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Daily Mass
8:45 AM

Weekend Masses
4:00 PM Vigil Saturday
9:30 AM Sunday Mass

Evening Prayer
Monday-Friday & Sunday
6:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 3:00 PM
Outside on the Transcontinental side of the Church

The church will remain open daily for private prayer
8:30 PM to 6:30 PM

TEMPORARY WEEKDAY CHURCH HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00

Updates on parish activities with regard to coronavirus precautions can be found on our website:
stannchurchandshrine.org/coronavirus-updates

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Lindsay Guidry, Principal

SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
APRIL 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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.

Masses and Evening Prayer are being live-streamed on Facebook and our website. Please refer to our website for schedule updates.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday  April 19  2020
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday  April 20  2020
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday  April 21  2020
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday  April 22  2020
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday  April 23  2020
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday  April 24  2020
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday  April 25  2020
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  April 19  2020
4:00 pm  Vigil  George A. Sanderson, Jr., Bob & jean Segura, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard P. Puccio, Aline Richards, Bob Richards, Our Family Members, Jules Albert, Jr. (SI), St. Joseph (In Thanksgiving), Howard Babin, Msgr. L. Earl Gauthreaux, Ernie Becnel, Souls in Purgatory, Cherie Carrone Gaconi
8:00 am  Shirley & Rudy Schroeder & Family
9:30 am  Parrishioners
11:00 am  Tu Tran, Thien Tran, Warren Breaux, Poor Souls in Purgatory, John Carbo Family, Cherie Carrone Gaconi

Monday  April 20  2020
6:30 am  Josie, Louis, Sheryl & Louis Horn, Jr.
8:45 am  Robert Richards (Happy 100th Birthday)

Tuesday  April 21  2020
6:30 am  Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Alexander
8:45 am  Katherine Montague
7:00 pm  Colin Fontcuberta

Wednesday  April 22  2020
6:30 am  Gale Oddo
8:45 am  Marjorie Woods

Thursday  April 23  2020
6:30 am  Gale Oddo
8:45 am  Katherine Montague

Friday  April 24  2020
6:30 am  Tu & Thien Tran
8:45 am  Bobby Stromer

Saturday  April 25  2020
7:30 am  Ed Curry

April 19 - April 25, 2020
Altar Decorations
Gale Oddo
Sanctuary Light (Church)
Tu & Thien Tran
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
Katherine Montague
Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~
Acts 2:42-47 I Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

This Second Sunday of Easter is the octave day of Easter and sometimes called Low Sunday because of having experienced the high festivity of the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday, and thus there can be a certain let down on this Sunday. However, there is nothing low about this Sunday, for it is also called White Sunday because it was not unusual for the newly baptized from the Easter Vigil to appear in church wearing their white baptismal robes. Jesus’ resurrection is so great a feast that we celebrate it not just on Easter Sunday but for the next fifty days, and then the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost.

More recently, however, this Sunday was named by St. John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday following the inspirations of Saint Faustina. In celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, an image of the Divine Mercy will be placed on the sanctuary in church as a way of making this devotion.

Today’s Gospel presents us with Thomas, the apostle, who needed proof and evidence from Jesus. Most of us require proof before taking action too. But Thomas believed the first time after seeing him - the other disciples didn't! It took a doubting "intruder" coming in from outside, as Thomas did, to help blow away the cobwebs of fear and death. So, where do we fit in, especially in this room of isolation as a result of the coronavirus pandemic? This is indeed a time to tune into Jesus offering us peace, not just once, but three times as we know from our Gospel today. This is also a time to take a look at our own woundedness and allow the least expected to touch them and heal them - maybe a child, or the needs of another before self, or our focus on what it means to be a community of believers. We know from the first reading that “awe came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were done … All who believed were together and had all things in common … Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together …” [Acts 2:42-47] They realized what was important. “Our wounds are often the openings into the best and most beautiful parts of ourselves.” [David Rico] Even though these days demand isolation, there is an opportunity to be in that room of self and temple with the Christ who wants peace and a greater hope. These days can be frustrating, but also a time of cleansing and looking at self and what needs to be removed or healed. These days can also be a time to look at our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ in a deeper way. We need the Risen Lord to barge through our doors and help our unbelieving. We need Jesus to put his finger into our wounds ...

