Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

March 29, 2020

Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
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Updates on parish activities with regard to coronavirus precautions can be found on our website:
stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates

Temporary Weekday Church Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00

St. Ann School
4921 Meadowdale St.
504-455-8383
stansschool.org

Lindsay Guidry, Principal

DAILY MASS
8:45 AM
A live stream of Fr. Billy and Fr. Vincent as they celebrate daily Mass at 8:45 AM.

Weekend Masses
4:00 PM Saturday
9:30 AM Sunday
Sunday Masses will be broadcast as a live stream on Facebook

Evening Prayer & Adoration with Benediction
Monday - Friday & Sunday
6:00 PM
Facebook live stream of evening prayer with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Stations of the Cross
Friday at 7:00 PM
Facebook live stream

Private Prayer
The church will remain open daily for private prayer.
The Rosary Garden is also available for private prayer.

Confessions
Saturday at 3:00 PM
Transcontinental side of the church. Remember social distancing while waiting for your turn.

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

All meetings and events have been canceled in accordance with the guidance of the Archbishop with regard to the restrictions set forth by the President and the Governor for no gatherings of more than 10 people.

The KC Drive-Through Dinner on April 3 will go on because it is drive-through only and meets government restrictions. This is a way to connect with our community and give us a sense of something “normal.” Drive through begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Masses and Evening Prayer** are being live-streamed on Facebook and our website.

Please refer to our website for schedule updates.

[stannchurchandshrine.org](http://stannchurchandshrine.org)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**March 28 - April 4, 2020**

*Sanctuary Light (Church)*

Tu & Thien Tran

*Sanctuary Light (Chapel)*

Katherine Montague
Lent 4th Sunday - Cycle A
Homily by Fr. Vincent Nguyen

Jesus has opened the eyes of the blind man. He put clay on his eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. He did go and wash as Jesus had told him. His eyes were opened and he was able to see.

Later on, Jesus found him again. And the Lord opened his eyes the second time. This time, Jesus opened his eyes of faith. Jesus revealed to the former blind man that He was the Son of Man who came to save the world. The man believed and worshiped Jesus. This man was healed both in body and soul; both of his physical eyes and spiritual eyes were opened.

The stay-at-home mandate caused by the coronavirus outbreak somehow is an eye-opener. We are asked to hunker down and only go out for essential needs. Non-essential businesses are closed. All of a sudden the world we used to live in has completely changed. Many things we used to consider to be “essential” are proven to be “non-essential.” Shopping malls, theaters, sports stadiums, bars, and other public spaces are closed. In the end, only three things are proven to be truly essential: God, our family, our own life.

God is the ultimate goal of human life. But very often, we let non-essential things to prevent us from coming to God. Very often we are blinded by non-essential things. Now it is a good time to deepen the relationship with God. Time to ask ourselves: What does my relationship with the Lord look like? Does my family pray together? May I suggest the parents doing homeschooling to teach your children to pray. One day I saw a grandmother bringing her three grandsons to Church, teaching them to pray the Stations of the Cross. The other day, I saw a couple with their three children kneeling and praying the rosary in the church.

Now it is a good time to deepen and strengthen our family life. As we have more time at home, we will learn more and appreciate more the things that we often overlook at home. We have more time to care for our family. The most important thing in life will always be our family. A good Christian family stands together in faith in any circumstance.

As non-essential things are taken away from us, we have the opportunity to re-evaluate our life. What is truly fundamental to human life? There are many things in normal life that we often take for granted. Now it’s time to appreciate our home and our friends. I myself often take things for granted, but now I realize how much I miss my normal life. Each time I pass by the schoolyard, I miss the students and the noises they make. I can’t wait to see our students again. Now, as I preach in an empty chapel in front of the camera, I miss you all. I miss the greetings, the hugs, the handshakes after Mass.

