ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE
4940 Meadowdale St.,
Metairie, LA 70006
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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

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSD 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

St. Ann School
stannschool.org
4921 Meadowdale St.
504-455-8383
Lindsay Guidry, Principal

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

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019
The desert and the
parched land will exult;
the steppe will
rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom
with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
Isaiah 35:1-2
### Mass Intentions

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### December Parish Calendar

#### December 15 - December 20, 2019

**Sanctuary Light (Church)**
- Eugene Hickey

**Sanctuary Light (Chapel)**
- Bourgeois Family

**Altar Flowers**
- Thomas J. Kelly

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**December 15**
- Third Sunday of Advent
  - Breakfast with Santa - Cafeteria - 10:30 AM
  - CYO - Gym - 6 PM
  - Christmas Pageant & Choir/Band Concert - Gym
  - Reception Following - Cafeteria - 7 PM

**December 16**
- School Walk-Through Tours - School Office - 9:30 AM
  - Christmas Dress-Down Day - All Grades
  - Men's Club Meeting - Cafeteria - 7 PM
  - SAM Meeting - JPII - 6 PM

**December 17**
- Adoration - Chapel - 9:15 AM - 6 PM
  - Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM
  - Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond - 1 PM
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecelia Room - 7 PM
  - Youth Choir Rehearsal - Church - 7 PM

**December 18**
- School Mass 8:45 AM
  - Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM
  - Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM
  - Adult Faith Formation - JPII - 7 PM
  - Choir Dress Rehearsal - Church - 7 PM

**December 19**
- School Walk-Through Tours - School Office - 9:30 AM
  - No PM Bus Service
  - Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM
  - Adult Faith Formation - JPII - 7 PM
  - Choir Dress Rehearsal - Church - 7 PM

**December 20**
- Christmas Activities & Assembly (5th Grade)
  - End of 2nd Quarter
  - No Afternoon Daycare - No Afternoon Bus Service
  - No Lunch Served

**December 21**
- Commemoration of St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor
  - Altar Society - St. Raymond - 10 AM
Rejoice, For Our God Is Coming To Save Us!

As the rose candle is being lit on the Advent wreath, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is traditionally known as **Gaudete Sunday**. In Latin, the word “**Gaudete**” means “rejoice.” In the midst of our preparations for the Lord’s coming, this Sunday is filled with joy. We are joyful because we are halfway through the Advent journey and Christmas celebration is coming closer. The Prince of Peace is coming to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

According to the prophet Isaiah, the Kingdom of Heaven will be founded on the arrival of the Anointed One of God. At His coming, He will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. Under the rule of the Prince of Peace, “the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy.” When people see these signs, they will know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist’s disciples asked Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another.” And Jesus answered them, saying: “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them”. If you were Jesus’ contemporaries, you would know what He meant. He showed them His identity through the works of His hands. The signs of the Kingdom foretold by Isaiah found their fulfillment in Jesus. He is the true King whose coming brings peace and healing to those wounded by the ancient serpent. We, the wounded people should rejoice because Christ is coming to save us.

Since the Prince of Peace has shown His identity by the works of His holy hands, we who are trying to walk in His footsteps must do likewise. We must show people around us our Catholic identity by the good deeds of our hands. By doing the physical and spiritual works of mercy, we actualize the signs of the Kingdom of God. We reflect the joy of the Kingdom by loving and caring words and deeds. **Like those who were sent by Christ to bear witness to Him, let us go and tell people what we hear and see.**

Reflection by Fr. Vincent

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**COMING HOME**

We are now in the middle of this Advent season; the celebration of Jesus’ birth is within our sight. It is good for us to reflect on how we are preparing for the celebration of Christ’s becoming man to save us from our own sins. Take a couple of days in the next two weeks to read the daily scriptures from the Prophet Isaiah that pertain to the Advent Season and see how God prepares the way for Jesus’ coming. Don’t get so caught up in “doing Christmas,” but focus on what the real meaning of Christmas is. The greatest gift we can give to those who do not know Jesus or who have abandoned Him for the ways of the world, is to give them the gift of Jesus that lies deep within us. **If you have been away or know someone who has strayed, invite them back to the church during this time of preparation. It will be the greatest gift you can give them.**

The following quote is from the 5th Joyful Mystery reflection in the interactive Rosary prayer on the **Laudate App**.

