ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
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Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

Pray with us on Saturdays!
Chaplet of Divine Mercy  3:00 PM
Rosary 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:15 - 10:00 am

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 AM Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday:
6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 pm
or by appointment

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Sunday of Advent
They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

December 1, 2019
Mass Intentions

Sunday December 1
4:00 pm Vigil Frank Salamone, William P. Patterson, George A. Sanderson Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, Sherron Leggio, Ernie Becnel, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Reyes & Family (SI), Jillian Clark, Gardner & McCleland Families, Mark & Gertrude Melancon, Dominic & Maria, George Sens Jr., Jack Worley, Denise DeLage, Peter Bua, Vincent Salamone, Frances Dauphin Burke, Albert F. Hezeau Jr., Ferdinand Berry, Albert Temes Sr., Jacob Smith (Healing), Gerald Listi (Healing)
8:00 am Marjorie Person
9:30 am Aubrey Mire
11:00 am Frank McNulty, Dominic, Raymond J. Aleman Sr., Clarence F. Schlamp Jr., Pearl & Frank Ferrara, Tran Family (SI), Ines Thomas, Pearl Kingston, Frances Dauphin Blanke, Ferdinand Berry, Ramiro & Allison Guerra (SI), Robert Hitchins III (Healing)
5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday December 2
6:30 am George S. Turpie III
8:45 am Anna Tran

Tuesday December 3
6:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am Aubrey Mire
7:00 pm Aline Richards

Wednesday December 4
6:30 am Conchetta Dubret
8:45 am Hilda & Anthony Roppolo

Thursday December 5
6:30 am Tran Family (SI)
8:45 am Alphonse Gannon

Friday December 6
6:30 am Melva Helwig
8:45 am Michael & Marian Donahoe

Saturday December 7
7:30 am Sandy Guarino (SI)

December 1 - December 7, 2019
Sanctuary Light
Patricia Vezina

December Parish Calendar

1 First Sunday of Advent
   CYO - 6 PM - Youth House
2 School Walk-through Tours 9:30 AM School Office
   Come & See - 9:30 AM - St. Ann Room
   St. Anthony Ministry - 6:30 PM - St. Raymond
   RCIA - 7 PM - St. Ann room
3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest
   iGive Catholic Giving Day
   Adoration - 9:15 AM - 6 PM - Chapel
   Adult Bible Study - 9:45 AM - St. Raymond
   PSR Classes - 6:45 PM Cafeteria & Classrooms
4 St. John Damascene, Priest
   School Mass - 8:45 AM
   Rosary Prayer Group - 9:30 AM - St. Raymond
   Sewing Seams of Faith - 1 PM - St. Raymond
   Girl Scout Troop Leaders - 6:30 PM St. Raymond
5 School Walk-through tours - 9:30 AM school Office
   Adult Catechism Study - 9:30 AM - St. Raymond
   Adult Faith Formation - 7 PM - JPII
   Home & School Club Christmas Party - 7 PM
6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
   Adoration - 9:30 AM - Church
   School Confessions - 12 PM - Church
   SAS Band & Choir Performance at Celebration in the Oaks - 6:15 PM
7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
   Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious
   Santa’s Secret Workshop - 10 AM - Cafeteria
   Altar Server Christmas Party - 6 PM - gym
Happy New Year! With the lighting of the first candle of the Advent wreath on the First Sunday of Advent, we enter into a new liturgical year.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word “ad-venire” which means “to come to.” Advent is a time of preparation, joy, and hope as we await the One who has come and will return in His glory. In this holy season, we commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and we look forward to His second coming in glory.

The Advent wreath, which many of us have at home, has a profoundly symbolic meaning. Wreaths and candles were used by the pre-Germanic peoples during the wintertime as they awaited the coming of a warm and bright spring. The tradition was later adopted by Christians to convey their hope for the coming of the true Sun. The circle of the evergreens reminds us of continuous life and the eternity of God. Four candles, three purple and one rose, are used to mark the four weeks of the Holy Season. The purple ones symbolize the prayer, penance, sacrifices, and the good works we are called to do in this time. On the Third Sunday or Gaudete Sunday, the rose candle is lit to express the joy and excitement as we come closer to Christmas. As your family gathers and blesses the Advent wreath at home, this prayer can be used:

_Lord our God,
we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation._

_Lord God,
let Your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord._
_Amen._

As we decorate the wreath, light the tree, and adorn the home, let us not forget to prepare our hearts - the Lord’s preferred dwelling place. The tabernacle of our hearts might be covered with dust and cobwebs of sins. Advent is a time for us to cleanse our hearts. We need to get rid of the filthy and deep-rooted sins that have defiled our hearts. Let us beautify our hearts with the incense of prayers and the light of sacrifices and works of mercy.

