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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 Phil Doolen 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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March 25, 2018

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

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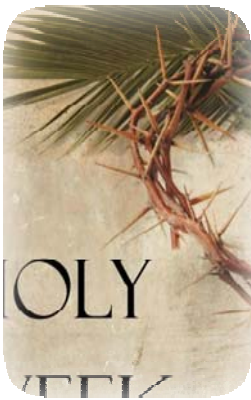
St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

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.



Lenten Travelers - IV arrived at Holy Week



Friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's Passion. United with Christ in his suffering on the Cross, may we share in his resurrection and new life ... Those words come from the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as an address to the beginning of Holy Week. At the beginning of the Mass on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the priest blesses branches as we joyfully acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and King. Imagine Jesus as Messiah and King entering Jerusalem - the excitement, people waving branches as someone new with a message of hope arrives in Jerusalem. It's natural to be excited and emotionally drawn into the arrival of someone new. As we know, the mood changed very quickly

and the crowd was stirred-up to the point of yelling: "Crucify him!" Oh, but I would never say that ... But we have. We are in the Palm Sunday Gospel at the Table betraying Jesus in some kind of way, selling him short as we put ourselves before him, denying him like Peter when put to the test, resisting helping like Simon of Cyrene, crucifying him by our unkind words and gossip about others - the Body of Christ ... Recently, I came across this quote: **"If you are not hungry for God, you are probably full of yourself."** Remember those Ash Wednesday words: Repent, and believe in the Gospel. **God can heal a broken heart, but you must give him all the pieces.** Jesus Christ is our model of humility as we enter Holy Week.

Did you notice the statues and crucifixes covered? When and why do we do that? It seems strange that during the most sacred time of the Church year that we cover the crucifix and statues in our shrine. Shouldn't we be looking at Jesus on the Cross as a reminder of God's love for humanity? The guidelines in the *Roman Missal* say: "In the Dioceses in the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the **Fifth Sunday of Lent** may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." This current practice is small by comparison to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany in the ninth century there was a tradition of veiling the altar from view throughout Lent. This cloth was referred to as the **"Hungertuch"** [hunger cloth] which hid the altar entirely from the faithful during Lent, and was not removed until the reading of the Passion on Holy Wednesday at the words "the veil was rent in two." Some authors say that there was a practical reason for this - often people were illiterate and thus they needed to know it was Lent. The veil also focuses our attention and brings about a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home in heaven. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's infinite wisdom.

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Having prepared ourselves during Lent by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we move into The Sacred Paschal Triduum [Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil] which transitions us from Lent to Easter, from red vestments to white, from death to resurrection, and from human frailty to the hope of eternal salvation in Jesus Christ. The Easter Triduum is filled with the LIFE of what it means to be Church: the presentation of the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism, Jesus' act of washing the feet of his disciples, celebrating the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, the passion and death on a cross, and a stone rolled back to reveal the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... The Sacred Triduum is all about prayer. These three days are the holiest days and demand our attention. **Good Friday**, above all days, is **NOT** a day for **partying with drinking beer and stuffing your face with crawfish** until you can't eat anymore ... Some may complain that the veneration of the cross takes too long. Hello! Jesus didn't run up the hill to Calvary in a pair of Nike. **Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence!** The rule states: Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat and items made with meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent**. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 **must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

Most people forget that **Good Friday** is the only day of the year that the **Church does NOT celebrate Mass**. The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion usually takes place in the afternoon at 3:00 PM, consisting of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion Service with hosts that were consecrated the evening before at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, the altar is completely bare - we should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our salvation. **Only one Cross should be used for veneration**. There is no need to rush this part of the liturgy.

The Easter Vigil is obviously celebrated after nightfall and with the church in darkness. Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire. The Easter fire is meant to be a blazing fire prepared in a suitable place outside the church where people can gather. Once the Paschal Candle has been lit from the Easter fire, a procession forms. The order of the procession is: the thurifer carrying a **SMOKING** thurible/censer, the deacon carrying the lighted Paschal Candle, followed by the priest and assisting ministers. At three different stations the deacon lifts high the Paschal Candle and sings: "**The Light of Christ**" and the faithful sing: "**Thanks be to God.**" With the Paschal Candle in its stand, the Easter Proclamation [Exsultet] is sung. The Liturgy of the Word has seven readings from the Old Testament, two New Testament readings and the Gospel reading. Some readings may be omitted but parishioners should understand that the solemn Easter Vigil is not just another Mass, nor is it a "long" Mass. The Easter Vigil takes time. The Gloria is sung in its splendor since we have not heard it sung in about 40 days. Only incense is carried in procession with the Book of the Gospels - no need for other candles since the Paschal Candle is at the ambo/pulpit. As St. Augustine said: "**We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.**"



No Holy Water! The practice of the Church is to empty the Holy Water fonts on the days of the Sacred Triduum in preparation for the blessing at the Easter Vigil. We need a certain anticipation and waiting with expectancy! Following the blessing of water at the Vigil, servers carry jugs of holy water to the fonts by each entrance.

