

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin

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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 24-25, 2020, for the Mardi Gras holidays. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020.
- Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020. Please remember the importance of fasting and abstinence on this day and a strong spirit of prayer, fasting, and charity throughout Lent.
- The guidelines for Catholics on fasting and abstinence are as follows: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.
- As we approach Lent, let us be mindful not to schedule "fish fry" etc. on Good Friday.
- Please see my pastoral letter for the 1st Sunday of Lent attached to this e-Bulletin. Please place in your church bulletin for the weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020. You may download the letter [here](#) in English and Spanish.
- Please be reminded that the 1st Sunday of Lent is Safe Haven Sunday.
- The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 3:00 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 PM.
- The Lenten Morning of Reflection for archdiocesan staff will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM at St. Pius X; therefore our offices will be closed during that time and will reopen for the afternoon.
- The Lenten Morning of Prayer for Priests will be held at Divine Mercy Church on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Gathering in the church begins at 10:30 AM followed at 11:00 AM by a prayer service which includes Eucharistic Exposition, Daytime Prayer, Reflection, Benediction, Confession and lunch. The reflection will be by Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B. Please RSVP to the Priest Personnel Office by Friday, February 28, 2020. Please see attached flyer [here](#).

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.nolacatholic.org

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Impelled by God's call and inspired by the vision of the Ninth General Synod, the ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, in union with the Archbishop and with one another, serve the people, parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese, enabling them to encounter Jesus and witness his love with joy.

- Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8, 2020.
- Confessions will be available in all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM. Thanks to all Priests for their ministry of healing and mercy.

Death

Sr. Hortensia Maria Flowers, S.S.F., a Sister of the Holy Family, passed away on February 4, 2020. Sr. Hortensia Maria was an educator for many years and in her retirement fed the hungry who came to the door of the Motherhouse. Visitation, wake and funeral Mass were held at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Family Thursday, February 13, 2020. Please keep Sr. Hortensia Maria, the Sisters of the Holy Family and all who loved her in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

March 18, 2020	Confession available in all parishes 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 25, 2020	Confession available in all parishes 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
April 1, 2020	Confession available in all parishes 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 16, 2020	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 30, 2020	Priesthood Ordination
September 9, 2020	Confession available in all parishes 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
September 15-17, 2020	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
May 22, 2021	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 5, 2021	Priesthood Ordination
September 20-22, 2021	Louisiana Priests Convention
September 7-9, 2022	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
September 6-8, 2023	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

- ✓ **Lenten Morning of Prayer for Priests**-The Lenten Morning of Prayer for Priests will be held at Divine Mercy Church on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Gathering in the church begins at 10:30 AM followed at 11:00 AM by a prayer service which includes Eucharistic Exposition, Daytime Prayer, Reflection, Benediction, Confession and lunch. The reflection will be by Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B. Please RSVP to the Priest Personnel Office by Friday, February 28, 2020. Please see [attached](#) flyer.
- ✓ **Liturgical Guidelines for Lent, Easter and the Sacred Triduum 2020**-The liturgical guidelines for Lent, Easter and the Sacred Triduum 2020 are available on the Office of Worship website. Please be sure to review them as they contain much important information.
nolacatholic.org/documents/2020/2/LENT%20AND%20EASTER%20GUIDELINES%202020.pdf
- ✓ **Reminder - Order of St. Louis Nominees Due by March 2nd**-Pastors/administrators are reminded that nominations for the Order of St. Louis IX Awards should be sent **no later than March 2, 2020**, via e-mail to Mrs. Jonelle Foltz at the Clarion Herald at jfoltz@clarionherald.org; or by fax to (504) 596-3020. They may also be mailed to: Mrs. Jonelle Foltz, Clarion Herald, 1000 Howard Avenue, Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70113.

The awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2020, at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Ave., New Orleans.

Parishes of fewer than 1,000 families may nominate one parishioner, and parishes of more than 1,000 families may nominate two persons. Husband and wife are considered one nominee. Please check carefully the spelling of each name, and forward it together with the nominee's address, zip and phone number. In the case of a married woman, please indicate her given name, e.g. Mrs. Joan Williams (not Mrs. Charles Williams). Only lay Catholics in good standing are eligible for nominations.

