St. Ann Church & 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 25, 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: 9:15 - 10:00 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.
Reflection by Fr. Vincent
A new survey by the Pew Research Center finds that almost 70% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. It means that seven-in-ten of all Catholics think that the Holy Eucharist, the consecrated Bread and Wine “used in Communion” are just “symbols of the body and blood of Christ.” Why is it a warning? Why should it be a wake-up call for all of us?

The Holy Eucharist is the heart of the Church. The Church teaches us that Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic life. If we don’t get it right, everything else would fall apart.

As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. The technical term is Transubstantiation. It means that at the words of consecration, when the priest says: “This is my Body” and “This is the Chalice of my Blood”, the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. They are not only symbols. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not say: “this is the symbol of my body; this is the symbol of my blood.” Our Lord actually said: “THIS IS MY BODY; THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD.”

Over the ages, the teaching of the Real Presence has not been accepted by everyone. In the Gospel of John, chapter 6, Jesus told His followers: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of man and drink His Blood, you do not have life within you; whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My Flesh is true food, and My Blood is true drink.”

For the ancient Jews, this teaching was shocking. Indeed, after listening to this, many of Jesus’ disciples “returned to their former way of life” and “no longer walked with Him” because they did not believe. If what He meant were just symbols, He would have said to them: “Don’t walk away, what I meant were symbols.” But He did not. In fact, after the others had left, our Lord even asked the Twelve Apostles: “Do you also want to leave?” Peter answered Him: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

When we attend the Eucharistic celebration, we are fed with the words of eternal life and nourished by the Bread of Heaven and the Chalice of Salvation. With our physical senses, the consecrated Bread and Wine still look and taste like bread and wine. But with the eye of faith, we believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of our LORD.

Jesus promised to remain with us until the end of time. In the Holy Eucharist, we have the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our LORD. Each time you attend Mass when the priest raises the consecrated Bread and Wine, let us look attentively at the Body and Blood of Christ, saying: “My Lord and my God.”

Mass Intentions

Sunday  August 25
4:00 pm Vigil  Willie Sonnier, Ronald Mulligan, Linda Hayden (health), John Falgoust, Alberta Basha, George Sanderson Jr., Bob & Jenn Segura, Greg Ciolino, Sherron Leggio, James Morris, Amiie Botelar, Gardner & McCleland Families, Evan W. Beck (living), Beverly Hebert, Dorothy Clayde Fayard, Ernie Becnel, Lester Robert Tillman, Jillian Clark, Jerry Talbot (Thanksgiving)
8:00 am Parishioners
9:30 am Herman Oufnac
11:00 am Mary Mische, James Haddican, Anna Vo, Clarence F. Schlamp Jr. Robert Karl, Ricky Fayard
5:00 pm Beverly Panquerne

Monday  August 26
6:30 am Dominic McDonagh
8:45 am Ricky Perrodin

Tuesday  August 27
6:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45 am Michael Romance
7:00 pm Tran Family (SI)

Wednesday  August 28
6:30 am Fr. Daniel Reehil (SI)
8:45 am All Aborted Babies

Thursday  August 29
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
8:45 am All Aborted Babies

Friday  August 30
6:30 am Anna Gleason
8:45 am Jerald Hickman (SI)

Saturday  August 31
7:30 am Rose Blanke (SI)

August 25 - August 31, 2019
Sanctuary Light (Church)
Anthony Lubrano
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
The O’Connor Family
RCIA

Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Call 455-7071
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

The students are settling in well to the 2019/20 school year! There was a St. Ann School Skate Night earlier this month and City Park Night will be Sept. 6th. We try to offer many outside school opportunities for the students to socialize with their classmates.
Lost and Found

A wedding band was found in the church. Please come to the parish office to identify and claim it if you lost yours.

A jacket was left in the JPII Room of the Ministry Center 3-4 months ago. This can also be identified and claimed in the parish office.

Words are not adequate to describe my sincere appreciation for the retirement reception on July 28. The presence of so many parishioners was indeed overwhelming. Diane and I have had the honor of getting to know so many of you over the years.