I share this quote by St. John Paul II: "**We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures. We are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.**"

Reflection by Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	March 25
4:00 pm Vigil	Robert McGinnis, Curtis Dupree, George Sanderson, Jr., Michael Braud, Deborah Braud (S.I.), Tommy & Ashley Freel & Son (S.I.), Adam & Heather Braud & Son (S.I.), Fr. Colin Braud (S.I.), Mr. Evan Michael Braud (S.I.), Gardner & McClelland Families, Dorothy Meyers, Patrick O'Riordan, Jeffrey Lambert, Hans Fink, Connie McAvoy, Shari Jackson, R. M. Bollinger
8:00 am	Parishioners
9:30 am	Mary Kay Woodruff
11:00 am	Donald J. Trump (S.I.), Patrick O'Riordan, Lerlin Leah Kain, Kelly J. Johnson, Sr., Pearl H. Johnson, Adaze D. Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Angel D. Henry, Colbert Henry, Al Bentz, Thelma Michot, Rita Raphael, Ted Staines, Shannon McGuire, Gloria Keller, Hans Fink, Carrie LaBruzzo, Robbie Crain (Health), Richard Anthony Berniard
5:00 pm	James & Rosadell Fanning
Monday	March 26
6:30 am	Vivienne & Peter Woods
8:45 am	Olga M. Haughton Darenbourg
Tuesday	March 27
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am	Elsie "Blondie" Fontenot
7:00 pm	Christopher Alessi
Wednesday	March 28
6:30 am	Leatrice Hurley Lingo
8:45 am	Patricia Vezina
Holy Thursday	March 29
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
7:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	March 30
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	March 31
8:45 am	Morning Prayer



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Tuesday, March 27th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM
- ◆ 40 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 AM Mass until 10:00 PM on Wednesday in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel ONLY**
- ◆ Mass of Christ at St. Louis Cathedral: 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 28th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Holy Thursday, March 29th

- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- ◆ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM followed by procession to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, March 30

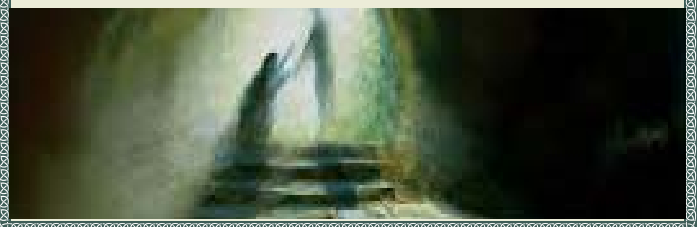
- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- ◆ Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31

- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- ◆ Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM. The entire celebration of this Vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before dawn. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. [No 3:00 PM Confessions or 4:00 PM Mass]

Easter Sunday, April 1th

- ◆ Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM [No 5:00 PM Mass]



March 25 - 31, 2018

"Sanctuary Candle"

In Memory of Roberto C. Haughton



Parish Calendar

3/26	9:30 AM COME AND SEE/ST. ANN 9:30 AM SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS (K, 1)/CHURCH 6:30 PM FR. BRAUD'S BOOK STUDY
3/27	8 AM CHILDRENS CHOIR REH./CHURCH 9:15 AM ADORATION IN CHAPEL 5 PM RCIA/JPII 6:15 PM PSR CLASSES/CAFETERIA & CLASSROOMS
3/28	10:30 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH 1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND 6 PM REHEARSAL FOR HOLY THURSDAY IN CHURCH 7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL IN CHURCH
3/29	HOLY THURSDAY, 6:30 AM NO MASS; 8:45 AM MORNING PRAYERS 9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND 9:30 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR SCHOOL 2-7/CHURCH 1:30 PM FACULTY REFLECTION/CHURCH 7 PM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
3/30	GOOD FRIDAY/8:45 AM MORNING PRAYER PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 2:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY REHEARSAL 3 PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN CHURCH
3/31	HOLY SATURDAY, 8:45 AM MORNING PRAYER 9 AM EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL, 8 PM EASTER VIGIL
4/1	EASTER SUNDAY, 8, 9:30 & 11:00 AM MASS NO 5 PM MASS



The students viewed our annual St. Joseph's Altar last week in the school cafeteria. Report card grades for the third quarter were posted this week. We are proud of our students' academic performance and we

are happy to offer secure electronic communication to parents. Please watch the WLAE tuition auction on Tuesday night, March 28th. St. Ann School will be one the schools participating.

