

ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

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WEBSITE POLICY

The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY

The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS

Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS

1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. A solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann).

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WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
5:00 to 5:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In our readings this Sunday we hear about leprosy. According to the Book of Leviticus, one of the duties of the priest was to examine the skin of lepers to be able to determine if they were cured or not. (I am so glad that priests do not have to do this anymore.) The priests did this because it concerned ritual cleanliness. Those who were ritually clean could go to the Temple and offer sacrifice, while the ritually unclean could not. Lepers were among those considered unclean. They also were considered very sinful, as most saw leprosy as a result of a sinful life.

We continue seeing Jesus performing works of healing this weekend, as we see Jesus heal a man of leprosy in our Gospel. The healing of the leper gives us a great visual for what happens in confession.



Things that pertain to the spiritual life aren't very tangible to us because we cannot see them or touch them. Now this doesn't mean that spiritual things are any less real. On the contrary, spiritual realities are more real, and are far more significant, as the spiritual realm affects our eternity.

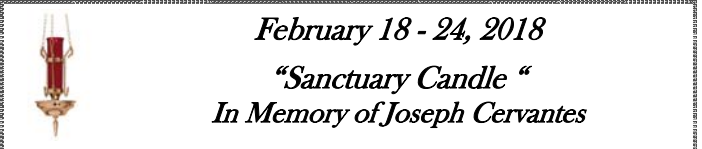
Leprosy gives us a great visual for our sin. Our sin can disfigure and discolor our soul overtime, especially grave sin. And as Jesus made the leper clean, we are made clean by Jesus working through the priest in confession. The mercy of Christ is so powerful that we are purified and cleansed, no matter how long it has been, and no matter what we have done. Jesus' love and mercy is infinite. His love is bigger than our sin.

As we near the Lenten Season, may we avail ourselves of the mercy of God, especially in the Sacrament of Confession. May we never be afraid of going to confession to receive the mercy and forgiveness of Christ. When we do, we are washed clean and made new, making us more able to serve God and others with our whole heart.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	February 18
4:00 pm	Robert McGinnis, Lubrano Family, George Sanderson, Jr., Gardner & McClelland Families, Laine & Gilbert Floyd (S.I.), Mr. & Mrs. Karim SeBusi (S.I.), Haifa Mosto Hamide (S.I.), Amina Hamida (S.I.), Frank Mason, Russell Brockmann, Christopher Alessi, Kenny Ruiz, Dorothy Meyers, Patrick O'Riordan, Fr. Braud (In Thanks), Trish Foti (In Thanks), Olga Ann Frank (In Thanks), David Wilson (In Thanks), Fr. Herb Kiff (In Thanks)
Vigil	Edison & Jeanne Schayot
8:00 am	Parishioners
9:30 am	Linda Murry (Thanks to Blessed Mother health), Mr. & Mrs. G. Cox (S.I.), Rodney P. McIntyre, Patrick & Nora O'Riordan, Susan Luth Sarniguet, Keith John Pepiton, Dorothy Moncado, Medary Boudreaux, Kelly J. Johnson, Sr., Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Lawrence Johnson, Pearl H. Johnson, Colbert Henry, Frank Mason, Lerlin Leah Kain, Aida Palmeri (Health), Albert John Roux, III, Thelma Michot
11:00 am	Patrick & Nora O'Riordan
Monday	February 19
6:30 am	Eric G. A. (S.I.)
8:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. J. Goodyear
Tuesday	February 20
6:30 am	Frank Mason
8:45 am	Warren Lemonier
7:00 pm	Medary Boudreaux
Wednesday	February 21
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am	Russell Brockmann School Mass (3-7)
Thursday	February 22
6:30 am	Joyce Estrade
8:45 am	Warren Lemonier
Friday	February 23
6:30 am	George S. Turpie, III
8:45 am	Lee Russell Centanni
Saturday	February 24
7:30 am	Patrick O'Riordan



Parish Calendar

2/18	2ND COLLECTION ARCH. CATHOLIC CHARITIES 6:30 PM CONFIRMATION PRACTICE/CHURCH
2/19	9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN 7 PM BAPTISMAL SEMINAR.JPII
2/20	9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL 5 PM RCIA/JPII
2/21	6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS 8:45 AM SCHOOL MASS (3-7) 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND 6:30 PM CS PACK MTG. & BLUE & GOLD BANQUET/CAF. 7 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL ADORATION & SOCIAL CHAPEL & JPII 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
2/22	9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND 3 PM BEGINNER CHOIR REH./CHURCH 6 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (GENERAL)/CAF.
2/23	7TH GRADE ASSEMBLY IN GYM 5:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU FISH FRY LOVELAND CHURCH PARKING LOT
2/24	9 AM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW/GYM
2/24 25	2ND COLLECTION CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE



Dinner's Ready! Knights of Columbus Council #3465 Monsignor Charles Duke Drive Thru Fish Fry

Friday, February 23 & Friday, March 9 ■ 5:30-8:00 pm
Help support the Knights of Columbus Council #3465 during their upcoming drive-thru fish fries to be held 5:30-8:00 pm on Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 9 in the Loveland parking lot adjacent to St. Ann Church. Your \$10 donation to the Council will get you a delicious fried fish dinner including boiled potato, corn-on-the-cob, bread and cookie. For more information, please see our website at www.kc3465.org, email us at kc3465@gmail.com or call the St. Ann Church office. Vivat Jesus!



