SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Please read the [attached news release](#) regarding a new Victims Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, as part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans broadened response to abuse survivors.

- The Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021 is available in both English and Spanish. Please [download the message here](#) and make it available to your parishioners.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 20, 2021, with Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans.

- The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 2:30 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Under normal circumstances, attendance at the Rite of Election is mandatory for all adults who will be baptized and confirmed through RCIA and may only be celebrated by the diocesan bishop. Pastors are not delegated to preside at a parish Rite of Election.

- The Ministerial Council will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- The Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples married in 1996 will be on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

- The Altar Server Awards Mass will be celebrated on March 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in New Orleans.

- Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 10, 2021, March 17, 2021 and March 24, 2021.


- Mass for the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be celebrated on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in New Orleans.
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.

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

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Liturgical Guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum and Easter

Liturgical Guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter, from the Office of Worship can be accessed [here](#). This document contains important information regarding COVID protocols.

Second Collection for Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans

The second collection at all Masses February 27-28, 2021 will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. This year, the CCANO second collection will also accept online donations due to the coronavirus since some families may not be able to attend Mass in-person but still want to support the good works of the many diverse programs of Catholic Charities. Your parish’s support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

Ways to support the Catholic Charities Second Collection:
- Give online through this link: [www.ccano.org/collection](http://www.ccano.org/collection)
- Send a check by mail to: 1000 Howard Ave, Ste 200, New Orleans, LA 70113
- Give during weekend in-person and online Masses on February 27 and 28, 2021

Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 54,000 individuals and families each year. Please encourage your parishioners to join in this mission of service to the poor and vulnerable by supporting Catholic Charities with an open and generous heart. **95 cents of every dollar received goes directly to community services.** If you are in need of additional collection envelopes or materials for this weekend, please contact Emily Patnode at epatnode@ccano.org or (504) 592-5681.
Scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Last week, the Office of Worship mailed a form for the scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 to each parish.

Pastors are asked to choose and indicate on the form THREE dates which are available in your parish for this celebration, in order of preference and return to the form to the Office of Worship no later than February 25, 2021. Forms received in the Office of Worship after February 25, 2020 will not be considered for scheduling during the 2021-2022 confirmation cycle.

Please keep in mind that, for parishes with fewer than ten candidates for Confirmation, it would be helpful to combine with another parish. Should you initially expect a larger group and that number fall below ten, pastors should contact the Office of Worship so that the date can be moved to your regularly scheduled Saturday anticipated Mass or we can assist you in combining with another parish.

Please be sure to complete this form, even if you are not planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 cycle. The form may be downloaded here.

Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Resources

The Year of the Eucharist Committee is developing resources for use throughout the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph for parish, school, and ministry use. You can find what is available online now at https://nolacatholic.org/yoeresources. This page is being continuously updated, and you will be notified of major updates via email and/or the eBulletin. Spanish language resources will be included as soon as they are available.

The Vigil Project Partnership Launch

As we continue the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, the planning committee is excited to officially launch the partnership with The Vigil Project on Ash Wednesday. Find the new Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Website online at nolacatholic.org/eucharist. To assist you in engaging your parishioners online with this interactive website platform for ongoing opportunities for faith sharing, formation, and more throughout this year, we are providing an invitation email for you to share with your parishioners. We recommend that you use send this message any time from Friday, February 12 through Friday, February 19. Each parish will be sent a monthly report of parishioners who subscribe, so pastors may know about their parish participation. Please visit https://nolacatholic.org/parishioner-email-template to find the text and images that can be used in an email message to your parishioners. If you have any further questions or need further assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.
Catholic Foundation’s Catholic Women in Action Committee Lenten Morning of Reflection

2021 Lenten Morning of Reflection: Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph  
Date & Time: Tuesday, February 23, 2021  10:00 a.m. to noon at St. Francis Xavier Church. Available both in-person (with reservations) and live-streamed Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gary Copping followed by two reflections. Fr. Copping will speak about the intercession of St. Joseph, followed by Dr. Susie Veters who offer insights on the Eucharist and first millennial saint, St. Carlo Acutis. Reservations for In-Person Attendance: Contact Kathi Zimmerman at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or (504) 527-5794. Click here for flyer.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish. (To register, please contact the parish rectory before March 12, 2021)

Instructions For Parishes
Parishes are asked to register couples using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary by Friday, March 15, 2021, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.

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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.

