SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

On Tuesday, Governor Edwards announced that church attendance is not limited to a percentage of capacity – however he stated that:

“Religious services will no longer have capacity limits, social distancing is strongly encouraged and masking will still be required.” (see attached)

This does not apply to New Orleans. We still await the details of the newest restrictions. No more than 50% occupancy and social distancing is the current requirement in New Orleans.

After consultation with medical professionals, the dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in place throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. More on this later.

Announcements

• 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 Council of Deans will meet on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room at the Chancery.

• 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.

• Please read my pastoral letter about the Sacrament of Reconciliation letter either before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer on the weekend of March 6-7, 2021. You may download the letter here in English and Spanish.

• Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 14, 2021.

• 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.

• We will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 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.
**Death**

*Sister Germaine Lauzon, O. Carm.*, a Sister of Mt. Carmel, completed her earthly life February 16, 2021 at the Chateau de Notre Dame Healthcare Center. Sister Germaine ministered as an educator for much of her religious life. She served as Assistant Archivist for her congregation, and was a skillful translator of early documents from French to English. Visitation was held and a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated February 27, 2021 at St. Pius X Catholic Church with interment in St. Louis #3 Cemetery. Please keep her, the Lauzon family and the Sisters of Mount Carmel 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.

**Seminarian Education Fund**

On March 20 and 21, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. This is the first time this collection has been held in the archdiocese and all funds will go directly to supporting the educations and formation of the 30 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is $45,000 and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation and please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come. (Parishes are asked to insert the this graphic ([available online here](#)) in their bulletins or use online the weeks of March 15 and March 21.)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on April 25, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Easter). All the people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in prayer, both for an increase in vocations and for those men and women who have committed themselves to a religious vocation. All parishes will be sent liturgy aids and materials helpful for this occasion.

Archdiocesan Mass For Vocations

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women and men in formation for consecrated life and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

Altar Server Awards Mass

The Altar Server Awards Mass will be held March 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. If you have not sent in the blue card, which was mailed to all pastors requesting the name of your parish's altar server of the year, please send it to Serran, Donald McKay, Jr., 1100 Poydras, Suite 1700, New Orleans, LA 70163. If you need more information, please call the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298.

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.

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/

Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT Deep Dive on Data Exporting

Training announcement! At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, Ryan Adams (CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator) is offering Archdiocese of New Orleans parish staff members a virtual how-to training on exporting the data that you need from ParishSOFT. Click here to register. For a complete listing of CCF’s 2021 Winter/Spring ParishSOFT training opportunities, please click here. You may also reach Ryan with inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.
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.

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.

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.

"The Eucharist in Daily Living" Lenten Presentation by Fr. Nile Gross

St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd, Metairie, LA will host a Lenten Presentation, "The Eucharist in Daily Living," on Thursday, March 11, at 7 pm in Church. Fr. Nile Gross, Director of Worship for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Notre Dame Seminary Professor, will give the presentation. Come be enriched about the practical implications of the Eucharist for daily life during this “Year of the Eucharist." An event flyer with details is attached.

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.
SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Notre Dame Seminary Seeking Development Coordinator

Notre Dame Seminary is seeking a full-time Development Coordinator to join the Development Office. Reporting to and working closely with the Director of Development, the Development Coordinator will assist with development communications, individual giving, fundraising events, and administrative work. The candidate must be professional, comfortable in a seminary office setting, dependable, highly organized, and detail oriented. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and contact information of three references by Friday, March 19th to Ms. Caroline Thriffiley by email (cthriffiley@nds.edu). Please contact Caroline Thriffiley by email with any questions about the position. The full job description is attached here.

Portable Altar of Repose

St Mark Church in Ama, LA has a portable altar / altar of repose that measures 72"w x 32"d and is 39"h. The altar is in three pieces (two legs and a top) that are fairly easy to assemble, and it can be taken apart for storage. We also have two identical sets of ambo / lectern covers that measure 28 1/2"wide x 48" long. There is a 3" rod pocket at the top for hanging. Each set has two covers: one is white with a simple gold cross, the second is reversible--green on one side, purple on the other--both sides have the same simple gold cross. They are too wide for our ambo; therefore, they have never been used. We will gladly give the altar and ambo / lectern covers to any parish that needs these items; however, if a donation is offered, we won't turn it down. Email stmarkama@arch-no.org or call 504-431-8505; office hours are 11 am—3 pm M-F, but you can leave a message anytime.

St. Joseph Mission March 22, 23, & 24

Kevin Fitzpatrick from the Office of Justice and Peace at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans will be offering a mission on the evenings of March 22, 23, and 24 at St. Joseph Church and Shrine in Gretna. The message of each evening will be the Lenten themes of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, with the proceeds going to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and Catholic Relief Services on each respective evening. A free will offering is suggested. For time, Church location, and more details, see the flyer here.

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.