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Bishop of Lake Charles

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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

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DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. OUR PRIESTS WILL CELEBRATE DAILY MASS
WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR OUR PARISH INTENTIONS**

**THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS AND PRAYERS
MONDAY—FRIDAY FROM 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
SATURDAY FROM 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
SUNDAY FROM 11:00 AM—5:00 PM**

March 16, 2020

Monday



My dear people of God,

Given the most recent developments regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) at the federal and state levels and in the interest of the common good, with great reluctance and a very heavy heart, I am suspending public liturgical services in the Diocese of Lake Charles, effective at noon on Tuesday, March 17. Churches and chapels will remain open, according to their established schedules, for individual visits and prayer. Confirmations will be rescheduled at the earliest possible future date. Directives on funerals and weddings will be forwarded to the clergy very soon. The priests and I will continue to celebrate Mass daily without congregation for your intentions. The clergy will also be available for the administration of the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick on an individual basis.

The question will be asked: How long will this last? I regret that this is an unknown, because the coronavirus and the ensuing consequences have proven so unpredictable. What I can say is that this situation will be reviewed daily. I am dispensing the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles from the obligation of attending Masses on Sundays and Holy Days during this period of suspended public liturgical services. At the same time, we must continue to keep holy the Lord's Day, at home, quietly reading and meditating on the readings of the day, praying the rosary, and refraining from unnecessary work. I strongly encourage the faithful to avail themselves of the frequently televised Mass on EWTN. I will be working with the diocesan staff on the possibility of live-streaming services of local origin on our website.

I must say that this is one of the saddest decisions I have ever made as a bishop and a priest. However, this pandemic has forced issues upon us which are truly beyond our control. We must pray for an end to this affliction. I will do everything in my power to return us to some normalcy regarding what is most precious to us as Catholics, the celebration of our sacraments, most especially the Eucharist.

Please pray for me, as I do for you daily. Lord Jesus, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

**Directives for the Celebration of the Sacraments during the time of Pandemic
Promulgated by Bishop Glen John Provost on March 17, 2020**

- 1) Beginning at noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 all public Masses are suspended.
- 2) All Priests are asked to celebrate daily Mass **without a congregation** for the assigned intentions of the parish.
- 3) Baptisms are not to be celebrated in a group context. Individual Baptisms may be celebrated with immediate family only.
- 4) Confirmations during this period of suspended public Masses will be rescheduled to a later time.
- 5) The Sacrament of First Holy Communion should be rescheduled as soon as possible when the suspension of public Masses has been lifted.
- 6) Weddings may be celebrated with immediate family only outside of Mass.
- 7) Anointing of the sick and emergency communion calls may only be administered by a Priest. A Deacon may also assist with Communion to the sick. **No Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may assist with Holy Communion at this time.**
- 8) Confessions can be heard behind the screen only; a posted schedule of the sacrament of confession should be placed on the doors of the church.
- 9) Funerals will be at the gravesite only with immediate family. Pastors should schedule a memorial Mass for the deceased at a later date.
- 10) All groups of ten or more persons cannot be encouraged or permitted.
- 11) RCIA candidates and catechumens may be brought into the church at the discretion of the Pastor (when the Pastor deems that they are prepared or at a later date).
- 12) The church building may be left open according to the parish's regular schedule.

These directives are in place until such time as the Suspension of Public Masses is lifted.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Salus Populi Romani *Protectress and Health of the Roman People*

PRAYER against the Coronavirus

Pope Francis offered the following prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday (March 11, 2020), entrusting the city of Rome, all of Italy, and “the entire world to the protection of the Mother of God, as a sign of salvation and hope” during the ongoing coronavirus emergency. Let us join our Holy Father in prayer, penance, and fasting during this time of trial.

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Given the circumstances, Bishop Provost is providing this prayer for the use of the faithful:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You are already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(You may make this Act of Spiritual Communion anytime you need it and as often as you need it.)

CHURCH HOURS

The Cathedral will remain open for individual visits and private prayers:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Saturday, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Sunday, 11:00 am—12:30 pm

The Blessed Sacrament may be exposed in a monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration during the hours of Confession.

AVE MARIA HALL & OFFICE BUILDING

We ask that any group using the Ave Maria Hall for meetings (even if they are less than 10 people) meet somewhere else, online, on the phone, or cancel their meeting. We would like to keep the office building and the Ave Maria Hall a "green zone" to make it safe for all staff members.

CANCELLATIONS

All meetings in the Cathedral office building are cancelled until further notice.

The following events are **cancelled**:

Lenten Parish Mission - Wednesday, March 18

St. Joseph's Altar - Thursday, March 19

Holy Mass & Adoration for Healing - Tuesday, March 24

Eucharistic Procession from Cathedral to ICCS - March 25

The following activities in the church are **suspended** until further notice:

Holy Hour of Reparation - Every Thursday, 11 pm to 12 midnight. *Those who wish to make a Holy Hour of Reparation in the church may do so privately during the time the church is open.*

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday of Lent, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm

Those who wish to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church may do so privately during the time the church is open. The booklets will be available in the narthex.

Eucharistic Adoration - Every Friday of Lent, 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Those who wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance may do so privately during Confession hours.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. While public Masses are suspended at this time, our daily work of parish and pastoral ministry will continue on. Please consider sending your weekly donations by mail or online. Here's the link to our secure online donations page: <https://immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/donations>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SATURDAY, March 21—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Annette Pronia; Mr. Michael Higgins & Family (living); Donna Granger (living); Gwen Craft & Family (living); .

SUNDAY, March 22—Pro Populo” (For the People); Robichaux & Robert Families; Ryan Skrnich; Doris & Earl Du hon; Peggy Guidry; Lonnie Stratton; Frances Landry Raley; Emmadell Bodin Hay; Bernard Leger; Marie Lupo; Wildean Broussard; Betty Henry (living); Cynthia Louise Williams (living).

MONDAY, March 23—Mrs. Christi Jarreau & Family (living); Joy Gaspard & Family.

TUESDAY, March 24—Mrs. Virginia Kate Jessen & Family (living).

WEDNESDAY, March 25—Mrs. Danielle Koenig & Family (living).

THURSDAY, March 26—Ms. Jada LaBove (living).

FRIDAY, March 27—Ms. Lyndsey LeBlanc (living).

SATURDAY, March 28—Dora Jean “Dori” Scalisi Rogers; Annette Pronia; John LaVern; Souls in Purgatory.

SUNDAY, March 29—”Pro Populo” (For the People); Enos Miller Family; Dena & Fred Nodier; Bev Wise; Evelyn & Hardy Williams; Ragan Gaspard & Family.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Sondra Abraham; Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Owen Arceneaux; Renee Arceneaux; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Henry Barnatt; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Leneta Boudreaux; Robert Boudreaux; Melanie Bowles; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Turner Brumby; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Teresa Chapoy; Ada Cochran; Denise Collette; Thad Crouch; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Vickie Denison; Claudia Dyle; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Jessica Hulin; Georgia Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Judy Marcantel; Jules Maust; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Ray Miles; Elaine Morrow; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Ruth Ottenweller; Larry Parker; Chris Percle; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Taylor Rock; Marian Rome; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Sue Spears; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Beau Styron; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charlie Viccellio; Aly and Riley Wilkins; Gay Young; Martha Young.

***If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251.
Please let us know if your loved one has recovered or is deceased.***

Prayer Intentions for the month of March:

Pope Francis: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Bishop Provost: May all converts, catechumens, and Confirmation candidates preparing for the reception of the Sacraments open their minds more fully to the truth of God's Word and embrace wholeheartedly their vocation as a Christian in the Church.