Pastor: Fr. Billy O’Riordan
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Vincent Nguyen

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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
MONGDAY-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 4:00 PM and 9:30 AM Mass)

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

Please refer to our website for schedule updates. [https://stannchurchandshrine.org](https://stannchurchandshrine.org)

The parish office is open Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

You must wear a mask to enter the office.

If you are not feeling well or have a fever, please STAY HOME.

Please continue to check our website for updates, [stannchurchandshrine.org](http://stannchurchandshrine.org) or call the office, 504-455-7071.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**May 31 ~ June 6, 2020**

**Altar Decorations**

Leonardo Beltran

**Sanctuary Light (Church)**

Elaine & John Gallagher

**Sanctuary Light (Chapel)**

Kelly Maggio & Roppolo Families
Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of a Liturgical Season - the season of Eastertide. Fifty days have passed since Easter Sunday, and I hope Pentecost brings us closer to the end of the coronavirus pandemic and its unraveling. Pentecost Sunday commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, as Jesus had promised in sending an Advocate. Red vestments are worn by clergy to symbolize the burning love that God has for us people, no matter our family tree or language we speak. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us “as a body is one though it has many parts … we are one body in Christ.”

We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to undo this virus and disentangle us.

Nearly two weeks ago, I officiated at the funeral of a lady born in 1918, and in the homily noted that she was born the same year we had another world pandemic - The Spanish Flu. There were no effective drugs or vaccines to treat this killer strain. Citizens were ordered to wear masks, schools, theaters, and businesses were shuttered - sounds all too familiar! In a sense, the early Church was shuttered too as the disciples of Jesus were locked in the Upper Room out of fear. It took Jesus to stand in their midst bringing the peace of God as well as the fire of the Holy Spirit to unfetter, unchain, unbind and release the disciples for the Mission of the Church. To quote a priest: “Pentecost is the day when God pulls out all the stops, goes overboard, and holds nothing back.” Pentecost is a day to be “drunk” in the Holy Spirit.

At the end of Jesus’ greeting of peace, he breathed on the disciples saying: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” This is a power granted by Jesus Christ and conferred upon his apostles. Of course, this ministry of the Church was not meant to die with them and so we have, what is referred to as, confession in the Catholic Church. It’s not a time for counsel per say, not a time to tell the priest about someone else’s sins, not a time for making up sins … This is a time, after prayerful reflection based on the Ten Commandments, that a person realizes they have sinned. Sin is about obeying oneself over God. Adam and Eve fell for the lie of the Evil One and then felt naked and ashamed. The same happens to you and me, but God desires us to be free. Here are the words of absolution for your reflection that the priest prays: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins: through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Your sins are not greater than God’s mercy … Don’t be afraid! Remember, saints are repentant sinners. St. Niphon of Constantia had this to say: “God does not judge Christians because they sinned, but because they do not repent."

Reflection: Fr. Billy
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Second Collection May 31, 2020
Peter’s Pence Collection

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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We need 1,000 subscribers in order to live-stream on YouTube. Please help us get there by subscribing and sharing with your family and friends and asking them to subscribe.

Being able to live-stream on YouTube would give us another way to communicate and stay connected to our parishioners and others with videos of Masses, The Rosary, Novenas, Missions, and much more.

Thank you!
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!

St. Ann School

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!

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.
Heaven's Grocery Store
Author Unknown

I was walking down life’s highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read ‘Heaven Grocery Store’. As I got a little closer, the door came wide open, And when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store. And if you couldn't carry them, you could come back for more.

First I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go.
I got a box of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, for He was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me win the race
And though my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE.
I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation, that was free.
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started up the counter to pay the grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
And though my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE.
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Then I started up the counter to pay the grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into SIN.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the Angel, "Now how much do I owe?"
He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go!"
Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?"
The Angel smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

St. Ann Vacation Bible School!
Up to now, we have been holding off making a decision regarding Vacation Bible School as we awaited the lifting of restrictions regarding the corona-virus pandemic. The state and archdiocese has finally adopted its guidelines for summer camp activities and we have reviewed the various policies and guidelines. Based upon this review as well as consultation with officials with the archdiocese and our pastoral staff, **we have decided to cancel this year's VBS program.**

This has been an agonizing decision and one that we were hoping that we did not have to make. However, we feel that it is better to forgo this year's program as we try to maintain the health and safety of all involved.

We look forward to offering this program next summer. We pray that all of our campers, leaders and volunteers are safe during this pandemic and we hope to see you soon.

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](http://www.kc3465.org). Be a real man! Be a Knight!

Faith
Is seeing Light with your Heart
When your Eyes see only Darkness