Make Your Philanthropic Impact
You’re invited to foster generosity as a member of the Catholic Community Foundation’s Women’s Giving Circle. The WGC unites women to collectively raise awareness of and distribute funds to nonprofits whose missions reflect our Catholic faith and have an impact in our Greater New Orleans community. Members enjoy fellowship at events throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons to determine where their philanthropic impact will be invested. The year concludes with the opportunity to learn the impact of these grants in the fall. For information on membership levels or to join, visit www.ccfnola.org/womens-giving-circle or contact Kathi Zimmerman at kzimmerman@ccfnola.org or at (504) 527-5794.

Subscribe to the Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph
As we continue the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, we are excited to officially launch the partnership with The Vigil Project this Lent. Find Through this special year of renewal, our archdiocese is bringing a unique opportunity for you to deepen your faith and understanding in the Eucharist and devotion to St. Joseph. By God’s grace, we believe this can transform our local Church as we journey together. Please find the new Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph website and consider subscribing at http://nolacatholic.org/eucharist to receive these regular email messages that will include short excerpts of Church teachings, prayers, spiritual reflections, and faith sharing from clergy, religious, and laity in the archdiocese and beyond.

2021 Men’s Conference: Walking with St. Joseph
Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the gathering for the 2021 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference has been canceled. Instead the planning committee for the Men’s Conference is redirecting their efforts towards providing a year long campaign to promote and support men’s ministries across the Archdiocese. The theme of the campaign is “Walking with St. Joseph”. The conference will be making regular posts on Instagram and Facebook (@nolacatholicmen) and by email. The first of a series of video presentations featuring speakers and leaders in men’s ministry will be broadcast on WLAE on February 27th at 7pm and will be streamed on NolaCatholicMen.org and other media platforms. Find out more at NolaCatholicMen.org and to subscribe to the mailing list.

Chosen for This Cross: A Desert Pilgrimage.
If you struggle with infertility you may feel like you’re on a lonely, desert pilgrimage. But you are not alone! During this season of Lent, the Springs in the Desert Team invites you to reflect with us on the Seven Last Words of Jesus during His pilgrimage of suffering. Beginning on Feb. 18, each Thursday evening during Lent we will meet virtually to pray, listen to a reflection on Jesus’ words, and build community through small group sharing. This FREE event is a chance to enter more deeply into the Lenten spirit while gathering in prayer with others on this same path. Free registration and more information at www.springsinthedesert.org. Please see attached flyer.

Living the Eucharist in the World Faith Formation Series
All are welcome to participate in a faith formation series for the Year of the Eucharist discussing how the Mass sends us forth into the Word to evangelize the world. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that, “The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.” (Deus Caritas Est, #22) The Office of Faith Formation and the Office of Justice and Peace are sponsoring this series so that Catholics can perceive the link between the Eucharist and service. Speakers will provide brief input, leaving ample time for dialog. The dates are Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4, March 18, and April 22. For the full series, speakers, and to register, click on the link to the flyer.
Catholic Community Foundation Offers Lenten Giving Invitation for Your Parish, School, or Ministry

Welcome to the Lenten season! Now is a great time to keep your donors informed about how they can support your ministry. We invite you to insert the verbiage below on your website or in your bulletins, newsletters, and the like. For additional information on how donors can give through the foundation to help your ministry, please contact Catholic Community Foundation Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778.

As you examine your life during the Lenten season, you might find yourself reflecting on plans to care for your family should the unexpected happen. A Will allows you to choose how to distribute the assets that you have accumulated during your lifetime, and a charitable bequest in your Will provides the flexibility to use part of these assets for the charities that mean the most to you. You can have it both ways: Ensure the financial well-being of your family and provide for the nonprofits, just like [insert organization name], that you love.

If you’re interested in helping sustain our Catholic heritage for future generations, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) can help. Please contact CCF Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5778 for more information about how to remember [insert organization name] in your Will.

SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE
Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 101 WEBINAR, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 1 PM

The USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry is offering a webinar on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1 PM where several presenters from last December’s National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults who provided sessions on how to begin a ministry with young adults will have a robust discussion on moving local Catholic communities towards growing their initiatives with young adults.

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom information. If you cannot attend it live, a recording will be made available and e-mailed to you a few days later.

Register for the event here.

If your parish is looking for some suggestions or guidance in developing or growing their ministry with young adults following the webinar, please contact James Behan at jbehan@arch-no.org.

This webinar is hosted by the USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry and the Loyola Institute for Ministry, Loyola University New Orleans.

Employment Opportunities

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

Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!

For any submissions or inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact communications@arch-no.org.