Our lives are turned upside down because of the coronavirus. But at the same time, our eyes are opened. We are able to see what is truly essential, what really matters in life. Take it as an opportunity to strengthen our family and our friendships. Most importantly, our eyes are opened to realize that Jesus Christ is our LORD and our God and He alone is the goal of our lives.

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.

Please remember that for the faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. Since no public Masses may be celebrated, we are live-streaming daily Mass on our Facebook page and website at 8:45 AM, Weekend Masses at 4 PM Vigil on Saturday and 9:30 AM on Sunday, and you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

stannchurchandshrine.org/videos-mass-and-evening-prayer
We have had several people ask about how to make contributions.

Just as we are unable to have public Masses, we are unable to pass the basket for your generous and kind weekly offering, and obviously, our expenses continue. It is preferred that you use electronic giving for your support at this time, if possible. However, you are welcome to mail your envelopes to the parish office as well.

The link for electronic giving is [https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannchurch](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannchurch)
The office address is 4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006.

Let us continue to pray deeply during this time of great difficulty, especially for those who work in the medical field and those in hospitals at this time.

- St. Ann, Mother of the Mother of God ... Pray for us!
- St. Michael ... Pray for us!
- St. Roch ... Pray for us!
- Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos ... Pray for us!
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor ... Pray for us!

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Prayer to your Guardian Angel when you cannot attend Mass

O HOLY ANGEL at my side,
Go to Church for me,
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,
Where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,
Take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice
Upon the Altar Throne.

At Holy Consecration’s bell,
Adore with Seraph’s love,
My Jesus hidden in the Host,
Come down from Heaven above.

Then pray for those I dearly love,
And those who cause me grief,
That Jesus’ Blood may cleanse all hearts,
And suffering souls relieve.

And when the priest Communion takes,
Oh, bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,
And I His temple be.

Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,
May mankind’s sins efface;
Then bring me Jesus’ blessing home,
The pledge of every grace. Amen.
Are you home with time on your hands and feeling separated from your faith because of social distancing? Why not take this opportunity to learn more about your faith by using FORMED. You can sign up for free through St. Ann's subscription at stannchurchandshrine.formed.org.

St. Ann Parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED, which is an online platform that contains “The best Catholic Content, all in one place.” This site is similar to Netflix and is filled with Catholic movies, programs, audio, and e-books. We invite you to sign up using our parish link so that you can enjoy all this content at no charge to you.
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 at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday mornings, at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Ministries Center (located just behind the church). These sessions will begin at a date later to be determined!

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!

Knights of Columbus Presents

Sock It To Me!

For Toes In Need!!!

Collecting 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 Persistent Employee

Based upon: Luke 18:1-8

“Then he told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.” Luke 18:1

An owner of a company had an employee who felt she was being treated unfairly by one of the managers. The manager’s main concern however was with his business, and specifically, the percentage of profit that he saw each month. Personal conflicts in the workplace were of no concern of his unless it affected his bottom-line. His employees were seen to him as parts of a machine that allowed him to make money. The welfare of the people who worked for him was of no interest at all to him.

Several times a week, the employee would try to see the owner and explain her situation. The manager was being unresponsive and the mistreatment continued month after month. The wronged employee would constantly hound the owner to do something on her behalf, but the owner repeatedly refused, stating that it wasn’t his business to get involved in the minutia of the everyday operations of the business. “Stop bothering me,” he’d say. “This has nothing to do with me. If you don’t like it, leave.”

But the employee persisted. Week after week, the situation would continue, and the employee would send emails, leave messages and attempt to make appointments with the owner. Eventually, the owner became weary of the repeated contacts and finally succumbed to the pressure and agreed to address the situation. His thought process was, “Even though I personally don’t care about the employee’s situation, I simply wish to quiet her and her complaints.” As he looked into the situation, he agreed that the manager should be fired and a new one installed. His company worked smoother and the employee continued working happily within the company.

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.” Luke 18:8

Count That Day Lost

Who’s Sunset Sees No Improvement In Yourself Or Your Environment