September 15, 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
September 15, 2019

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today, throughout the Catholic Church, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme of "Stay with Us."

This is a special observance in each parish as we pray for and ask God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Those who share in this ministry are our catechists in the Parish School of Religion, the administrators and teachers in our Catholic Schools, youth ministers and those who are involved in the ministry of RCIA. Please join me in thanking them for not only giving of themselves in a generous way to provide religious education and formation for our youth and adults, but also pray that God will continue to bless them and inspire them in their ministry. They give of themselves in a generous way to help others open their hearts to Christ. Furthermore, their example of faith is one that can be a source of inspiration to us.

Join me in praying for students, parents and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded that parents are the primary teachers of their children in faith and we pray for them that they will joyfully fulfill this vocation. I invite parents involved to continue this involvement in the education and Christian formation of their children. Parents, they need you, your support, and they need your example of living out your faith. You are a powerful witness to your child.

Please know of my deep appreciation and prayer of thanksgiving to all of you who share in this important ministry of catechesis and Christian formation.

Wishing you God's blessings, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans
Twenty-Fourth Sunday Year C

Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future … Have you taken note of the statue outside the confessional here at St. Ann Church? It is Rembrandt’s return of the prodigal son. In today’s Gospel, St. Luke has two wonderful parables of Jesus: the woman with the lost coin and the man with the lost son. Firstly, the woman teaches us about persistence … lighting a lamp and sweeping the house, searching carefully until she finds the lost coin. Secondly, the father gives us hope when we feel like things may be hopeless … I will rise and go to my father. The father teaches us about a shepherd’s care. The father also teaches us about the possibility of rejection. Children sometimes reject their parents out of selfishness … “Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.” To be honest, if I acted like this toward my mother and father, I’m not sure I would get my share of the property. Instead, I would get my share of “who do you think you are” and my mother using whatever was nearest to her at the time to beat me – the broom, the poker for the fireplace, or an oversized spatula.

I think the story of the lost son points to a certain selfish, self-centered, egocentric and greedy attitude whereas the father is prayerful and looks out the window daily to see if his son is coming home. We are all a bit like the lost son. We are sometimes demanding and want things our own way. We tend to obey ourselves over God. We tend to pleasure and indulge ourselves only to feel “naked and ashamed” like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan always says: Look at your sin but God says: Look at my Son. In spite of our sins and our stubbornness, Jesus Christ is willing to welcome us back. I share the following thought: “I have discovered that trouble is one of God’s great servants because it reminds us how much we continually need him.” We have all suffered the consequences of sin, and for that very reason we must learn from the forgiving father to be compassionate and hopeful of the pitiable state of others in life. Sin doesn’t necessarily have the stench of a smelly pig but it burrows into the soul and drags us down. The son reflects on his life and realizes that apart from God, there is no hope. Repentance and regret brings him to his senses and he comes home prepared to confess and be one of his father’s servants. His confession ended a life of slavery to sin. The forgiving father is not worried about the dirty clothes and the pig smell. The son is washed clean, clothed, sandals put on his feet [servants did not wear shoes or sandals or rings] and a ring on his finger - a sign of his sonship and acceptance!

The older son, who was always obedient and dutiful, ends us angry and jealous toward his younger brother, and takes it out on his father for yielding and surrendering to the younger son who squandered his share of the estate. Not only was he angry, but he sulked … The picture of the older brother isn’t so pretty anymore. He refused to go into the party … heaven. Would you refuse to go into heaven because there was someone there you thought should not be there?

Reflection: Fr. Billy

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**September 15 - September 21, 2019**

Sanctuary Light (Church)  
Jack Demarest

Sanctuary Light (Chapel)  
Ashley Code
PARISH CALENDAR

15 Second Collection Catholic Communications Campaign  
Catechetical Sunday  
“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”  
CYO 6:00 pm

16 Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr  
No Bus Service  
Come & See - St. Ann Room 9:30 am  
S.A.M. Meeting - JPII Room 6:00 pm  
Men’s Club Meeting - Cafeteria 7:00 pm

17 Fr. Billy’s Birthday  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor  
Adoration - Chapel 9:15 - 6:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond 9:45 am  
School Fundraiser - Izzo’s Illegal Burrito 4 - 10 pm  
PSR 6:45 pm  
Adult Bible Study - “James” - Cafeteria 7:00 pm

18 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal - No Afternoon Bus Service - No Afternoon Daycare  
Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond 9:30 am  
Sewing Seams of Faith - St. Raymond 1:00 pm  
Pastoral Council Meeting - St. Raymond 7:00 pm

19 St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr  
Adult Catechism - St. Raymond - 9:30 am  
Adult Faith Formation - JPII Room - 7:00 pm  
Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting - Cafeteria 7pm

20 Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Hasang and their Companions, Martyrs.

21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
Boy Scouts Court of Honor - Cafeteria 2:00 pm  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Church 5:00 pm

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COME HOME TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you a Catholic who has fallen away from your faith?

Have you thought to yourself that you might be interested in coming back into the fullness of our faith?

In conjunction with RCIA beginning in October, I am beginning a “Come Home to Your Catholic Faith” ministry. Throughout the year I will be inviting our fallen away brothers and sisters to take a look at how to return to the faith of their Baptism. These messages will be available in our parish bulletin and on our St. Ann web page. You can reach me by leaving a message for me on our parish voicemail system at 504-455-7071 extension 2257. You can also approach me in person to set up an appointment.

Stay tuned for future invitations to Come Home to Your Catholic Faith.

Sincerely yours in faith and love,  
Deacon Tom

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]
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: ____________________________
E-Mail: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Donation Category: ____________________________
Amount Enclosed: ____________________________

Happy September fellow ministry members!
The discussion topic of our next meeting will be scripture quoted by the Most Reverend Gregory Aymond, during his address on addiction earlier this year. God IS the higher power that everyone can call upon. We can help ourselves and our loved ones affected by addiction when we realize that God is necessary for peace in recovery. Recovery is also a desired state for you desperate and tired folks trying to get your loved ones sober!

Join me in preparing for our talk by reviewing the scripture listed below.
1. Mark 1:23
2. Matthew 8:28
3. Matthew 8:1
4. Mark 8:24
5. Mark 2:1
6. Matthew 25

The Archbishop also shared his insight about how the sacraments are available for folks struggling with addiction, and what we as Christians must offer to those suffering.

Get excited that God is always ready for your recovery and our beloved Jesus is a source of the comfort we need.

See you Monday September 16 at 6pm.
God Bless.
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Want to Learn More About the Catholic Church?
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.
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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 until November 19th. The cost will be $25 for the course material and refreshments. All adults are welcomed to attend!

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