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!
Chapel of Divine Mercy 3:00 PM
Rosary 3:20 PM
Mass 4:00 PM

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

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

Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising
preceded them, until it came and stopped
over the place where the child was.
Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 12:1-12

The word *Epiphany* means manifestation - the manifestation of Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. As Magi, they followed the faint stars, distant points of light, but as the Wise Men from the East they follow Jesus who is Light from Light, true God from true God ... So too our call as pilgrims in faith - to move from being ordinary people to realizing the wisdom of God being unveiled in our lives as we “process” through life searching and longing with often restless hearts only to find the words of St. Augustine to be very true: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, my God.”

It’s King’s Day in New Orleans and we will partake in the tradition of eating some king cake. There is an old European tradition and custom on the eve of the Epiphany of writing in chalk above the front door of houses the letters C, M, B enclosed by the numerals of the New Year. Thus, the inscription would look like 20+C+M+B+20. The letters themselves have a double meaning. They stand for the names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, but they also function as the initials of a blessing for the home: Christus Mansionem Benedicat - May Christ Bless this House. As part of going and announcing the Gospel of the Lord, take a few minutes and chalk the door frame of your house and let it be an invitation for others to seek and pilgrim like the Magi so as to find the Way, the Truth, and the Life in Jesus Christ ...

The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Gold is a symbol of all our possessions. In laying our gifts at the feet of Jesus we are saying: “I acknowledge that everything I have is yours. I put all my resources and wealth under your authority and will use them only according to your will.” Frankincense is the gift of worship. Incense is a symbol of prayer rising up and worship ... laying down time for worship and prayer by being in God’s holy house every Sunday rendering thanks and praise. Myrrh is usually understood as a burial ointment, and prefigures the death of Jesus, but also symbolizes our own death - a death that means dying to ourselves and our “wants” and laying down the gift of every day at the feet of Jesus Christ. Remember the words of Mary: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.”

“It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.” [Henry D. Thoreau]

Reflection by: Fr. Billy

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**Mass Intentions**

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**January 5 - 11, 2020**

_Sanctuary Light (Church)_
_Alice & Sidney Poursine_

_Altar Decorations_
_Alice & Sidney Poursine_

_Sanctuary Light (Chapel)_
_Anna & Walter Dyer_
**PARISH CALENDAR**

5 Epiphany of the Lord  
CYO - Youth House - 6 PM

6 School Resumes - No Bus Service  
Come & See - St. Ann Room - 9:30 AM  
Walk-through Tours - School Office - 9:30 AM  
Grandparents Club King Cake Carnival Kick-Off  
St. Anthony Ministry - St. Raymond - 6:30 PM

7 Adoration - Chapel - 9:15 AM - 6 PM  
Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond - 9:45 AM  
Faculty Meeting - Music Room - 3:30 PM  
PSR - Cafeteria & Classes - 6:45 PM

8 Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM  
Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond - 1 PM  
Open House Prospective New Parents - Cafeteria  
7 PM

9 Report Cards Posted - 2nd Quarter  
Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond - 9:30 AM  
Walk-Through Tours - School Office - 9:30 AM  
Knights of Columbus - St. Raymond - 6 PM  
Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Cafeteria - 6:30 PM

10 Movie Night/Pajama Party—Grades 1 - 2 - Cafeteria - 7 PM

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**TUESDAY ADORATION**

The Adoration Ministry offers an invitation to quiet prayer. Faith brings to one’s life a thirst to know the Lord, to know God’s will and to know oneself better; and quiet prayer provides a time to listen and to present to the Lord individual cares and hopes for families, friends and oneself. Every Tuesday at St Ann Church, following the 8:45 A.M. Mass, a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins and continues until 6:30 P.M., prior to the 7:00 P.M. Novena Mass. The Adoration Society ensures that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

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**Save the Dates**

ST. ANN LENTEN MISSION  
FR. BRICE HIGGINBOTHAM  
MARCH 9 - 11, 2020  
MASSES AT 10 AM & 7 PM
ST. ANN SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Walk Through Tours
Every Monday and Thursday - 9:30am - School Office

Open House
January 8, 2020 - 7:30pm - Cafeteria

ONLINE Registration for Returning Students - January 20-24, 2020
Registration, Non-Support and iPad Fees due by Friday, Jan. 24, 2020
Tuition due by May 1, 2020

New Student Registration
February 3, 2020 – 6:00-7:00pm - Cafeteria
Registration and Non-Support Fees collected
We are currently accepting early applications for our PK2, PK3, and PK4 Programs

PK2 - PK3 - PK4 PROGRAMS
Children must be potty-trained for the PK3 and PK4 year old programs. Child must reach age 2, 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2020. Uniforms are required for all grade levels PK2-7th Grade.

