The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Luke 24:35

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ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

Watch live Facebook @StAnnChurchandShrine
Website https://stannchurchandshrine.org/videos-mass-and-evening-prayer

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

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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.

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

https://stannchurchandshrine.org/videos-mass-and-evening-prayer

Please refer to our website for schedule updates.

https://stannchurchandshrine.org

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**As the Father has sent me, so I send you**

April 26 - May 2, 2020
Sanctuary Light (Church)
Tu & Thien Tran
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
Katherine Montague
**The Road to Emmaus**

The two disciples of Jesus left Jerusalem for Emmaus, a village seven miles from the Holy City. On the way, they were discussing all the things that had happened to Jesus their Master. Nothing seemed to make sense. Jesus the Nazorean, “a mighty prophet in deed and word before God and all the people” had been arrested, sentenced, and crucified. Jesus, whom they hoped to be “the one to redeem Israel,” died and was laid in a tomb. It was the third day since it happened, but they could not cease talking about it. Although some women in their group told them about the empty tomb and their encounter with some angels “who announced that He was alive,” these two did not believe. They left the group and probably were on the way home. They were disheartened and hopeless. They were seemingly about to return to their former ways of life.

The Risen LORD appeared to them on the way, but “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” Theologian Paolo T. Gadenz explains that the purpose of preventing them from recognizing Jesus is “to reveal the Risen Jesus to them gradually, through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. In this way, their eyes will be opened not only in sight but also in faith, thus overcoming their lack of faith.”

Jesus helped these disciples to understand what referred to Him in all the Scriptures. Their hearts were burning while listening to the Lord. And when “He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” The Lord did exactly what He had done at the Last Supper. And the disciples recognized Him.

The meal on the road to Emmaus was the “First Mass” that Jesus celebrated after being raised from death. The Lord vanished from their sight because from now on, He will be truly present with them in the Breaking of the Bread. The encounter between these two disciples and Jesus is the model of the Holy Mass. In celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the faithful gather to listen to the words of God and to partake of the Eucharistic Bread and Chalice. When we go to Mass, may our hearts be burning when we listen to God’s words and our eyes of faith be opened to recognize the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Reflection by Fr. Vincent

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**The Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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](stannchurchandshrine.org/videos-mass-and-evening-prayer)
It was April 20, 1920

Bob, you were born on a Tuesday. According to the old English rhyme Tuesday’s child is full of grace. Those born on a Tuesday will be very gracious, agreeable, refined, and polite in manner and behavior - that you are Mr. Bob Richards.

News and Events in the 1920’s
- Major advances in technology
- The growth of the movie industry
- The start of mass production of cars
- With the ending of World War I, a housing boom in the USA
- Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution allowing women to vote
- Tutankhamen’s Tomb is opened
- Children’s Toys include Teddy Bears, Gyroscopes, Pedal Cars
- First Home Game at Yankee Stadium in 1927 - Yankees and Red Sox
- The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade held in November 27, 1924
- J. Edgar Hoover appointed head of the Bureau of Investigation
- The classic novel “The Great Gatsby” was published in 1925
- Sears Roebuck opened its first store in Chicago
- The Grand Ole Opry begins broadcasting
- The Spirit of St. Louis makes a nonstop solo transatlantic flight in 1927
- Vatican City becomes an independent sovereign state in 1929

Cars in the 1920’s
- Rolls Royce Phantom Limousine
- Packard Twin 6 Roadster
- Mass production of the Model Ts -15 million by 1927
- Willys Overland Whippet 93 A
- Hudson 7 Roadster
- Studebaker Roadster – 1929

Money and Inflation
- $100.00 in 1920 equivalent to $1,023.00 in 2009
- A new home in 1920 - $6,296.00
- Annual income in 1920 - $2,160.00
- A new car - $525.00
- A gallon of gas - 33 cents

Bob’s Life
- Born, Tuesday April 20, 1920
- Marriage to Aline, May 19, 1942 - Married for 68 years, and he still talks about her!
- Children: Gail, Joan, Noel, Robert, Christopher, and Daniel [Three other children died after birth]
- Graduated from Loyola with a Degree in Accounting
- Served in the United States Army in World War II
- Worked at the City of New Orleans/Administrator of Public Works
- A parishioner of St. Ann Church & Shrine
- A member of the Knights of Columbus for over 35 years

Thanks to everyone who came to the drive-by today for Bob's 100th Birthday (which was on 4/20)
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!

St. Ann CYO

St. Ann CYO is going strong with new online meetings! Using the video chat service Zoom, the teens participated in a game night that had everyone laughing. Plans for future meetings include Saint scavenger hunts, Catholic trivia, bible reflection nights, and more!

If you are interested, please contact Notella Balint, Youth Director noella@stannchurchandshrine.org.

Universal Charitable Deduction

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](http://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.
The Perseverance Parable

A young woman went to her mother and told her about how hard her life was and how tough things were going for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

Her mother took her to the kitchen.

She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil.

In the first pot she placed the carrots, in the second she placed the eggs, and in the last she placed the coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners, and placed each item in separate bowls. Showing them to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. Then the daughter asked, "So what is this supposed to mean to me, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water, but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong and hard. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The coffee beans were unique, however. After being in the boiling water for the same time, they not only became stronger, they changed the environment in which they were in, the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

"Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him." James 1:12

First Communion UPDATE!!!

Dear Parents and First Communicants,

Greetings in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord! Needless to say, I have been thinking of you and praying for you mindful that we were scheduled to celebrate a Mass for your First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd.

Sadly, and in keeping with current regulations about safe distancing and no large gatherings, our First Communion Mass will be scheduled at a later date. Please do not worry at this time - Jesus Christ the Lord awaits and will rejoice with us in celebrating First Communion 2020. We long for the day when we can celebrate this momentous occasion with our First Communicants.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Billy

Knights of Columbus Thanks You!

Sock It To Me!

For Toes In Need!!!

Thanks to all who donated socks for the Needy! Our council Collected OVER 200 pairs of socks for Men, Women and Children in Need

These will be donated to Ozanam Inn and Covenant House later this week

Thank you! From your KC council! For showing your Christian Attitude!!!

When Life Isn’t A Bed Of Roses

Remember Who Wore The Thorns!

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