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
Dear Parishioners and Ministers,

As a result of the effects of Coronavirus and the need for social distancing, we have cancelled all group meetings and classes. We are working on a solution to possibly do some of these remotely by video, and we will let you know when a solution is in place.

Tuesday Adoration will take place for one hour in the Church following the 8:45 am Mass, to allow people to spread out and have as little contact with each other as possible.

Things are changing rapidly, and we are constantly updating our website, stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates. Please check it often. We are also utilizing our bulletin and social media to keep everyone informed.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we navigate this uncharted territory. Please stay well and follow the guidelines set forth by the Governor of Louisiana and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. 504-455-7071 ~ contact@stannchurchandshrine.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday    | Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tuesday   | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wednesday | Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday  | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 |
| Friday    | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday  | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sunday    | Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45] |

MASS INTENTIONS

| Sunday    | March 22 |
| 4:00 pm   | George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & Jean Segura, John Falgoust, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander, Nancy Meehan, Dillan Family, Harold Lehmann, Rita Baker, Wayne Nolan, Our Family Members, Jules Albert, Jr. (SI), Continued Protection of the Unborn, Bill Elliott, St. Joseph (In Thanksgiving), Laura McGinnis, Catarina Vu, Howard Babin, Ernie Becnel |
| Vigil     | 8:00 am Parishioners |
| 9:30 am   | Andy Williams |
| 11:00 am  | Gale Oddo, Tu Tran, Thien Tran, A. J. Achary, Lloveras Wegmann, Laura McGinnis, Hans Fink, Bobby Anderson (SI), Marjorie Woods, Gerald A. Smith, Jr., Warren Breaux, Dominick DiCarlo, Glenn Barras, Souls in Purgatory |
| 5:00 pm   | Elvina Waldron |

| Monday    | March 23 |
| 6:30 am   | Gale Oddo |
| 8:45 am   | Adan Martinez |

| Tuesday   | March 24 |
| 6:30 am   | Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander |
| 8:45 am   | Luis Toca |
| 7:00 pm   | Daniel Pavuk |

| Wednesday | March 25 |
| 6:30 am   | Rose Poole (Health) |
| 8:45 am   | Lawrence Grundmann |

| Thursday  | March 26 |
| 6:30 am   | Vilma Gernon |
| 8:45 am   | Olga Marina Haughton Darenbourg |

| Friday    | March 27 |
| 6:30 am   | Gale Oddo |
| 8:45 am   | Jack Worley |

| Saturday  | March 28 |
| 7:30 am   | Luu Phan |

March 22 - 28, 2020
Sanctuary Light (Church)
Lehmann & Henson Families
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
Gale Oddo

Please refer to our website regarding schedule updates as a result of coronavirus precautions.
https://stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates
The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A
I Samuel 16:1, 6-7. 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9: 1-41

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday when the Church takes a bit of a breather from Lenten practice … The word Laetare comes from the Latin rejoice. Are we supposed to rejoice in the middle of Lent? Of course, because we look with expectation to the Solemnity of Easter. It’s not unusual for clergy to wear rose colored vestments. The color rose is a sign of joy and hope as we make our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and the celebration of the Easter Vigil, and the renewal of our baptismal promises. At the Easter Vigil, we move from darkness to light and rejoice in standing in the God’s holy light asking mercy mindful that Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave [Easter Proclamation].

Today’s second reading reminds us that we once walked in darkness but now we live as children of light, learning what is pleasing to the Lord and leaving behind the fruitless works of darkness … I take this time to draw your attention to the banner outside the confessional: Satan says look at your sins. God says look at my Son. In the confessional, we can leave behind those fruitless works of darkness. St. John Chrysostom had this to say: “After confession, a crown is given to penitents.” Confession is an act of honesty and courage - the act of entrusting ourselves to the mercy of God.

In today’s Gospel we can read about the man born blind … With that thought, I came across the following by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, and take this time of Lent to share it with you. “The Devil brings sinners to hell by closing their eyes to the dangers of perdition/punishment/damnation. He first blinds them, and then leads them with himself to eternal torments … The Devil encourages sinners to persevere in a life of sin … Remember, the eyes are useless when the mind is blind.

St. Padre Pio had this to say about confession: “Confession is the soul’s bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust. Return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again.” Brothers and sisters in Christ, take the opportunity to go to confession to any church in the archdiocese on Wednesday, March 25th and April 1st from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. Avail of this opportunity and go wash your soul in the pool of the confessional. Pope Francis says: “The Lord never tires of forgiveness. It is we who tire of asking forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving.”

The eyes are useless when the mind is blind.
Reflection: Fr. Billy

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

~
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

~
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

~
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

~
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

— St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Please remember that for the faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans the obligation to attend Mass has been dispersed. Masses will take place as scheduled but if you are concerned for the health and well-being of yourself, your family, or others, you are not obligated to attend.

