SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Please see my pastoral letter about the Sacrament of Reconciliation attached to this e-bulletin. Please read this letter either before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer and place in your church bulletin for the weekend of March 14-15, 2020. You may download the letter here in English and Spanish.

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There are many resources available with information about Coronavirus, methods for prevention, travel information, etc. Below are a few that may be useful.

- LA Office of Public Health
- CDC Fact Sheet
- CDC CoronaVirus Main Page

Please note that these guidelines could be used in regards to fish frys and any parish or school based activity. In closing, know that your ministry is appreciated and supported. We will be lifting you all up in prayer in the coming week as final preparations for the altars are made.

Lenten blessings, Archbishop Aymond

- Thank you to David Dawson, Sam Pitre, Cathy Francis, and all on the planning committee for a successful, faith-filled Men’s Conference last weekend at St. Catherine of Siena. Over 1,000 men attended. It was a great conference and the response was very positive. Thank you also to Fr. Tim Hedrick, the St. Catherine of Siena staff, and many volunteers.

- The revised “Order of Baptism of Children” may be used now, but must be used at Easter and beyond. No other English translation of the Rite may be used in the dioceses of the United States. Please see Section II for more information.

- Thank you to the Clergy Office and the Office of Worship for organizing our Lenten Morning of Prayer for Priests last week. It was well attended by 114 priests. Thanks to Father Robert Cooper for hosting our morning of prayer and to Abbot Justin Brown, OSB for his very good reflection.

- Notre Dame Seminary’s Lay Programs will have 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.

- The Converging Roads Conference originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020, has been cancelled.

- 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.

- A Blue Mass, honoring First responders in St. Charles (Civil) Parish, will be held on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 9:15 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, 13396 River Road, Destrehan, LA.

- Abbey Youth Festival will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020, on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding at 8:30 PM. To register or for more information click here.

- The 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. Please call Marriage and Family Life for more information at 504-861-6243.

- The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the Walmsley Conference Room.

- The Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held March 27-29, 2020, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, 2701 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA. Please visit www.ccrno.org or call 504-828-1368 for more information or to register.
Death
Deacon Ralph T. Fray died on March 3, 2020, at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife, children and great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 9, 2020, at St. Cletus Church in Gretna. Please remember Deacon Fray, his family and all who mourn his death in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

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

Revised Order of Baptism for Children - The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced in September that the *Order of Baptism for Children, 2nd edition* may be used beginning on February 2, 2020, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Its use will be mandatory on April 12, 2020, Easter Sunday. Beginning on Easter Sunday 2020, no other English translation may be used for Baptism of Children. All liturgical publishers will be printing this book. Please contact the Office of Worship at (504) 861-6300 with any questions.
Altar Server Awards Mass and Banquet - The Altar Server Awards Mass and Banquet will be held March 31, 2020, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. The blue card sent to all pastors requesting the name of your altar server of the year needs to be sent to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163 by March 18, 2020. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

Spring Choral Skills Symposium - Tried and True Tricks of the Trade: What WORKS with volunteer choirs. The Office of Worship and the Archdiocesan Music Commission invites music directors, choir members, cantors, and ensemble vocalists to this workshop by Dr. Meg Hulley Frazier, Director of the School of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Loyola University. This will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville, Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 8:30 AM - noon. Click here for a flyer and more information. https://nolacatholic.org/musicevents

Fantastic NOLACatholic Friday Fish Fry Judges Panel Participation - Thank you to all parishes that have submitted their Friday Fish Fry information. We are seeing a huge response and have anecdotally received reports of multiple fish frys selling out on Friday evening! What a great witness of faith and community! For those parishes wanting to participate in the inaugural Fantastic NOLACatholic Friday Fish Fry Judges Panel Challenge, there will be two designated sites for judging on Friday, March 20, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Please select one location to bring your entry. The locations are:

1) Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 HWY 190 E Service Rd., Covington
2) Archdiocesan Chancery, 7887 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans

As you arrive a staff member will number your box and deliver it to the judges. Remember, this is a blind tasting! Judges will be at both locations ready to sample fish fry plates beginning at 5 pm. Plates will be judged on the following criteria:

1) Taste and texture of fried fish
2) Quality of overall fish plate (entire meal including sides)
3) For those submitting “Lagniappe Dishes” judges will select their favorite dish.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah McDonald at (504) 596-3023 or smcdonald@arch-no.org, and don’t forget to encourage your parishioners to vote in the Parishioner’s Choice Challenge at https://nolacatholic.org/parishionerschoice. All parishes and schools are eligible to participate. May the best fish win!

