________________
Amount Enclosed: ___________________________

Tuesday Adoration

Every Tuesday at St. Ann we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel following the 8:45 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. We are in need of adorers to commit to an hour with the Lord, especially the hours of 2 - 3 and 3 - 4. Several people have either moved away or had other circumstances that prevent them from continuing in this ministry, so we need some new people to help fill these time slots. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left alone while it is exposed. If you can spend some time with our Lord, you can sign up here: https://stannchurchandshrine.org/adoration-society or contact the parish office 455-7071.
Parish School of Religion
Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to: shorturl.at/vHMW3 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.

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. To register, go to this link: shorturl.at/glty2

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.

Become A Knight!
Your Local Council of the Knights of Columbus is looking for a few good men! Council #3465 at St. Ann Parish is known as the Monsignor Charles Duke Council of the Knights of Columbus, new members are always welcomed to consider joining. The Knights are open to all Catholic Men who are at least 18 years old and lead a life consistent with Catholic teachings. To learn more, call 455-7071, ext 2225 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org.

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 the readings are proclaimed at church, is it OK to follow along in the missal, or should we not do and focus on the reader? Signed “Bookworm”

Dear “Bookworm,”
You raise an interesting question. The question is, “How best to focus on the readings at Mass.” The Church documents do not answer this specific question, except to say, “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy.” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 29). Having said that, some people are good auditory listeners, whereas others learn best visually, so for the latter, following along with the written Word would be best. However, the sad fact is that most people hear the proclaimed readings for the first time at Mass. To better hear and understand the readings, it would be wise to read them at home some time during the week prior to Mass. Then get to Mass early (about 15 minutes), so that you can look over the readings again before Mass begins. Then, when you hear the readings proclaimed during the Mass, you will be in a better position to hear and understand them with renewed vigor, since at Mass, you would be hearing them for the third time. Sadly, many lecturers do not “proclaim” the Word as they should, which would make listening to the readings easier, but that is the subject for another time. Simply put, the Scriptures at Mass should be proclaimed, not just read.