Did you know, if at any time you cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, you can still unite to the Eucharist through making a Spiritual Communion?

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

You may also make this Spiritual Communion anytime you need it and as often as you need it.

Note: If you are dispensed from your Sunday obligation (undue risk to one’s health/safety or the health/safety of another is a grave reason right now and a legitimate excuse to stay home) you must still honor the Lord’s Day and keep the Sabbath holy such as praying, watching Mass or spending time worshipping God.

Daily Mass can be viewed on EWTN or at https://thedailymass.com
**St. Ann Men’s Club Seafood Dinner**

Join with the St. Ann Men's Club as they cook up something great for the annual St. Ann Parish Lenten Seafood Dinners.

Drive-thru only using our Meadowdale Street pick-up area.

**On Friday, March 27th from 6 to 8 pm.** We will be serving up:

**Fish ($10), shrimp ($10) and fish/shrimp combo ($12) dinners.**

Don't like fried seafood? We have you covered with **cheese pizza by the slice ($2), seafood gumbo ($5) and fries by the order ($1).**

Dinner prices include potatoes, bread and our famous Men’s Club salad.

For more information, please see our website at [www.stannmensclub.org](http://www.stannmensclub.org), email us at stannmensclub@gmail.com or call the church office.

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**ACT OF CONTRITION**

My god, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, My God, have mercy. Amen.

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**ONLINE giving**

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- MOBILE APP, PHONE THE OFFICE

Find out how: [https://stannchurchandshrine.org/giving](https://stannchurchandshrine.org/giving)

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**EVENING OF CONFESSION**

**WEDNESDAY**

**5-6:30 pm**

**March 18, 25 & April 1**

**ACT OF CONTRITION**

My god, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, My God, have mercy. Amen.

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We thank **Fr. Brice Higginbotham** for leading us in a beautiful **Lenten Retreat**. Fr. Brice preached on the theme, **“Seeing with the Eyes of Faith,”** and showed us how to encounter Jesus through the examples of “The Samaritan Woman at the Well,” “The Man Born Blind,” and “St. Peter.” Videos of Fr. Brice’s homilies can be found on our website [stannchurchandshrine.org/missions-retreats](http://stannchurchandshrine.org/missions-retreats).

If you are interested in Fr. Brice’s other video reflections, simply search **fatherbrice** on your favorite social medial platform.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays of Lent at 7 PM
St. Ann Church & National Shrine
Good Friday
Nine Church Tour 2020

Fr. Billy will be leading a Nine Church Tour on Good Friday, April 10th. We will take a bus and leave from St. Ann following 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer. The bus can hold 30 people, so sign-up is on a first-come-first-served basis. The first church is St. Ann, and the bus will drop us off at Our Lady of Good Counsel and pick us up at St. Louis Cathedral, so there will be a great deal of walking involved. Please wear your walking shoes. Because Good Friday is a day of fasting, no food will be provided and we will not be stopping for lunch. Please remember to bring water. We will return about 1:30 p.m., in time for the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at St. Ann, which is at 3:00 p.m.

Sign up by clicking the link below or call the

CYO ~ “The Upper Room”

The CYO has a brand new meeting space dedicated specifically for their use. It is located on the second floor of the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church. Fr. Billy offered a special blessing, and CYO began meeting in the Upper Room on March 1st.

CYO generally meets on Sunday evenings following the 5:00 PM Mass. You can sign up and get information about everything they are doing on the CYO website, stannchurchandshrine.org/cyo. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth Director, Noella Balint in the parish office 504-455-7071 or email noella@stannchurchandshrine.org.
Religious Education Classes CANCELLED Until After Easter!

Due to the Coronavirus Epidemic, all classes for Parish School of Religion will follow the directives put forth by the Governor and Archdiocese and will not meet in class until Tuesday, April 21st. We pray for all those affected, will be affected and victims of this disease. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Hasten to Help us!

New Video-led Adult Bible Study
At St. Ann Church
At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? Find out the answers in this Lectio series on Salvation. Participants have the option of attending either Monday evenings beginning March 30 at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday mornings, March 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church).
In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. There is no cost to attend and refreshments are provided!

Collected New Socks for Men, Women and Children in Need
Drop off your NEW socks in the collection boxes at any entrance to the church. These will be donated to local homeless shelters.

Socks will be collected all during Lent and will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. Thank you! From your local KC council.

The Cocoon
Author: Unknown

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly as it struggled to force its body through the little hole for several hours. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no farther. Then the man decided he would help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily.

However, it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly, expecting that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which, he thought, would contract in time. Neither happened. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle the butterfly went through to get through the tiny opening was God’s way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it had achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. And we could never fly.

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