Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”

John 14:16–17

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

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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
stannschool.org

Lindsay Guidry, Principal

Weekly 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
**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 other devotions 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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**May 17~23, 2020**

Sanctuary Light (Church)
Rotolo & Bachemin Families
Sanctuary Light (Chapel)
Tu & Thien Tran
The parting of family and friends is never easy, and so I share this line: **Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I’ll miss you. Until we meet again!** In my years of living in New Orleans and my going back home to Ireland on vacation I was most excited at seeing my mother and father at the arrivals area in Shannon Airport with a wonderful smile on their faces. I considered myself home when Mom cooked a whopper of an Irish breakfast. The joy of it all, but then it moved to sadness and tears at the airport when I had to leave and come back to my second home in New Orleans. Some partings are harder than others, but the most painful parting of all happens when someone dies - this parting has a finality about it. I feel this is even more difficult at this time of the coronavirus because isolation and social distancing has resulted in some family members not being able to attend the funeral service of their loved ones. I take this time to share the following words:

**Remembered Joy**

I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
And if my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.

Today's Gospel Scripture is all about parting too - Jesus’ physical departure from earth and his promise of giving us another Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Today’s Gospel prepares us for the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven and the culmination of Eastertide at Pentecost. Jesus did not leave his disciples orphaned or desolate. Nor does he leave us orphaned. We have the same access to his presence as the disciples and the early Christians had in his Word and in the Eucharist. **The food of the Eucharist gives us the strength to do his word and to live as his disciples.** I say this in the strangest of times, especially since we cannot celebrate Mass as usual without reservations and limited numbers. However, we have the same access to his presence as the disciples and the early Christians had in word and in sacrament. Presently, we have some limitations and restrictions with the virus, but hopefully this will bring about an even greater appreciation of the Holy Eucharist. Blessed Fulton J. Sheen had this to say: **“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host.”** St. John Paul II had this to say: **“From the Eucharist comes the strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.”**

Sharing life with others brings me to the first reading, and how we too can **proclaim the Christ** through prayer, reading the Bible, calling the homebound or those who may have had surgery and are recovering gradually. Perhaps, we can send a card of good wishes to those in need at this time. We are challenged more than ever to be people of our word. Action speaks louder than words. **You are what you do, not what you’ll say you do.**

**Reflection: Fr. Billy**
May 10, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother’s Day

With permission from the Governor and the Archbishop, we were allowed to have outdoor Mass. It was great to be together again, masks and all! And to be able to receive the Eucharist again! We look forward to the next step when we can have up to 25% of our church capacity together for Mass. Please follow our website and social media for announcements.

Stannchurchandshrine.org
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!

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 or you can mail it to 4940 Meadowdale St., Metairie, LA 70006. Your generosity of stewardship is always appreciated.

St. Ann School

As we prepare to end the school year, we are very grateful for the support of our Home and School Club, Men's Club, Grandparent's Club and School Advisory Council. We are blessed to have a strong and vibrant school community!

If you wish information on possible school openings for the next school year, please visit the school website at www.stannschool.org.

You may also leave a message for the school principal at 455-7051 ext. 113.

THINK! REACH! SHINE!
5 Reasons to Join the Knights of Columbus

1. Put your faith into action—joining the Knights of Columbus is an excellent way to practice your faith outside of church.
2. Become friends with your fellow Catholic men—The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal group. By joining, you’ll meet men who hold the same Catholic values that you do. Making good friends will strengthen your faith and your parish.
3. Protect your family—Our order was created to care for the families of members who lose their primary wage-earner. Members of the Knights of Columbus have access to excellent life insurance. Men who join can rest assured that their families will be provided for when they pass away.
4. Strengthen your parish—Parishes with less active men shrink. Parishes with more active men thrive. By joining the Knights of Columbus, you can help unite the men of our parish in fully living their faith.
5. Evangelize the community—Through charitable work and spiritual activity, Knights unleash the Gospel. Join us, and help spread the Catholic faith to the New Orleans community.

To learn more, call 338-5229 or check out our website at www.kc3465.org.

Be a real man! Be a Knight!

In Washington, D.C., atop the Washington Monument on the aluminum cap, are displayed two words: “Laus Deo.” No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched on top of the monument, facing skyward to Almighty God, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say “Praise be to God!” Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute, Laus Deo, “Praise be to God!”

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L’Enfant…a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

“As a cross?” you ask. “Why a cross?” What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, in fact, is not, in the Constitution. Praise be to God!

Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. Today, the stairs are not accessible, as visitors are taken up by elevator, but as one would climb the steps, they could pause at the landings and read the memorial stones which share various messages. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6! Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by The Bible Society. Praise be to God!

Here is a small portion of a prayer for America by George Washington, our first president.

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."