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 6-7, 2021. You may download the letter here in English and Spanish.

Announcements

- Thanks to Deacon Michael Whitehouse and the dedicated staff of the Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for the beautifully celebrated Rite of Election on the North Shore and South Shore. Thanks also to Fr. Nile Gross, Betty-Ann Hickey and Msgr. Hedrick for serving as Masters of Ceremony, and those who worked with them. Over 250 people will enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray daily for the elect and candidates who will enter the Church at the Vigil.

“Truth about the Equality Act”

- This bill goes to the House next week. The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and undermines the common good. To read about it and take action, go to https://www.usccb.org/equality-act

- Priests and Deacons—The weekend of March 13-14, 2021, we will preach on the Year of the Eucharist (Penitential Rite and Gloria). A homily aid will be emailed to you.

- We will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 3031 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. All priests, deacons, religious and seminarians are invited to attend, as well as two lay people from each parish. Due to COVID restrictions and to provide safe seating for those in attendance, all who are attending are asked to complete the RSVP form found here: https://nolacatholic.org/chrismrsvp. Note that COVID guidelines enacted in the future may affect the number of people who can attend.

- 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 14, 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.

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.

- 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.
- The Order of St. Louis Awards will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Metairie.

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.

St. Joseph Altar Listing for 2021

As St. Joseph’s Day is now less than a month away, the Office of Communications, in partnership with the Clarion Herald, is currently collecting the information about parish, school, and ministry St. Joseph’s Altars. If your parish, school, or ministry is planning to observe the tradition of a St. Joseph Altar, please complete the form here: https://nolacatholic.org/2021stjosephaltarsubmissions to submit your information and to be included in all promotions of the altars. Please be reminded that COVID precautions must be in place for this and all events. If you have any questions or any difficulty completing the form, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org or call (504) 596-3023 for assistance.
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
- 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.

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.

Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked each Catholic parish around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. For more information and parish resources, email Chris Dwyer at christopher.d@myfranciscan.com, and for digital resources go to https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/
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.

Catholic Relief Services Second Collection—March 13-14, 2021

The second collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will be held the weekend of March 13-14. CRS is the official overseas aid agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CRS serves in 114 countries addressing hunger and migration issues, helping local communities create sustainable nutrition and economic plans to help prevent them from migrating. CRS brings relief to climate impacted areas such as the Philippines and Central America, who have been hit by severe tropical weather this fall. CRS also works in some of the most war-torn areas such as Syria, Afghanistan, and the Tigray Region of Ethiopia to help build peace and prevent terrorism through humane interventions. Your donation helps CRS remain flexible and vigilant in responding to emerging needs, such as the locust invasions of East Africa. See the link for a bulletin insert and more information. Thank you for your support! [link]

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 [link] 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.

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

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.

Eucharist Lecture Series at Notre Dame Seminary

Notre Dame Seminary will be offering a year-long "Eucharist Lecture Series" during 2021 for the Archdiocese of New Orleans’ Year of the Eucharist! We will be offering a monthly event, beginning with a half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration and followed by a lecture and Q&A on the Eucharist, in Schulte Auditorium at NDS.

Our third presentation will be entitled “The Eucharist in the Letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch” and will be offered by Dr. Gregory Vall, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021, with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 5:30 PM followed by a lecture and Q&A from 6:00-7:00 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public. You can attend either in person (socially distanced) or virtually, but space is limited, so make sure to RSVP. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, March 17th at 5:00 PM. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

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.