Chrism Mass Invitation - On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7, 2020, at 10:00 AM, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond will preside at the liturgy of the Chrism Mass. Parishes and schools are invited to bring a delegation of up to 25 persons. In order to ensure adequate seating, parishes and schools planning to attend are asked to complete the attached form and return it to the Office of Worship by March 24, 2020. Additional seats may be available after the RSVP date.

Stations of the Cross and Holy Week Schedules - Thank you to all parishes that have submitted Lenten events to the online Lenten calendar. We are continuing to update that listing, so if there are additional events to be added, please do not hesitate to submit the event information at https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-event.

We have received several inquiries from individuals looking for a listing of times for the Stations of the Cross at our parishes. While a number of parishes submitted that information as part of your Lenten programming, we are now formally requesting this information. Please click on the following link: https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-stations-of-the-cross-times to submit your parish/church’s schedule for Stations of the Cross.

As we move through Lent we look forward to Holy Week. To accommodate parishioners and visitors to our area, we are collecting a calendar of Holy Week activities. Please click here: https://nolacatholic.org/submit-your-holy-week-schedule to submit your parish/church’s information.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing these forms, please contact Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.
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.

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Willwoods Married Couples Retreat

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat on March 21-22, 2020, at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey’s Retreat Center in Covington.

You and your spouse will spend time growing closer in your marriage through inspiring talks from Charles & Bridget Stiebing, Mary & Matt Reeves, and Fred & Nichole Zoller, private couple time and individual prayer time, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Mass! Through God’s grace, each couple may walk away with a renewed strength and a deeper commitment to each other and God.

To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend! Scholarships are available! You may download a flyer here.

Come and See Vocation Weekend

Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men will be held April 3-5, 2020, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, Louisiana. This is an opportunity for men who are interested in the priesthood and who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298 or e-mail vocations@archdiocese-no.org. You may download a flyer here.

Evening with Christopher West

Tickets now on sale! A new life-changing event, Made for More, is coming to the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at St. Dominic Parish. Come experience an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny as Christopher West and Mike Mangione offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. A flyer is available here. For tickets and more information, visit www.corproject.com/neworleans.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

March for Life in March

Catholic Charities ACCESS Pregnancy Centers will be hosting a fun social event - MARCH FOR LIFE IN MARCH - for all High School Pro-Life clubs, CYOs, Life Ministries, and pro-life students to celebrate the huge presence and witness of so many students (over 650!) from the Archdiocese of New Orleans at the March for Life in Washington D.C.!! (Students did not have to go to the DC March to be able to attend this event.)

MARCH FOR LIFE IN MARCH will be held Friday, March 13, 2020, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at Rock ‘n’ Bowl (3016 S. Carrollton Ave.). Tickets are just $5 – includes food, drinks, music, bowling and prizes with speakers Michelle Black, director of Catholic Charities Pro-Life Services and featured speaker Fr. Andrew Rudmann! Students can get tickets from their school pro-life club or CYO moderators, or by contacting Lisa at 504-456-7083 or lbaynham@baynhambest.com. Tickets will also be available at the door for $6. You may download a flyer here.

Conversion, Redemption and 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.

Catholic Social Teaching 101-St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Church and Shrine (610 W. Sixth St., Gretna 70053) is offering a Lenten Mission March 23, 24, and 25 at 7:00 PM each night. Kevin Fitzpatrick will reflect upon the Lenten themes of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving on these three nights. Proceeds from mission will go to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Catholic Relief Services. A free will offering is suggested. See flyer here for more information.

Teach -In About Incarceration

Catholic TEACH-IN on mass Incarceration - Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM (in Lycee Francais School cafeteria, 5951 Patton St, New Orleans) Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi. Learn about incarceration and re-entry, how Catholic values guide understanding and discern our call to respond.

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