SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Please consider including in the Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayers:

  For all who have been affected by the Coronavirus, that they may be healed, and for our protection from the virus, we pray to the Lord.

  For migrants, immigrants, and refugees, that they may find safe passage and receive support that respects their human dignity, we pray to the Lord.

- The Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2020 is available in both English and Spanish. Please download the message [here](#) and make it available to your parishioners.

- 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. It is NOT to be read at Masses. 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](#).

- The Men’s Conference will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020, at St. Catherine of Siena, 105 Bonnabel, Metairie, LA. Registration will begin at 7:00 AM with the program following from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Cost is $45.00. You may get more information at [nolacatholicmen.com](http://nolacatholicmen.com).

Mission Statement for the Departments and Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

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.

Mark Your Calendars

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Death

Mrs. Diane Davis, mother of Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, passed away February 23, 2020. Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2020, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at St. Peter Claver Church, 1923 St. Philip Street, New Orleans. Rosary will be at 10:00 AM and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Interment: Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, 34888 Grantham College Drive in Slidell. Please keep Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, and his family and loved ones in your prayers.

Notre Dame Seminary’s Lay Programs will be having an Open House on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the NDS Pastoral Center. This event will be an excellent opportunity for all interested parish and school religious educators and lay ministers to receive more information about the NDS lay programs (Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Masters of Arts in Pastoral Leadership) and scholarship opportunities. To RSVP please follow the link here.

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.
SECTION II
ACTION REQUESTED
Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

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.

A list of parish-based Lenten missions and retreats is available online at https://nolacatholic.org/parish-based-missions-and-retreats. The list is kept continuously updated. To have something included, please contact the Office of Communications at communications@arch-no.org

The archdiocese has received information about a grant program available to non-profits that may fund security enhancements to protect against active shooters, terrorism, and related threats. Churches, schools, and agencies within the archdiocese that are 501c3 non-profits are eligible and may want to consider applying for funds.

The timeline to do so is very short as FEMA released the 2020 grant application information on February 14, 2020, and the State of Louisiana has set an application deadline of March 31, 2020. Please see the memo here for more information.
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.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March

Universal Prayer Intention—Evangelization—Catholics in China
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Respect Life Focus—March

During the month of March we focus on our brothers and sisters who live with disabilities, for their families, and for caregivers. May those who live with disabilities receive the respect their human dignity demands. May they be cared for and assisted with love in all circumstances. May those who are caregivers see Christ in all those for whom they provide care.

Spiritual work of mercy—Prayer for those with Disabilities—Lord Jesus Christ, You know the pain of brokenness, You took our weaknesses upon Your shoulders and bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters whose bodies fail them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Implant a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find You in their weakness, and console You in our care for them. For You are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

A corporal work of mercy you can do—Invite those in your parish who are homebound or who have disabilities to join our Prayer Team - Under Her Mantle, and provide prayer cards to those who visit the homebound in your parish. These cards are available through the Respect Life Office.

Through April 6th—Please participate in our Spiritual Bouquet for the April Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. Choose a prayer(s) and/or something that you will offer up for our retreatants who seek healing after an abortion. It can be any prayer/offering that you wish, prayed or offered when you can. Email your prayer(s)/offering(s) to the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org. It will be prepared in a Spiritual Bouquet to be given to all our retreatants. Show them the love of Jesus in your own prayers and offerings as they take this step in the healing process. Deadline to submit your prayer(s)/offering(s) is Monday April 6, 2020. Thank you!

Catholic Women in Action Morning of Reflection

A special Lenten Morning of Reflection sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 9:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie. Mass, Confession, reflection by Lorraine Hess, and Marian Stations of the Cross will be offered. Please see attached flyer here.

Conversion, Redemption, Works of Mercy

The Archdiocesan Holy Name Society will host Catholic speaker and author Derek Rotty on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at the National Shrine of Blessed John of Vercelli (founder of the Holy Name Society) located at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans. Derek will examine prominent episodes in the Gospels that can inspire us to be disciples who engage in works of mercy, leading to the healing of relationships through conversion and repentance. A flyer with more information is available here.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

The Faces of My Family Conference

Adoptive and Foster families experience special joys, and special challenges. This conference helps to bring healing and restoration to those who have been a part of foster and adoptive families. Friday, March 27, 2020, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Mass available)
Held at St. Pius X Parish Life Center, 201 E. Bayou Pkwy., Lafayette, LA. This is open to 18 year old and up. You can find more information on Facebook page – Faces of My Family. Tickets are available at https://kenkniepmann.com. You may download a flyer here. Please call Arleen LeBlanc at 337-288-0853 or email her at neenie22@yahoo.com for more information.

All Saints Catholic Church

Below are some descriptions of items All Saints Church would like donate to another church. We are willing to deliver within the city limits. If interested, please call Miranda Rogers at 504-361-8835.

1. 2 black 24 candle votive stand
2. Black 5 candle votive stand
3. Gold 3 light candelabra about 5 feet tall
4. Black 7 light candelabra about 5 feet tall
5. Brass paschal candlestick holder about 4 feet tall
6. Black 12 candle votive stand
7. Black 10 candle votive stand
8. Brass paschal candlestick holder about 3 ½ feet
9. Black 6 light candelabra about 5 feet tall
10. Wooden & brass 6 light candle holder

Employment Opportunities

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

For any inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact Pastoral Planning and Ministries at planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org.