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ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

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

ST. ANN CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

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

Daily Mass
6:30 AM and 8:45 AM
(streaming 8:45 Mass)

Weekend Masses
Limit 200 - Sign up online or call the office
4:00 PM Vigil Saturday
Sunday Masses
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM
(Streaming 9:30 Mass)

Rosary (Streaming)
Monday-Friday
6:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday 3:00 PM
Outside on the Transcontinental side of the Church
**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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**May 24 ~ 30, 2020**

**Sanctuary Light (Church)**

Anna M. Boudreaux

**Sanctuary Light (Chapel)**

Ellen Conrad
It is better for you that I go

It is fascinating to observe animal parents teaching their young to find food and other life-surviving skills. Polar bear mothers often spend about two years to teach their newborn cubs survival skills in the severely cold weather. A lioness often nurses her cubs until they reach eight-month olds and it is her task to give them hunting lessons. When the cubs reach the age of two or three, they begin their own adult life. Newborn baby birds remain in the nest opening their mouths in which the mother birds will drop off food. Step by step the mother will stand far away from the nest forcing her young to come to her to get food. For the first couple of times, the baby birds may fall down to the ground. Gradually they learn that they have to flap their wings so they will not hit the ground. Birds have to learn how to fly in order to find food and flee from danger.

What does animal parenting have to do with the Ascension? My point is that it is necessary for Jesus to ascend to heaven so that His disciples could grow in faith. The Lord has been with His followers teaching them in His words and deeds. They have witnessed the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. He has told them everything He heard from His Father. His mission has been completed. Now it is time for Him to return to His Father. It is better for the disciples that Jesus goes and sends the Holy Spirit to them.

For three years, Jesus has been with His disciples like a parent caring for and forming his children. For parents, helping their children learn to walk is one of the most exciting times. At first, parents hold the baby and help him with taking a few steps. After a while, the baby can gain balance and stand on his feet. At some point, the baby needs to walk on his own. Chances are he will fall down a few times but this will help him to learn to keep balance. He will gradually grow with help from family, school, and society. Eventually, he will become a mature and responsible man.

After three years of being formed by Jesus and witnessing what He did and said, the disciples have reached maturity in faith. They are ready to be sent into the world to give witness to the Lord. Jesus’s Ascension to the Father is necessary for His followers to grow in faith. If He had stayed physically with them, their faith would not have grown. It is unhealthy for a normal child to be cared for by his parents forever. He needs to learn to take care of himself from his parents’ lessons. In the same way, the disciples have grown into mature Christians and are ready to be sent off.

The Ascension should not be interpreted as Jesus has abandoned His disciples. In fact, it is beneficial for us in many ways that Jesus has ascended to His Father. He tells us: “...It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” The Advocate will empower us to be missionary disciples to give testimony to Christ in the world. The Holy Spirit will give us courage and fortitude to carry out that mission. Christ Jesus is now seated at the right hand of His Father interceding for us. At the same time He remains with us. The Lord is really present in the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. He is present in the person next to us and He is in our hearts.

He has formed us and sent us to go and make disciples of all nations.
Thank you to all who participated in the St. Anthony Ministry Food Drive May 14th. Your generosity is astounding! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus #3465 for helping to move the groceries.

See the Video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/StAnnChurchNationalShrine

WELCOME BACK!

Last weekend, we were able to invite 25% of our church capacity to attend Mass, which for us is 200 people. We will continue to use Sign-Up Genius to sign up for mass until we are allowed to have the full congregation in the church. Please check the website, Facebook Page, or call the parish office to sign up.
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!

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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.

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.

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

The school year ended on Friday, May 22nd. Students and families were invited to a special “Aloha Parade” to close the school year. Teachers presented students with their end of the year certificates and report cards, as well as a special treat. Please join me in wishing the best to our seventh-grade students who are moving to area high schools.

THINK! REACH! SHINE!
Carl was a quiet man. When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the church, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just signed up.

He was into his 87th year when the one thing we had always feared finally happened. He was finishing his watering for the day when 3 gang members approached him. Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, "Would you like a drink from the hose?"

The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said, "Yeah, sure," with a malevolent smile. Two of the guys grabbed his arm and threw him down. The assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and fled. The minister came running and asked, "Carl, are you hurt?"

Carl just waved a hand and sighed, "Just some kids. I hope they'll wise-up someday." He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water. "I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately."

Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place.

A few weeks later the three returned. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose. This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched simply drenched him head to foot in the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done. Carl just watched as the ice commenced to melt from his body and he froze to the spot.

As fall approached, Carl was tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done. Carl just watched as the ice commenced to melt from his body and he froze to the spot.

The minister noticed a tall young man that he suspected had been responsible for the attacks. He went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community, always keeping the garden as Carl would have. Carl died one cold day that winter. Many attended his funeral in a moment at the young bride that still smiled back at him.

The following spring another flyer went up. It read "Person needed to care for Carl's garden." The minister noticed a tall young man that he suspected had been responsible for the attacks. He went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community, always keeping the garden as Carl would have. Carl died one cold day that winter. Many attended his funeral in a moment at the young bride that still smiled back at him. Carl's garden was filled with love and care.

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