The Prince of Peace is coming near and He will not delay. Have our hearts ready for Him. Let us sing with joy: O Come, Emmanuel!

Fr. Vincent Nguyen

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Advent**

These books have been made available through the generosity of a St. Ann Parishioner. Please be sure to take one on the way out of Mass.
Show the date!

Eric McCrory presents:
“A Christmas to warm your Heart”

Friday, December 13th ~7:00 PM
St. Ann Church

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass Schedule:
Monday, December 9th
6:30 AM,
8:45 AM
6:30 PM

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The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.


Don’t have access to a computer or need help making your gift? Bring your credit card to the St. Ann School office on Monday, December 2, or Tuesday, December 3, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and receive personal assistance to help make your gift.

Questions?
Call Sara Cooper at 504-455-8383 x.181 or email scooper@stannschool.org.

The St. Anthony Ministry and St. Ann School Junior Beta Club worked together to collect enough food to supply nearly 100 Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this effort. Your generosity really does make a difference.
St. Ann School News

The school is preparing for the birth of Jesus. Our Advent theme is “Shining Bright Christmas Light.” Our school is continuing with walk through tours every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Please meet in the school office if you are considering registering your child for any of our programs beginning with the PK2 class. For more information about our school please check www.stannschool.org or call 455-8383.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

Tuesday, December 24th
NO 6:30 a.m. Mass
There will be an 8:45 AM Mass
Vigil Masses:
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Candlelight Christmas Mass:
10:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25th
Christmas Day Masses:
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Day

Tuesday, December 31st
NO 6:30 AM Mass
There will be 8:45 AM Mass
Vigil Mass 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1st
New Year's Day Masses:
6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Once again St. Ann Parish is invited to share OUR blessings and gifts with the multitudes who are less fortunate. Hope House and Catholic Charities have numerous children, families, elderly and homeless whom they serve and whom we also, are called to serve. These wonderful Catholic facilities provide for these needs on a daily basis and St. Ann is always extremely generous in our Christmas sharing. The “Giving Tree” will be in church from Thanksgiving through SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8. The Angel tags on the tree will indicate the necessary information to enable you to provide a truly Merry Christmas for MANY less fortunate. The tags will indicate specific gift requests along with age, size, etc.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU SELECT AN ANGEL TAG YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE WRAP IT SECURELY WITHOUT A BOW AND PLACE IT UNDER THE TREE AT THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES ONLY!!!!

PLEASE TAPE THE ANGEL TAG SECURELY TO THE PACKAGE.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A GIFT AND RETURN IT ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 8. We must have time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. We ask that all gifts be NEW.

Again for SECURITY reasons, please place your gifts under the tree ONLY AT MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

Merry Christmas!

ST. ANN SCHOOL

Walk Through Tours

Every Monday & Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

www.stannschool.org

Educating students from PK2 - 7th grade

Immaculate Conception

Merry Christmas!
Purchase YOUR Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar TODAY in the church office!!!

$20 per Calendar          $15,970 in Cash Prizes!!!

Proceeds benefit our local KC Council and its Charitable Programs

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)

Musings From A Pilgrim Along The Way...

Years ago I had an epiphany here at St. Ann Church. This was years before I became a parishioner here or even worked here. At the time, my family and I lived in Tennessee and were visiting our family at Easter. We were crowded in the church like sardines and with our family and all the others, it was hard to pay attention, or even worship with any feeling. But I am a singer, and when the choir announces a song, I am first to grab the hymnals and find the song announced. As you know, this is generally not a common Catholic practice!

But during the Mass, the priest said something that has stuck with me ever since, and has changed the way I worship at Mass. Just before the “Holy, Holy, Holy . . .” the priest said something during the “preface” that radically changed my thinking. His words were, “On this day, O Lord, it is truly right above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim: . . . Holy, Holy, Holy Lord . . .”

Have you ever thought about that? That during the Mass we are LITERALLY praying with the “heavenly powers and angelic hosts?” Think about it next time during Mass, all throughout Mass, but especially as we are reminded just before we pray the “Holy, Holy, Holy.” Perhaps it will change the way you worship. If so, Glory be to God!

D. Wilson . . .

Men’s Spiritual Retreat

All men of St. Ann parish are invited to participate in the archdiocesan Men’s Spiritual Retreat, entitled: “Mission Possible: Personal Holiness.” Our council of the Knights of Columbus will pay 60% of the cost of the retreat for any man of our parish wishing to attend. Your cost will be just $15 for the entire day. This will be held March 7 at St. Catherine of Sienna church and includes lunch.

Guest speakers include Jack Del Rio, Peter Herbeck, and Curtis Martin. More information is available online at https://www.neworleanscatholic.com/ Contact the church office at 455-7-71 to sign up. Reservations are limited!