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

October 27, 2019
30th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it
does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it
withdraw till the Most High responds.
~ Sirach 35:17-18a

Pray with us on Saturdays!
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 PM
Rosary 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM
St. Ann Church & National Shrine
Pamphlets available at the entrances of the church
It is the last Sunday in October and the 30th Sunday of the Liturgical Year, which means we have just four more weeks of Year C Sunday readings. On the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new year and we return to Cycle A for Sunday readings and Cycle II for weekday readings. Various dioceses celebrate Priesthood Sunday today. What is that? Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the ordained priesthood, a day to affirm the role of priests in the Catholic Church. For me personally, I ask for your continued prayers for us priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and especially for our shepherd and guide, Archbishop Gregory Aymond. Pray for our seminarians, and if you find yourself thinking that someone has a calling to priesthood, make it known to them and pray for them to have the courage to answer that call.

There is an old English idiom: “A picture is worth a thousand words.” So, what do you see in the attached picture? It reflects the two men in today’s Gospel parable. The Pharisee reflects a certain look at me attitude with head unbowed – self-righteous and boasting by comparing himself to the crooked tax collector ... The tax collector keeps his distance and prays for God’s mercy.

Jesus uses this parable to teach us about prayer. We are all paupers when it comes to our relationship with God. Knowing we are poor before God is a healthy sign of our reliance on God for everything. We are not called to come to Church on Sunday and look down on those who no longer have faith. That would make us like the Pharisee in today’s Gospel parable. We cannot condemn those who have lost faith. It’s our challenge to live out our faith more deeply and in such a way that it will shine a light for those who live in darkness … We must walk the talk!

It’s interesting to note the contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee says: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people … I fast twice a week and I give a tenth of all my income.” In essence he tells God what he deserves - full of himself and therefore a slight need for God. However, the tax collector stands at a distance unworthy to look up to heaven and asks God to have mercy on him as a sinner, and therefore a great need for God.

The meaning of the parable can be found in Jesus’ point: “For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. The tax collector admits his sinfulness but the Pharisee thinks of himself as righteous because of all the things he has done. I’ll finish with these words: We are not Christians because we think we’re good. We are Christians because we know we’re not.

Reflection: Fr. Billy
St. Ann School News

This Sunday, Oct. 27th is Priesthood Sunday. We appreciate Father Billy and Father Vincent for their inspired and generous service to St. Ann Parish and School. The students will have a special “All Saints” assembly performed by the kindergarten students next week. The students will have a holiday on Nov. 1st.
Thanksgiving Food Drive

SHOWING OUR THANKFULNESS
BY FEEDING THOSE IN NEED
IN OUR COMMUNITY

The St. Anthony Ministry is asking for your help. The following items are requested to fill the Thanksgiving boxes that we will be handing out to needy families. Please place the items in the food bins marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the shrine.

Cranberry Sauce
Turkey Gravy
Gravy Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Stove Top Stuffing
Canned Yams
Macaroni & Cheese
Rice
Peas or Carrots
Green Beans

Oil
Marshmallows
Oatmeal or Grits
Cereal
Cereal Bars
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Chicken Noodle Soup
Crackers
Cake Mix & Icing
Sugar
Canned Meats

We appreciate your contributions and wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

~St. Anthony Ministry
Journey Through the Catacombs!!!

What:
A walk-through of the Roman Catacombs (replica)!!!

LAST CHANCE!!!

When:
Saturday, Oct 26
  5 pm - 6 pm
Sunday, Oct 27
  10 am - 1 pm
  6 pm - 7:30 pm

Where:
St. Ann Parish Ministries Center
(located behind church)

Who: Open to the public of any faith!

Cost: Donations to the CYO

Each visitor receives a treat upon exit! Bring the whole family!!!

Be the Face of Jesus Ministry

The committee met on October 25 to put together the gift bags. If you would like to come to the next meeting it will be Wednesday October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Raymond room of the Parish Center. Little children are welcome!

If you have anyone in your neighborhood that has a new home, new baby, sick family member, or a recently deceased family member, please reach out to us so that you can share with them one of our thought bags. The thought bag is a small gift for the family and a note from St. Ann Parish to let them know we are here for them and praying for them, no matter what religion they may be. Our goal is to build bridges with our neighbors in our community.

You can email to arrange for a thought bag to be picked up or brought to you, or the home you wish to share with.

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$15,970 in Cash Prizes

Proceeds benefit our local KC Council and its Charitable Programs
Get YOURS Today!!! On Sale in the Church Office. $20 per Calendar
$20 enters you into a drawing for cash prizes to be held everyday of the year (365 raffle drawings)! You can win more than once! Your ticket stays in the raffle everyday - even if you previously won!

Prizes
$2,000 Columbus day
$1,000 New Year's Day
$250 April 1 & December 1
$150 1st day of Feb, Mar, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov.
$100 Saturdays (51 drawings)
$20 All other days (301 drawings)

Adult Volunteers are needed to assist with our high school CYO Youth Program!
If you or someone you know may be interested, call the church office at 455-7071, ext. 2229

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NEVER Stop Learning!
St. Ann Church offers many adult faith formation opportunities to help ALL Catholics continue to learn about their Catholic faith! The various programs are offered during the day or evening, on a variety of days. So never feel like you've learned it all; even priests and deacons continue to learn after being ordained!!!
Mondays 9:15 a.m.—Adult prayer group
Tuesdays 9:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.—Catholic Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays 9:15 a.m.—Adult Rosary group
Thursdays 9:15 a.m.—Adult Faith Formation group
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