SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Friends in Christ:

In light of the announcements from President Trump and Governor Edwards today, effective immediately, public Mass cannot be celebrated. Priests may celebrate Mass privately.

Wednesday night confessions scheduled for the upcoming three Wednesdays are canceled. Stations of the Cross and any other gatherings for prayer must also be canceled.

All St. Joseph Altars that have not already been canceled or postponed must cancel as of today.

Let us pray for those who have died because of the virus, and for the healing of those who have been affected.

Let us turn to our loving God and implore his protection. This is a time to lean on our faith and to act responsibly as has been requested by our government officials. May the healing power of Jesus be with you and all you hold in your heart.

Be assured of my prayers daily and I will pray for you in my private daily Mass.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

Announcements

- Archdiocesan Offices will be closed for the next 10 days beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This will be re-evaluated after 10 days. Staff who are able will do their best to work remotely and be available to you.
- **Canceled** - 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.
- **Canceled** - A Blue Mass, honoring First responders in St. Charles (Civil) Parish, scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020, at 9:15 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, has been canceled.
- **Postponed** - Abbey Youth Festival scheduled for March 21, 2020 at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College has been postponed until further notice. For more information click [here](#).
- **Canceled** - The 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration scheduled for March 22, 2020, at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans has been canceled. Please call Marriage and Family Life for more information at 504-861-6243.
- **Canceled** - The Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the Walmsley Conference Room.
- **Canceled** - The Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal scheduled for March 27-29, 2020, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, has been canceled. Please visit [www.ccrno.org](http://www.ccrno.org) or call 504-828-1368 for more information.
Mark Your Calendars

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ACTION REQUESTED

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

Catholic Community Foundation Offers Help with ParishSOFT Giving: The safety and well-being of your parishioners, staff, and community members is paramount. During this time of need, parishes looking for an immediate online giving option are encouraged to consider ParishSOFT Giving, which offers:

- Online donation collection through a customized giving page for parishioners and donors to access via your website or anywhere you share the link.
- Text giving, which allows parishioners and donors to make fast, simple gifts.
- Complete integration, so there is no need to import your online contribution data.

The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) has leveraged our partnership with ParishSOFT Giving to waive the $250 set-up fee. [Additionally, your parish would qualify for the rates provided in this flyer](https://example.com). Given the current landscape, CCF is also offering to pay the $100/parish project management fee if you sign up in March 2020.

[Click here to sign up](https://example.com). ParishSOFT and Data Coordinator Ryan Adams will be available to help with the set up and support of ParishSOFT Giving in your parish. Please contact him at [rad-ams@ccfnola.org](mailto:rad-ams@ccfnola.org) or 504.527.5796.
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CANCELED - Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men scheduled for April 3-5, 2020, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, Louisiana has been canceled. For more information call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

POSTPONED - Altar Server Awards Mass and Banquet - The Altar Server Awards Mass and Banquet scheduled for March 31, 2020, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans has been postponed.

CANCELED - Christ in the City scheduled for March 31, 2020, has been canceled.

POSTPONED - Update: Upcoming Catholic Community Foundation Events - For the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF), the safety and well-being of our donors, pastors, ministry leaders, community members, and staff is paramount. We are committed to responding to federal, state, and local guidance surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19), particularly as it relates to the cancellation or postponement of foundation events. We are closely following recommendations provided by the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans.

Out of an abundance of caution, CCF has either canceled or postponed the following events. The postponed events will be rescheduled at a later date.

CANCELED EVENTS
- Tuesday, March 24: Catholic Women in Action Northshore Lenten Morning of Reflection
- Saturday, March 28: Catholic Women in Action Special Presentation with Amy Coney Barrett

POSTPONED EVENTS
- Tuesday, March 17: Women’s Giving Circle Kickoff Mass and Luncheon
- Thursday, April 2: Women’s Giving Circle Sip and Learn
- Tuesday, April 28: Women’s Giving Circle Celebration Mass and Brunch

We will continue to monitor federal, state, and local recommendations. Please visit our website Events page for schedule changes. We will also communicate updates via email and social media. For questions about Catholic Women in Action events, please contact Kathi Zimmerman at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5794. If you have questions about Women’s Giving Circle events, please contact Lisa Chmiola at lchmiola@ccfnola.org or 504.596.3031.

All other inquiries may be directed to Callie Kamath at ckmath@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5788.
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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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Human Trafficking Awareness Documentary
Blind Eyes Opened is a Christian documentary exposing the sex trafficking industry in the US. The film highlights survivors' transformations through Christ and shows Christ as the hope for all involved. The Louisiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking is screening this documentary on Wednesday, April 15th at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. All proceeds from ticket sales will directly benefit the Free Indeed Home, a safe house in the greater New Orleans area for trafficking victims ages 12-17. Come and join the local community for a night of education, awareness, and prayer for the most vulnerable among us.

Holy Land Collection
Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land-Pope Francis has asked our parish (and every parish throughout the world) to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines, such as the current restoration effort at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The collection helps to support Christians who are the victims of increasing persecution in the midst of broader wars, unrest and instability that threatens to drive them out of the land where Jesus walked. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and solidarity with the Christians in the Holy Land. The Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up this collection on Good Friday, April 10, 2020.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Census Sunday

The Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Steven Dillingham, has asked churches to help participate in the census in the Spring of 2020 to ensure an accurate count of all citizens in the United States. It is critical for Louisiana to be fully represented since it impacts legislative districts as well as the allocation of federal money which comes to the state. The Power Coalition, a collaborator with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, has a toolkit available for churches of all denominations to conduct a Census Sunday. The Power Coalition has small grants available for churches to conduct a Census Sunday, and can loan a church laptops so parishioners and neighbors can register themselves online with the census bureau. Churches are asked to consider posting the information in their weekly bulletins, social media, and to make announcement however it is customary for each parish. For more information about hosting a Census Sunday, visit the Power Coalition website.

Employment Opportunities

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

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