

# NolaCatholic e-Bulletin

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## From the Catholic Community Foundation & Office of Evangelization

The Office of Evangelization and the Catholic Community Foundation are aware that normal parish collections are challenging at this time. They have developed the following that may be helpful to pastors and parochial vicars as they offer online Masses. These are sample messages that can be read or projected during the "Preparation of the Gifts" portion of the Mass.

### Option #1:

(Priest)

During this time of the Mass, we usually have our collection or offertory. As you may know, our offerings to God is an age old practice that allows the faithful to bring their gifts to God. Those gifts offered can be in many forms: an offering of your prayers, giving of your service to your family or neighbors during this time and/or financial giving.

I recognize this time may be difficult for some people to feel like they can give, but I remind you: that if you need help, please reach out to the Church. But also, if you can help, please reach out to the Church. We want to connect the great generosity that we know is present with the need in our community. And \_\_\_(your parish)\_\_\_ needs you. Your financial gift to \_\_\_(your parish)\_\_\_ is needed more than ever as we no longer have the regular income that allows the parish to operate and minister. If you would prayerfully consider mailing in your offering (or making an online gift) we would be grateful for your sacrifice as we continue to serve your spiritual needs. Thank you for your consideration.

### Option #2:

(Lector/ Priest)

Your generous contribution to support the mission and ministries of <name> parish has always been greatly appreciated. Your stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for all that God has done for you and you loved ones.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, we cannot be physically together to celebrate the Holy Mass but we can still make a gift of ourselves by continuing to support our parish by digital giving or through the US mail. No gift is too small or insignificant. God bless you in advance for your parish support.

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**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

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

## 2020 Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Canceled

Unfortunately, this year's Golden Wedding Anniversary scheduled for June 7, 2020, needs to be canceled. However, since this event always includes those married 50 years or more, those planning to attend this year can plan to attend next year in 2021 and still receive a scroll and a picture with the Archbishop.

**Pastors and parish staff:** Although the Office of Marriage and Family Life will work to contact the participants, pastors and parish staff are asked where possible to also contact them to help ensure they learn of the cancellation notice. For this population, since a large percentage do not regularly use or check email, email addresses were not collected. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## CRS Rice Bowls

During our shelter-in-place due to COVID-19, it is understandable that the CRS Rice Bowl may have been a challenge to manage this Lent. If your parish or school was able to participate in Rice Bowl, we thank you very much for your support!

We have two options to return your Rice Bowl proceeds:

- 1) You may make an electronic payment to CRS Rice Bowl through this [link](#), or
- 2) You can collect or hold on to your Rice Bowl collections until we are able to resume parish and school in-person activities. At that time you may send a check payable to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1000 Howard Ave., New Orleans LA 70113, or make a payment directly to CRS Rice Bowl, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore MD. 21201.

Thank you so much for your support during this difficult and challenging Lenten season!

## Virtual Easter Mission-St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Uptown New Orleans is thrilled to announce that Lorraine Hess is presenting a 2 Day VIRTUAL Easter Mission beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday. Sunday's mission is April 19th at 3:00 pm (Teens and Adults) and Monday's Mission is April 20th at 6:00 pm. (Kids and family). The Sunday session will be prerecorded and the Monday session will be live.

It can be viewed via our facebook page: [facebook.com/sfauptown](https://www.facebook.com/sfauptown) or our website [stfrancisuptown.com](http://stfrancisuptown.com). The Mission is free and open to the public.

Here's the link to our facebook event. <https://www.facebook.com/events/524696384912177/>

For more information, contact Melisa Rey 504-227-3766 or [familylife@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:familylife@stfrancisuptown.com).

## Chrism Mass Oils

The Chrism Mass was celebrated on April 15, 2020, at St. Louis Cathedral. One set of oils per parish will be available for pick up from each dean during the week of April 20, 2020. Please contact your dean to arrange for pick up dates and times. If additional sets of oil are needed, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 to make arrangements.