We still have some availability in some grades for next school year. Please contact the school at 455-8383 for more information. We continue to offer "Walk Through" tours for potential new parents every Monday morning at 9:30 am. No appointment is necessary, just come to the school office for 9:30 am.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

To register, please contact the parish office before March 3, 2017



A Letter from Archbishop Aymond

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Four days ago, we began our Lenten Journey of 40 days. During this time, God calls us to look carefully at ourselves and identify our weakness and sin. In so doing we can undergo a change of heart and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. The church suggests that this accomplished through prayer, fasting and sacrifices. I pray that your Lenten Journey be a time of blessing and new life.

As we begin Lent, we look at our society and identify ways that we are tempted to stray from the way of the Lord. I wish to identify one: pornography. It has become common in our society and darkens the lives of many. Children can become challenged and addicted. This Lent in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we are inviting parents, parishes, schools and all organizations to learn more about this common struggle and to protect ourselves, others and especially our children.

Your parish has resources that will be given to you today and throughout Lent to address this issue.

May your Lenten Journey be blessed. As I remember you in prayer, please remember me.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM)

is a parish-based ministry whose mission is to offer a safe, confidential, place for those who are afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drug addiction to come find help, healing, and hope through education, prevention, referral, and support. It is also our objective to help restore value and dignity to those afflicted individuals with an addiction to help them develop and deepen their spirituality, and to help them connect with self, loved ones, and God. In addition, we seek to offer resources, information and support, to the family members that suffer from their loved-one's disease. Meetings are open to both the afflicted as well as the affected family. The SAM group is open to all faiths. East Jefferson Deanery— SAM Metairie - St. Angela Merici Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month Lisa Carroll - 504-314-8271.

ATTENTION: FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES
Families of children who are making their **First Communion** this year are asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your family to **bring up the Gifts**. You can contact Debbie at 504-455-7071 ext 221 or e-mail dsommers@stannchurchandshrine.org.

St. Ann Lenten Mission

“The Eucharist: God’s Greatest Gift”

Monday, March 5 “A Mystery to be Believed”
Tuesday, March 6 “A Mystery to be Celebrated”
Wednesday, March 7 “A Mystery to be Lived”
Times: 10 AM and 7 PM



Fr. James Kubicki was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1971 and was ordained in 1983.

From 1984-88 he served as the Vocation Director and from 1995-99 as the Director of Formation for the Jesuits of the Wisconsin Province, a seven-state region in the upper Midwest.

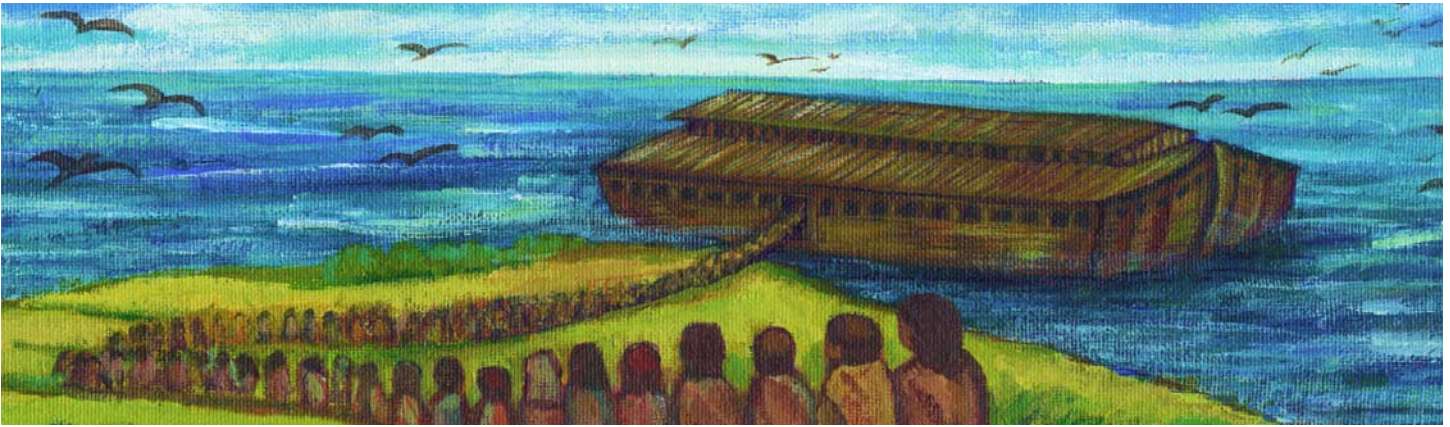
From 1989-95 he worked at the Sioux Spiritual Center, a retreat house for Native Americans in western South Dakota. During that time he was also the Assistant Director of the Diocese of Rapid City’s deacon and lay ministry formation program.

Since 1986 he has given preached retreats around the country, including at Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House in Convent, LA.

In 2003 he became the national director of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer), a position he held for fourteen years.

In 2017 he moved to the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota where he currently serves as the director of St. Francis Mission which was founded in 1886.

Fr. Kubicki appears regularly on Catholic radio shows around the country. His book “A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,” was selected by the Catholic Book Publishers Association as among the three best spirituality books in 2012. His latest book is “A Year of Daily Offerings.”



This Week at Home

Monday, February 19

Your Words

Today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us that God's words are spirit and life. When the Psalm is read in relationship to the First Reading, we see that listening and following the precepts of the Lord will help us be holy just as God is holy. The ultimate Word that God spoke was Jesus, who showed us how to love and show mercy. How has God's Word given you spirit and life? Listen to or sing Bernadette Farrell's "Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior." Journal about what you hear. *Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.*

Tuesday, February 20

Rescue

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us not to babble in our prayer. Prayer is an intimate encounter or dialogue with God. It is a safe space to call upon the Lord in times of trouble and in times of joy. The Psalm reassures us that God rescues the just who call upon him and hears the cry of the poor. It can be difficult to enter into prayer sometimes and trust ourselves enough to share with God or to trust that God is listening. God is present and hears your prayers. Use the Lord's Prayer as a starting point for your conversation with God today. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–5, 6–7, 16–17, 18–19; Matthew 6:7–15.*

Wednesday, February 21

Repent

In prayer, have you ever asked God for a sign? Jonah called the people of Nineveh to follow God's law. He was a sign from God who called the people to repent. Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, calls all generations to conversion of heart and mind. Jesus heals and saves us from our sin. Consider celebrating the Sacrament of Penance in the coming days. *Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.*

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Today's feast is about the office of the shepherd who leads his flock on the right path. In the Gospel, Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God; Jesus chooses Peter to shepherd the Church. In what ways have you confessed that Jesus is the Son of God? Spend some time reading First and Second Peter today. *Today's Readings: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Psalm 23:1–3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13–19.*

Friday, February 23

Turn Away

The process of turning away from sin includes reconciliation. The readings today illuminate this reality and call us to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged in the community. Consider the ways you might seek forgiveness from those whom you have harmed. Reconciliation frees us from sin and strengthens us to embrace a virtuous life. God is merciful and will shower you with abundant grace. Light a candle today and ask for the grace to turn away from sin. *Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.*

Saturday, February 24

Path of Love

What is the path God is calling us to follow? This is a common theme throughout the season of Lent. What does it mean for you to follow the Lord? The Gospel gives us a clue that to follow the Lord is to love. Love is not always easy but is required of the Christian. God's love is nourished in the sacraments and our relationships so that we might overflow and share it with others. Think of a map as a tool for prayer. Consider the path you are on and the path God is calling you to walk. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.*



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CYO Seeks Donations for Human Trafficking Victims

Our CYO here at St. Ann is partnering with the Young Adult Council group with the Archdiocese of New Orleans in conducting a donation drive to benefit young teenage victims of Human Trafficking. February has been called a month of prayer for an end to human trafficking, throughout the Archdiocese. Our CYO will be setting up donation boxes where parishioners can donate items such as: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, pasta, canned goods, rice, sugar, flour, popcorn, dairy products, bread, feminine products, or any other basic hygiene products that will be donated to "Free Indeed Home," a Northshore safe house. We will be collecting items for disbursement throughout the month of February, only. Thank you and God Bless!



Vacation Bible School Seeks Adult Volunteers!

No! It's not near summer yet! However, as we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School, our team is looking for several adult **paid** volunteers to assist with the production of the event. Adults are needed to coordinate each station as well as a VBS coordinator also. Each position receives a stipend for time worked. This is easily, one of the BEST events we host each year! If you'd like to be a part of the program give us a call at 455-7071, ext. 225. We'd LOVE to have you join us this summer! Planned dates are July 2—13th.



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PSR Classes Resume

Our PSR classes will return for classes on February 20th at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Our second Grade students recently received their First Reconciliation on January 31 here at St. Ann Church. Please congratulate them as they work to prepare for their First Eucharist in April!



The First and Last Male Sponsored Baby Shower

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