“Let us think of how many times we have been far from Jesus; from that Jesus, who with so much love has died for us. Let us meditate that in the difficulties of life the only safety is finding Jesus and never again leaving his great love”.

**Please contact me at 504-455-7071 ext. 2257 if I can help you or your family members to Come Home to Our Catholic Faith.**

~ Deacon Tom
During this season of Advent, the students made many preparations for Christmas. Friday, Dec. 20th is the last school day before the Christmas holidays. The students will be treated to the re-enactment of the Nativity by the fifth grade students and will celebrate with Christmas parties. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.

Fr. Vincent visited the students and brought treats as we celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Thank you for your support and generosity on #GivingTuesday! We had 75 donations in the amount of $4,340 donated to St. Ann School via #iGiveCatholic. These funds will go to the St. Ann School Endowment Fund.

Forgot to give? Want to make an additional donation? Please visit https://cf.arch-no.org/give and select the St. Ann School Endowment Fund. You can also send checks made payable to St. Ann School Endowment Fund to the school office.

The next #iGiveCatholic day of giving will be December 1, 2020.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Ann School. We are proud that we can continue to add to our Endowment Fund. The growth of the St. Ann School Endowment Fund helps assure our legacy for the future.
Each year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter’s Square for “Bambinelli Sunday.” The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child - the “Bambinelli” - from their family’s Nativity scene. During the noontime Angelus prayer, the pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought. On the Third Sunday of Advent - December 15th - at all the Masses, we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here at St. Ann Church. Therefore, we invite the children to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass for a blessing, and then to be taken home and placed in the Nativity Scene as you wait for Christmas.
LAST CHANCE!!! Purchase YOUR Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar TODAY in the church office!!!

$20 per Calendar (That’s a NICKLE a drawing!) $15,970 in Cash Prizes!!!
Proceeds benefit our local KC Council and its Charitable Programs

$20 enters you into a drawing for cash prizes to be held every day of the year (366 raffle drawings)!
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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)

Remember!
Satan in Your Biggest Tempter to Sin And Your Loudest Accuser When You Do!

Knights of Columbus

Our council of the Knights of Columbus is looking for a few Godly men. From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. If you would like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we would like to meet you and invite you to join us. To learn more, call 455-7071 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org

St. Anthony Ministry

The St. Anthony Ministry, formerly known as St. Vincent DePaul, encompasses many efforts designed to help those in need within St. Ann Parish ranging from food assistance with our pantry, financial assistance, spiritual guidance, Thanksgiving baskets, housing and furnishing assistance. If you wish to become involved in any of these ministries, simply contact the church office at 455-7071, and we will be happy to help you get involved.

Living out our Christian faith is the role of every Baptized Catholic!

How well do you know your Catholic Faith?
Liturgy Year Pop Quiz

1. Which Feast Day is the LAST of the Liturgical Calendar?
   A. First Sunday of Advent    B. Christ the King
   C. Ash Wednesday              D. December 31st

2. When is the FIRST day of the Liturgical calendar?
   A. First Sunday of Advent    B. Christ the King
   C. First Sunday of Lent      D. January 1st

3. What color vestments are worn during Ordinary Time?
   A. Red    B. Blue    C. Green    D. Purple

4. When is the Holy Triduum?
   A. First 3 days of Liturgical year  B. December 26-28
   C. Last 3 days of Liturgical year  D. Holy Thursday—Holy Saturday

5. In the United States, how many “Holy Days of Obligation” are there?
   A. 6  B. 12  C. 4  D. 8

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers