From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

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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 BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
Ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:15 - 10:00 am

Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Vincent Nguyen

WEEKDAY CHURCH HOURS
M-W-Th-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

St. Ann School
stannschool.org

Lindsay Guidry, Principal
### PARISH CALENDAR

**8** Daylight Savings Time Starts  
6 PM CYO - The Upper Room

**9** Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
Lenten Mission - Fr. Brice Higginbotham  
Masses at 10 AM and 7 PM  
9:30 AM Come & See - St. Ann Room  
9:30 AM Walk Through Tours - School Office  
6:30 PM KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - JP II  
7 PM Lectio: Mary - St. Cecelia  
7 PM RCIA - St. Ann Room

**10** Lenten Mission - Fr. Brice Higginbotham  
Masses at 10 AM and 7 PM  
9:15 AM—6 PM Adoration - Chapel  
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond Room  
6:45 PM PSR - Cafeteria & Classrooms

**11** Lenten Mission - Fr. Brice Higginbotham  
Masses at 10 AM and 7 PM  
9:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group - St. Raymond Room  
1 PM Sewing Seams of Faith Class - St. Raymond Room  
6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Cafeteria

**12** 9:30 AM Adult Catechism Study - St. Raymond Room  
9:30 AM Walk Through Tours - School Office  
6 PM KC (Business) - St. Raymond Room  
7 PM Safe Environment Workshop - Cafeteria

**13** End of Quarter - Dress Down Day - No Bus Service  
1:15 PM Girl Scout Spring Parade  
5:30 PM KC Lenten Dinner - Drive-Thru Only

**14** 8:30 AM Ladies Auxiliary - Church & JP II  
12 PM Men’s Club Family Feast Cookoff

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**  
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**  
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**  
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**  
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday**  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday**  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday**  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### MASS INTENTIONS

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| 4:00 pm | George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura,  
John Falgoust, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Ernie Becnel, Robert Palmer, Sr., Wayne Nolan,  
Marilyn Berry (Health), Kalma Scandaliato, Elta &  
Hillard Hymel, Rita Baker, Pat Bontempo,  
Harold Lehmann, Joe & Eirvy Lanza, Brittany  
Maeher (SI), Stephen M. Waguespack, Jules  
Albert, Jr., Lucy A. Retzlaff, Bill Elliott,  
St. Joseph (In Thanksgiving), Greg Ciolino |
| 8:00 am | Jack Worley |
| 9:30 am | Parishioners |
| 11:00 am | Luis Toca, Gale Oddo, Lloveras Wegmann,  
President Donald Trump (SI), Deacon Tom Fox  
(Health), Marilyn Berry (Health) |
| 5:00 pm | Georgette Young |

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**March 8 - 14, 2020**

**Sanctuary Light (Church)**  
Tu & Thien Tran

**Sanctuary Light (Chapel)**  
Gale Oddo
The Second Sunday of Lent already ... It's International Women's Day. Daylight Saving Time begins - the time of the year when clocks are moved forward one hour to create more sunlight hours in the evening. Benjamin Franklin first conceived the idea in 1784 while serving as U.S. ambassador to France.

The Second Sunday of Lent takes us up the mountain to meet the transfigured Jesus. The story of the transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the transfiguration follows Jesus' prediction of his death on a cross. The transfiguration occurs in the presence of three disciples - Peter, James, and John. According to Matthew the Evangelist, those are among the first whom Jesus called. They are also the ones asked to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

These 40 days of Lent invite us to prepare and be part of the transfiguration that our world needs today, for God has plans for a great and blessed nation, as he told Abram in the first reading today. For this change to happen and be noticed we have to undergo a transformation during these days of Lent so that we can see more clearly the gifts God has given us, and listen more clearly to the beloved Son of God. Lent requires the change of coming down from the mountain-top experience to live transfigured lives in the “valley” of everyday life, and being the difference that makes a difference! Being different means being stretched and being brought to life, and immortality by the light of the Gospel. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not painless. We will be stretched at times to a breaking point ... I think of this when I put new strings on my guitar and tune it, and hope a string won’t pop in the process. God is the music maestro who will “stretch” us to what seems like breaking point, but God tunes us to being different and being conformed to the ways of Jesus Christ - then the music begins ... God wishes to wander and roam through the meadow of the music. Fidelity to Jesus Christ - here is the Church symphony.

To conclude, I share this quote by Max Lucado: “To lead the orchestra, you have to turn your back on the crowd.” That said, Lent is a time to ponder what we need to turn our back on so as make music for our God.

Reflection: Fr. Billy

At the suggestion of the Archbishop, Fr. Billy has implemented some precautions at Mass for our protection from the coronavirus.

1. EMHCs should practice good hygiene, washing their hands or even using an alcohol-based antibacterial solution before Mass begins. (There is hand sanitizer in the Sacristy.)

2. If you are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not obliged to attend Mass, and even out of charity, ought not to attend.

3. We are suspending the exchange of the sign of peace until further notice.

4. We are suspending the distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
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LENTEN MISSION
Fr. Brice Higginbotham

SEEING WITH THE EYES OF FAITH

March 9, 10, & 11, 2020
Masses at 10 AM & 7 PM
LENT FRIENDLY MEALS
St. Ann Church & National Shrine
Every Friday of Lent

February 28
Knights of Columbus
Dine In or Take Out
Fried Fish, Boiled Potatoes, $10
Corn, Bread, & Cookie

March 20
Knights of Columbus
Dine In or Take Out
Fried Fish, Boiled Potatoes, $10
Corn, Bread, & Cookie

March 6
St. Ann Men’s Club
Dine In or Take Out
Fried Fish $10
Shrimp $10
Combo $12
Served with choice of fries, or Cajun smashed potatoes, salad, garlic bread
Seafood Gumbo $5
Pizza by the Slice $2
Fries $1

March 27
St. Ann Men’s Club
Dine In or Take Out
Fried Fish $10
Shrimp $10
Combo $12
Served with choice of fries, or Cajun smashed potatoes, salad, garlic bread
Seafood Gumbo $5
Pizza by the Slice $2
Fries $1

March 13
Knights of Columbus
Take & Go Only
Fried Fish, Boiled Potatoes, $10
Corn, Bread, & Cookie

April 3
Knights of Columbus
Take & Go Only
Shrimp Etouffee $10
Our Lenten theme is “Be Merciful as Your Heavenly Father is Merciful.” During Lent we will explore God’s mercy as well as extending our mercy to others by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Each day during Lent the students will practice one of the Works of Mercy with the goal of making them part of their daily life. By learning about the works and putting them into practice we can better understand God’s mercy for us.

Think, Reach, Shine!

St. Ann Family Feast
Hosted by St. Ann Men’s Club
stannmensclub.org
Saturday, March 14, 2020
12:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Ann Parking Lot
Kid Zone $10 entire event
Cook-Off samples $2
additional food
and snacks available
$5 Raffle on a
Big Green Egg cooker

A Brief History of Penance, Abstinence, and Fasting during Lent

In 1966 Pope Paul VI reorganized the Church’s practice of public penance in his “Apostolic Constitution on Penance” (Poenitemini). The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law incorporated the changes made by Pope Paul. Not long after that, the U.S. bishops applied the canonical requirements to the practice of public penance in our country.

To sum up those requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Each year in publishing the Lenten penance requirements, the U.S. bishops quote the teaching of the Holy Father concerning the seriousness of observing these days of penance. The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the days of penance is also serious. However, moral theologians remind us that some people are excused from fasting and/or abstinence because of sickness or other reasons.

In his “Apostolic Constitution on Penance,” Pope Paul VI did more than simply reorganize Church law concerning fast and abstinence. He reminded us of the divine law that each of us in our own way do penance. We must all turn from sin and make reparation to God for our sins. We must forgive and show love for one another just as we ask for God’s love and forgiveness.

The Code of Canon Law and our bishops remind us of other works and means of doing penance: prayer, acts of self-denial, almsgiving and works of personal charity. Attending Mass daily or several times a week, praying the rosary, making the way of the cross, attending the parish evening prayer service, teaching the illiterate to read, reading to the blind, helping at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick and shut-ins and giving an overworked mother a break by baby-sitting—all of these are excellent ways of “giving alms” and can be even more meaningful and demanding then just “giving something up,” especially during Lent.

(from Ask A Franciscan, St. Anthony Messenger magazine)