Reflection: Fr. Billy

A Spiritual Communion

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

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.

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How to Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
   In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers
   You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
   (Repeat three times)
   O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father
   Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary
   Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles’ Creed
   I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father
   Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade
   For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades
   Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)
   Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer
    Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
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

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!

The signing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act has created a Universal Charitable Deduction of $300 for taxpayers. This is an “above-the-line” deduction, which means it will be available to all taxpayers, not just those who itemize.

Example: A taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and makes a $300 cash gift (not stock) to a qualified charitable organization, like their parish, may claim the $300 deduction in computing his or her adjusted gross income. The gift may be made at any time during the remainder of 2020. This deduction is in addition to the taxpayer’s standard deduction.

If you would like to make a donation to St. Ann Church & National Shrine, you can do so electronically here: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannchurch or you can mail it to 4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006. Your generosity of stewardship is always appreciated.

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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
There was a school with a class of students that no teacher had been able to handle. A young man, just out of college, heard about the class and applied to the school. After a short interview, he was hired.

The next morning the young man stood before the class. He said to the class, "Students, I came here today to conduct school. But I realize I can't do it by myself. I must have your help." The young teacher told the class that if they were to have school, there would have to be some rules to go by. But he also added that he would allow the students to make up the rules and that he would list them on the blackboard.

Everything went along pretty good for two or three days. Then, a student by the name of Big Tom came in one day very upset. He declared that someone had stolen his lunch. After talking with the students, they came to the conclusion that little Timmy had stolen Big Tom's lunch.

The teacher called little Timmy up to the front of the room. Little Timmy admitted he had taken Big Tom's lunch. So the teacher asked him, "Do you know the punishment?" Little Timmy nodded that he did. "You must remove your coat," the teacher instructed. The little fellow had come with a great big coat on. Little Timmy said to the teacher, "I am guilty and I am willing to take my punishment, but please don't make me take off my coat.

The teacher reminded little Timmy of the rules and punishments and again told him he must remove his coat and take his punishment like a man. The little fellow started to unbutton that old coat. As he did so, the teacher saw he did not have a shirt on under the coat. And even worse, he saw a frail and bony frame hidden beneath that coat.

The teacher asked little Timmy why he had come to school without a shirt on. Little Timmy replied, "I don't have but one good shirt, and my mother is washing it today. I wore my big brother's coat so that I could keep warm."

That young teacher stood and looked at the frail back with the spine protruding against the skin, and his ribs sticking out. He wondered how he could lay a rod on that little back and without even a shirt on.

Still, he knew he must enforce the punishment or the children would not obey the rules. So he drew back to strike little Timmy. Just then Big Tom stood up and came down the aisle. He asked, "Is there anything that says that I can't take little Timmy's whipping for him?"

The teacher thought about it and agreed. With that Big Tom ripped his coat off and stooped and stood over little Timmy at the desk. Hesitantly the teacher began to lay the rod on that little back and without even a shirt on.

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The teacher thought about it and agreed. With that Big Tom ripped his coat off and stooped and stood over little Timmy at the desk. Hesitantly the teacher began to lay the rod on that big back. But for some strange reason after only five licks that old rod just broke in half. The young teacher buried his face in his hands and began to sob.

He heard a commotion and looked up to find Little Timmy had turned and grabbed Big Tom around the neck apologizing to him for stealing his lunch. Little Timmy begged Big Tom to forgive him.

Aren't you glad that Jesus took our whipping for us? That He shed His precious blood on Calvary so that you and I can have eternal life in Glory with Him? "He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)