Early Application Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 - $25.00 (non-refundable but applied to Registration Fee)
Registration Fee: PK2 / PK3 / PK4 Programs - $175.00 per child (non-refundable)
Tuition:
- 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (5) - M-T-W-T-F - $5790. per child
- 2, 3 or 4 year old - Full Day (3) - M-W-F - $3790. per child
- 2 or 3 year old - Half Day (3) - M-W-F - $2590. per child

PK2, PK3 and PK4 programs are separate from Kindergarten-7th grade.
Families with children in both will not be offered a family tuition rate.

KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE
Kindergarten - child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020. Readiness skills are expected.
Registration Fee: $165.00 - 1 child / $150.00 - each additional child (non-refundable)
Non-Support Fee: $350.00 per child (non-refundable)
iPad Fee: $170.00 annually for 6th-7th grades

Tuition:
- 1 child - $ 5590.
- 2 children - $10,580. = $5590. (1st) + $4990. (2nd)
- 3 children - $14,270. = $5590. (1st) + $4990. (2nd) + $3690. (3rd)

Non-Catholic families do not receive the family tuition discount.
St. Ann School continues to strive to keep tuition costs manageable.

WHAT IS THE ST. ANN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL?
The Advisory Council is an advisory to the Pastor and the Principal. The Advisory Council is established to serve as a resource to the Principal in implementing Archdiocesan policies and in formulating policies on the local parish level. The Advisory Council consists of 9 members (with or without children at St. Ann School), the Principal, and the Pastor.

WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER?
Qualifications of potential Advisory Council members include:
- A practicing Catholic attending mass weekly at St. Ann and supporting the parish
- Able to attend monthly meetings, which take place on the third Thursday of each school month
- Willingness to serve on the Advisory Council’s various committees and attend committee meetings
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- Accepting the Advisory Council’s proper role as a policy making body, not an administrative body
- Able to keep completely confidential those matters discussed in executive sessions
- Able to subordinate purely personal concerns as a parent from the overall welfare of all the students and the welfare of the parish and the school.

Please prayerfully consider the person or persons you feel have the necessary spiritual gifts and skills in our community to serve on the St. Ann School Advisory Council. List the name(s) below.

SELF-NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

If you have any questions or need further information about the Advisory Council, please contact:
Kris Trahan at kjtrahan@cox.net or Megan Edwards at megedwards7@gmail.com.

Forms should be returned to the school office no later than Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Name ___________ Phone ___________
Email ________________________________

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Email ________________________________
Date Night is limited to 75 couples. Last year, this event sold out, so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

Tickets are available on our website or in the parish office
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Sponsors are welcome and appreciated to help offset the cost of this event. Please see our website for details or call the parish office.

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St. Music Ministry

The music ministry consists of several choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists who give of their time and talent in service to the St. Ann community. The goal of this ministry is to unite the community in worship through song. All musicians are dedicated and committed to their ministry. Their devotion to excellence is proven in their desire and openness to learning new vocal skills and by attending musicianship workshops.

The Adult Choir, open to parishioners 18 years of age and older, sings each Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The Children's Choir, composed of boys and girls in grades 3 through 8, sings each Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

The Teen Choir, consisting of St. Ann Parish teens, sings praise with a more contemporary style of music each Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Contact the Church office to see how you can join!

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 455-7071 to sign up. Reservations are limited!

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? What can we learn about her from Sacred Scripture? Find out the answers in this Lectio series on Mary, beginning Monday January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, and building upon his book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary,” this video-led series, entitled, “Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God,” examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary. By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God. This promises to be a very insightful and enlightening presentation.

How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

Christmas Pop Quiz

1. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
   A. An Angel          B. Caesar Augustus  
   C. God               D. The High Priest

2. Which two Gospels give us infancy narratives about Jesus?
   A. Matthew  B. Mark  C. Luke  D. John

3. Who told Joseph that the baby’s name was to be Jesus?
   A. Mary              B. God  
   C. An Angel            D. Elizabeth

4. According to scripture, how many wise men visited Jesus?
   A. Three             B. Six  
   C. A Caravan         D. Unknown

5. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were told to look for?
   A. A choir of angels singing.  
   B. A star will come to rest on the place where he lay. 
   C. A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 
   D. Three wise men bringing gifts.

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers