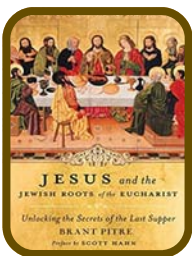
The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Fr. Braud will begin a book study on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre beginning on Monday of Holy Week, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. Please read Chapters 1 & 2 before the meeting and subsequent meetings will be:

April 9th - Chapters 3 & 4

April 23rd - Chapters 5 & 6

April 30th - Chapters 7 & 8 in the Parish Ministry Center. Each participant is responsible

for purchasing a copy of the book before the study begins. You can purchase the book at Pauline's, Barnes & Nobles and on Amazon. Please sign up on the parish [website](#) or contact the parish office 455-7071.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 26 Chosen One

In the First Reading, we hear part of the Servant Song. God's chosen one will bring justice to the nations. He is not a warrior, but will restore sight to the blind and free captives. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' anointing that foreshadows his burial. The message at the start of this week is that Jesus is the chosen one who frees us from sin and unites us as one family. What gift might you present or give to the poor and dying? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, March 27 Betrayal

As today's Gospel unfolds, it is revealed that Judas will betray Jesus. Throughout the passage, Jesus seems to be clear about what he will endure in the coming days, but the disciples seem clueless. How do you think you would have accompanied Jesus during his passion and death? Have you ever betrayed Jesus? Disconnect from social media for the remainder of the week and focus on prayer and listening. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, March 28 Spy Wednesday

Today is known traditionally as Spy Wednesday because the Gospel narrates Judas' act of betrayal. Like Judas, we have seen and heard the Good News, but yet we also at times give in to the temptations of money, power, or authority. This Lenten season invited us to recall those times we have betrayed Jesus, to repent, and to open our hearts to be transformed in love. Make time to journal about your Lenten experience. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, March 29 Holy Thursday

This evening, parishes throughout the world gather to celebrate the beginning of the Sacred Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. These three days, the holiest of the liturgical year, invite us to lay aside distractions and experience the Paschal Mystery. Be nourished by the Eucharist and stay to keep vigil with the Lord. *Today's Readings: Chrism Mass Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21. Mass of the Lord's Supper Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

We enter the church today in silence to meditate on Jesus' death and what it means for our life. Pay close attention to the Gospel, the Adoration of the Cross, and the Solemn Intercessions. Give yourself over to the prayer of the liturgy and listen to God's invitation. What do you hear? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil

In the stillness of the night, the Church gathers to share her story of salvation and to proclaim the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. Listen for the many images in the *Exsultet* so that you may ponder them later. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-7.*



St. Ann Church and Knights of Columbus Offer Local Media

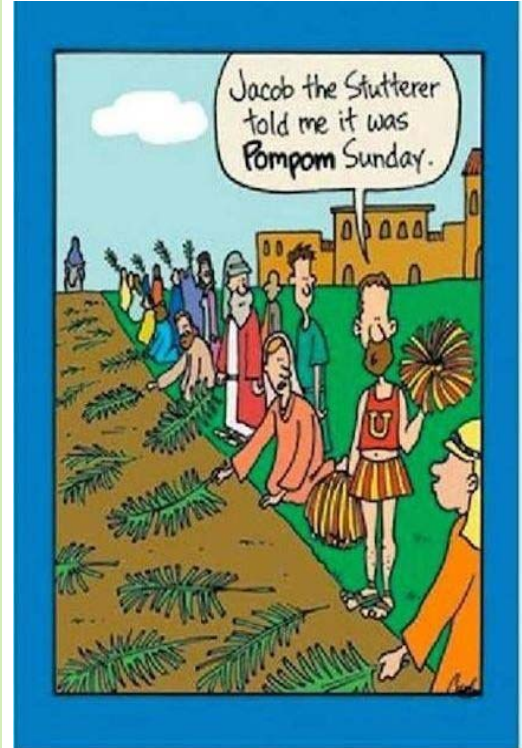
St. Ann Church and the Knights of Columbus are offering a unique service to those in our community! Tune your car radio to 87.9 FM for a Christ-centered message as you are within 1/2 mile of St. Ann Church. These messages are provided at no cost to the parish courtesy of our local Knights of Columbus council as part of their "Evangelization" campaign. We hope you find the messages spiritually uplifting! The messages will change for each liturgical season. Thank you and God bless!

Vacation Bible School



Plans for **VBS 2018** are underway! Our theme for this year is VBS Beach Party! **Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open!** The registration link can be found on the church website at :

<http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school>
We will host the events July 2-13 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The program will include Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts and drama skits. Children entering pre-K (four years old) through 4th grade are welcome to participate as campers and students entering grades 5-12 are encouraged to volunteer as group leaders and station assistants. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone wishing to be a part of this year's program. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 225



You Know You're Catholic when . . .

Someone asks you your favorite Madonna song, and you say, "Hail Holy Queen."

Ministry Spotlight

Youth Ministry

The Parish Youth Ministry efforts at St. Ann Church encompass a variety of activities designed to bring all young people to a experience God in a youth friendly environment. Jr. CYO is designed for students in grades 6-7. CYO is for students in grades 8-12. Young Adult Ministry is for those ages 18-30. **Adult coordinators are needed for each of these ministries!** Youth Ministry programs allow the "young Church" to grow in their knowledge and love of God. If you wish to become involved in any of these ministries, simply contact the church office at 455-7071, ext. 225 and we'd be happy to share how you can get involved.

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