St. Ann Parish is our home away from home and is a special part of our lives. God has blessed our parish abundantly in so many ways. Please know that all of you are in our daily prayers.

I thank also Fr. Billy and our staff and all those who worked to make the day so special. The gift from the parish hangs in a prominent place in our home. Again, thank you and God bless you all.

Deacon Phil.

THANK YOU!
From June 29th to July 6th, we joined four young adults from St. Ann on a mission trip to the town of Pharr, Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. The mission consisted in assisting at a summer camp program and sharing cultural experiences with the Las Milpas ARISE Center. The ARISE summer camp is a community development program operated by the people of three neighboring communities, called “colonias.” Although these communities are economically impoverished, they are working together to improve life for their neighbors and their families.

Upon arrival late Saturday night, the very welcoming staff allowed us to stay at their center for the duration of our time there. The ARISE staff even provided groceries and an authentic Mexican meal each day. Delicioso!!

ARISE had arranged for several field trips for the St. Ann group. The field trips began on Sunday with a tour of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle and Mass--complete with a 12-piece Mariachi Band. We visited the Catholic Relief Service Respite Center in McAllen, Texas where hundreds of immigrant families were receiving food, medical help, showers, and clothing. While we were there, we helped sort and distribute the donated clothes. In San Benito, we toured LA POSADA--an inn for migrants waiting for placements related to legal decisions. In Hidalgo, we toured the border crossing and the wall.

Each day our St. Ann group worked with youth from ages 4 to 14. Activities included clay sculptures, face painting, shoebox float building, kite flying, and sports. The campers and the St. Ann volunteers were very engaged and responsive. The week culminated with a Mardi Gras Parade complete with beads, throws, masks, and music. The children learned quickly to yell “Throw me something, Mister!” and scramble for beads.

On Friday, Las Milpas hosted a "Fiesta" for ARISE staff and volunteers, and small gifts and words of appreciation were exchanged. Our group performed a Hispanic line dance called "El Rival" with the youth volunteers. Then, the 'Krewe of St. Ann' handed out white handkerchiefs and everyone second-lined to authentic New Orleans Mardi Gras music. The Fiesta concluded with all ages joining together with music and dancing. This was a joyful culmination to a fruitful week. We witnessed a growing, Spirit-filled connection between the youth of our St. Ann group and the local young people of the Rio Grande Valley.

Sincerely,

‘Roberto and Hill’ Hitchins
**Parish School of Religion Registration Night August 27th**

Registration for the fall session of our Parish School of Religion is currently completed on-line by going to: [shorturl.at/vHMW3](shorturl.at/vHMW3) or the church website and clicking on the Parish School of Religion link. Our Registration Night 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](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.

**Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner nets over $9,000 for St. Michael’s School!!!**

Our local council of the Knights of Columbus raised over $9,000 as a major fund-raiser to support the great work of St. Michael’s Special School. With the $10 spaghetti dinners, prize raffles and 50/50 drawings, your generosity has surpassed last year’s event by over $1,000! On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, we thank everyone who had a part in supporting St. Michael’s Special School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**St. Ann Family Receives Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month”**

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Heap and their family were awarded the Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” for July. The Heaps were given this award for exhibiting a great example of high Catholic family values. Each month, our local council of the Knights of Columbus will highlight one family as an example to our parish of excellent Catholic identity. If you would like to submit a family to be considered for this award, please email us at: [kc3465@gmail.com](mailto:kc3465@gmail.com)

The Knights of Columbus 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](http://www.kc3465.org).

**Be Bold! Be a Real Man! Be a Knight!**

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**Adult Evening Bible Study**

**Letter of James—Pearls of Wise Living**

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to find joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. In James: Pearls for Wise Living, presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our Faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its Faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel, in James you’ll discover wisdom you can apply to the present day. This ten-week video-led course will begin on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, and continue for until November 19th. The cost will be $25 for the course material and refreshments. All adults are welcomed to attend!