SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Attached [link](#) is a letter celebrating Sunday, January 26th (third Sunday in ordinary time) as an annual observance of **Sunday of the Word of God**. Please read the letter at all Masses January 25-26, 2020.


- The Louisiana Life March South will be Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 10:00 AM in Baton Rouge. This is open to all and will begin at the Louisiana State Capitol’s front lawn.

- In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the last week of January, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 25-26, 2020, to support Catholic schools. Please click [here](#) to view my letter in both English and Spanish. Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort.

- The Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) at Notre Dame Seminary will commission Elizabeth Fuselier, Kaitlyn Johnson, Lauren Lagarde, Mary Lou McCall, Gina Radecker, Genia Roper, Janet Stains, and Maureen Wright on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral.

- Catholic Schools Week will be January 26-February 1, 2020. Mass will be celebrated Friday, January 31, 2020, at St. Catherine of Siena at 10:30 AM.

- The Vietnamese New Year Festival Opening Ceremony will be Friday, January 31, 2020, at 6:30 PM at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, 5069 Willowbrook Dr., New Orleans.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020, with Mass at 11:00 AM at Dominican High School.

- Our Human Trafficking Symposium: A Light in the Darkness will be held February 8, 2020, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Dr. in New Orleans. Registration is required. For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org). 

- We will celebrate a Centennial Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Westwego on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM.

- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- Please advertise the Archdiocesan Men’s Conference (Men: You Were Made for More) scheduled for March 7, 2020. You may download a flyer [here](#).
**Death**

*Sister Lillian Pawlik, OSB,* a Sister of St. Benedict died December 19, 2019, in New Orleans. Sister had a heart for the poor and ministered at Hope House and Lindy’s Place. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 10:00 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be private. Please pray for Sr. Lillian, her Benedictine family and all who loved her. May she rest in peace.

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**Mark Your Calendars**

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Changes to wireless microphone rules... The FCC has reorganized the amount of TV band spectrum available for wireless microphones. Specifically, most (but not all) of the spectrum on TV channels 38-51 (614-698 MHz), has been repurposed for use by wireless services and will not continue to be available for wireless microphone use. Wireless microphones that operate in the 600 MHz service band (the 617-652 MHz and 663-698 MHz frequencies) will be required to cease operation by no later than July 13, 2020, and may be required to cease operation sooner if they could cause interference to new wireless licensees that commence operations on their licensed spectrum in the 600 MHz service band. Operating on these frequencies may result in interference within the church as well as interfere with the communication of public safety agencies.

The Office of Worship asks that all parishes check their wireless system to ensure they are in compliance with these new FCC restrictions. Unfortunately, this may require parishes to purchase new equipment. The FCC documentation can be found here: https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/wireless-microphones

SECTION III
PARISH PUBLICITY
Announcements below are made available for publicizing to parishioners via placement in parish bulletins, on parish websites and social media, or other appropriate means

Theology on Tap-Northshore
Please join us at The Chimes, 19130 Rogers Ln., Covington, LA, 6:30 PM, talks begin at 7:15 PM.

January 23rd 2020 in 2020 with Bailey Lanier
January 30th Providence and the Holy Spirit with Deacon Kenny Uhlich
February 6th Finding God in the Arts with Brent Goodrich
February 13th Trivia Night

For more information, please contact Terry at St. Anselm, 985-845-7342.

World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration
The Religious of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 8, 2020. This year the celebration will be hosted by St. Mary’s Dominican High School at 7701 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans. All Religious of the Archdiocese are invited. We ask the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese to help promote vocations to the Consecrated Life. Following are some possible suggestions:

- Participate in your parish vocation committee.
- Highlight stories of people who live the consecrated life, especially those who serve in the local parish or who entered from the parish.
- Promote awareness of the importance of discerning a possible religious vocation.
- Pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life from your parish to serve as ministers for the liturgy.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life to speak to adults/children in religious education programs or in school religion classes.

Please contact the Department of Religious at (504) 861-6281 for more information.
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Tchaikovsky’s Joan of Arc

Tchaikovsky’s Joan of Arc will be performed at the Mahalia Jackson theater on Friday, February 7th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, February 9th at 2:30 PM. The Director of Public Relations and Marketing has invited Catholic Churches to publicize a 25% discount offer available to anyone that wishes to attend. Please click on this link, pick the performance you wish to attend, and enter the discount code FriendOfJoan for 25% off any seat in the house. If you need help you may call 504-529-3000.

Sacred Communications for Married and Engaged Couples

Saturday, February 29, 2:00-4:00 PM at St. Peter’s LaCour Center, Reserve

For married and engaged couples seeking to improve their communication in respect, collaboration, openness and honesty. Presenters, Deacon Richard and Diane Abbondante explore the communication skills they have learned through their 40 years of marriage. Clips from the Beloved series from Augustine Institute will also be shown. You may download a flyer here. Cost $35.00/Couple (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc or telephone (504) 861-3254.

Lenten Retreat in Daily Life

Would you like to experience Sacred Scripture—not just study it? Do you have a deep desire to grow in your faith and prayer life? Are you seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer? Would you like to experience a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life?

If your answer is “Yes” a Lenten Retreat in Daily Life may be for you. In between the opening and closing session you will spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day. You will have a private session with an experienced spiritual director weekly during the retreat. You may download a flyer here.

Held in two locations:

The North Shore Catholic Center: 4465 Hwy. E. 190 Service Road, Covington.
Opening Session: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10:30 AM - Noon  Closing: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 10:30-Noon
Archdiocesan Spirituality Center: 2501 Maine Ave., Metairie
Opening Session: Sunday, March 1, 2020, 2:00 – 4:00 PM Closing: Thursday, April 2, 2020. 7:00-8:30 PM
Cost $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc or telephone (504) 861-3254

Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in Providence Hall at Our Lady of Divine Providence in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7 and April 14, 2020. Hours are 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. The materials for the series cost $25.00. To register go to our website https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop. For more information, please call Cathy, 504-861-6243.
PEACE PRAYER WALK

The Office of Justice and Peace and Isaiah 43 Program are hosting a Peace Prayer Walk on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. We will gather at 6:00 PM at St. Pius X Church located at 6666 Spanish Fort Blvd., NOLA 70124. All are invited to attend as we follow Pope Francis’ calling to be in the community to encounter and dialogue with others to promote peace. For more information, contact Kristina Gibson at (504) 310-8772. You may download a flyer here.

VISIT BY MEDJUGORJE VISIONARY IVAN DRAGICEVIC

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie will host the Medjugorje Visionary, Ivan Dragicevic, on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at St. Francis Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA. Ivan will attend the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. Following Mass, there will be a reception with food, a talk by Ivan and the recitation of the rosary, culminating at 6:40 PM with the Blessed Mother’s Apparition to Ivan. Ivan will share the message of Our Lady afterwards. Everyone is invited. You may download a flyer here.

DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH PAMPHLETS

The Marian Servants of the Precious Blood of Jesus have produced a pamphlet promoting devotion to St. Joseph entitled, "St. Joseph Speaks to Our Times." After fulfilling their pre-order list, they have extras available to any parish that may want them. If interested, please contact the Office of Pastoral Planning & Ministries at 504-861-6294 or planningandministries@arch-no.org to be put in touch with Sandra Martin, Marian Servants Director. You may download a copy of the pamphlet here.