

March 22, 2020



Fourth

# *Sunday of Lent*

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39

Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
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**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

6:00 PM Felix & Justilia Matherne

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

8:00 AM Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

5:00 PM

Elic & Madeline Gros, Janet Weber, Jessie Dunn, Sr., Keith Dunn

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

8:00 AM People of St. John

10:00 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, Catherine Hock, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

**Weekly Offerings**

March 15, 2020: .....\$1,921.00

**A Letter from**

**ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND**

*Please refer to the back of this page for Archbishop Gregory Aymond letter of March 16th, by his order to cancel public masses, Wednesday confessions and parish activities.*

**St. John the Baptist Church**

The Church will be open on Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon for those who wish to come and pray.

Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Saturday at 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

**A Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor**

**O Mary, Mother of God, through the years, your people have called on your intercession in times of epidemic and illness.**

**We call on you, now, as our mother and ask that you pray for us, that we might find healing and refuge, and a quick end to this time of illness.**

**Be to us truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor and draw us ever closer to your Son, the source of all healing and consolation.**

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.**

**Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Office of Worship**

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Week of:**

**March 23rd-March 28th**



**In memory of:**

**Jessie Dunn, Sr., Keith Dunn**

**Pray for the Sick**—Ian Alexander, Lillian Breau, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Edith Comardelle, Hailey Comardelle, Anna Dufrene, Carolyn Estay, Janice Gourgues, Judy Guhman, Shannon Guidry, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merril Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Lisa Richoux, Patty Thibodeaux, Nicole Veillon, Grant White



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March 16, 2020

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  
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March 19, 2020  
Feast of St. Joseph

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As COVID-19 continues, we will miss Mass on Sunday and hunger for the Eucharist. God understands our hunger and offers us the opportunity for a “Spiritual Communion” (prayer below). Be reminded that many parishes are “live streaming” the Mass. We are doing the same at the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Masses are at 12:05 p.m. Monday – Friday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. We are grateful for the generous services of WLAE in the midst of this crisis.

For all of us, there have been significant interruption in our lives and there is fear and anxiety. Please join me in bringing those feelings to the Lord as we say “Lord into your hands, I place my life, I trust in you.”

Please know that our priests, deacons, religious and many lay ministers are available for pastoral care. Please call your pastor with any specific needs.

I am calling for a Day of Prayer and Fasting on next Friday, March 27, 2020. Please spend additional time in prayer seeking God’s healing and compassion in this crisis. Also, we can fast from whatever we wish. Say to the Lord as we are hungry – I hunger for you more than I hunger for food, social media, spending time with others, etc.

Be assured of my prayers daily and a remembrance at Mass. God is faithful and, in his time, and his way we will come to experience healing and peace. We must wait patiently which is no easy task.

Please remember all who have died in this COVID-19 outbreak, those ill because of the virus and our protection.

St. Joseph, pray for us.  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

United with you in prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

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**Spiritual Communion:**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

## Act of Spiritual Communion



Since all public Masses have been canceled, please remember [TheDailyMass.com](http://TheDailyMass.com) will stream Mass at 11am and WLAE-TV will live broadcast it on TV.

Since you will not be able to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer, an

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## What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

## Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

## How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

## What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

## How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

## If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

## Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

## Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