The medallion may only be received once in a lifetime of service to the Archdiocese. In the event that a nominee has already received the award from another parish or from the archdiocese in previous years, you will be contacted for another nominee.

The official notification letter to recipients from Archbishop Aymond will be mailed to them during the first week of April, a copy of which will be mailed to their pastors/administrators. Please call Mrs. Foltz at (504) 596-3036 with any questions.

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

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowls arrived in mid-January, and now is the time to plan on distributing them in your parishes and high schools on Ash Wednesday or sometime early in Lent. Catholic Relief Service is the international aid arm of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and does outstanding work in developing people in a sustainable way so that people can stay in their homelands for generations to come. The primary purpose of the Rice Bowl is to form families in their faith and understanding of global solidarity, to stand with our brothers and sisters in need overseas. Your unrestricted gift helps CRS respond to natural disasters and other emerging needs quickly so they may respond to those needs in real time. Please consider participating in Rice Bowl this Lent as your almsgiving practice. The insert in the Rice Bowls has many prayers and suggestions for families to grow their solidarity with our international family. To learn more, go to <https://www.csricebowl.org/> If you would still like to receive Rice Bowl, additional resources, or if you have any other questions please contact Kevin Fitzpatrick at (504) 592-5692 or kfitzpatrick@ccano.org.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for a silent retreat "Walking with Jesus: Lent 2020" presented by Rev. Lee Poche, March 4-6, 2020. The cost is \$350 which includes meals and accommodations. You may register online at <https://neworleansretreats.org/events/prayer-2> or you may call Susan Halligan at (504) 267-9604. Attached you will find the [flyer](#) with more details.

Respect Life-Human Trafficking

Would you like to learn more about Human Trafficking? Join us at our next quarterly Human Trafficking Basic Training on Tuesday March 10, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Northshore Catholic Pastoral Center in their conference room. An FBI agent and Debbie Shinskie, the chair of the Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Committee will be presenting. Trainings include red flags of Human Trafficking, how to report it, and other information about Human Trafficking in our own backyard. Attendance is free and limited to those 18 years of age or older. For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org

2020 Lay Enrichment Series

All are invited and welcomed to attend the third installment of the Spring 2020 *Lay Enrichment Series*, a free faith formation event sponsored by Notre Dame Seminary's Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 6:30-7:30 PM in NDS's Pastoral Center. Dr. Todd Amick, Assistant Professor of Theology at the University of Holy Cross, will be offering a presentation entitled "Being in Love with God." Dr. Amick will speak about how Pope Benedict's letter, "God is Love," shows us how being in love with God can teach us to love ourselves and others. Divine "Eros" becomes the means to understand the human experience of "being in love". Register now at www.les-nds-amick.eventbrite.com! You may download a flyer [here](#).

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

St. Ann Church and Shrine Lenten Mission

St. Ann Church and National Shrine will hold their annual Lenten Mission March 9th, 10th, and 11th with Masses at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This year, the Mission will be led by Fr. Brice Higginbotham from the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese. You may recognize Fr. Brice from his Facebook videos that often address, “Why do we do that?” Our theme will be “Seeing with the Eyes of Faith.” St. Ann Church and National Shrine is located at 3601 Transcontinental Drive in Metairie. If you have questions or need further information, please visit our website, stannchurchandshrine.org/missions-retreats or contact the parish office at 504-455-7071. We would appreciate it if you could share this information in your parish bulletin and share our event on your Facebook page if possible (<https://www.facebook.com/events/447010179247233>). We look forward to seeing you!

Employment Opportunities

New job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: <https://nolacatholic.org/employment>

Staff Accountant, Archbishop Rummel High School, Metairie, LA
Data Base Manager (Part Time), Tulane Catholic Center, New Orleans, LA
Director of Youth Ministry, St. Catherine of Siena Church, Metairie, LA

Camp Abbey Retreat Center is seeking a full-time administrative assistant. Responsibilities include assisting with: written correspondence, online communication and emails, general record keeping, day to day operations, and collaboration with summer camp administration. Candidates should have experience as an administrative assistant or equivalent with strong computer skills, basic knowledge and understanding of databases, registrations, contracts as well as familiarity with budget and asset allocations.

To apply send a letter and resume to Timmy McCaffery, Jr., Director, CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans LA 70122 or cyo@arch-no.org.