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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- Please see my letter for the 1st Sunday of Lent attached to this e-Bulletin. Please place in your church bulletin for the 1st Sunday of Lent. Also, please read at all Masses, either before Mass or after the post communion prayer. You may download the letter [here](#).
- In light of recent shooting tragedies, questions have been raised regarding the issue of guns in churches. It is unfortunate and disappointing that the issue of whether or not guns are permissible within our churches is one that necessitates our attention. However, in light of tragedies throughout our nation – most recently First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas – the issue has arisen both from concerned pastors and parishioners alike. We discourage the possession of firearms within our churches but assume that if they are present, all criteria within state law have been met. Finally, we encourage each pastor to develop a plan for addressing this issue which highlights the law as it stands within our state. Click [here](#) for Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1379.3.
- Thank you to Fr. Peter Akpoghiran and the staff of the Metropolitan Tribunal for holding the recent workshop for those interested in serving as procurators for annulments. Expanding the number of people available to serve in this role is an important initiative in our synod goal of ministering to the divorced.
- The Presbyteral Council will meet Thursday, February 1, 2018, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
- Catholic Schools Week Mass will be Friday, February 2, 2018, at Divine Mercy Church in Kenner at 10:00 AM.
- All young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to join me on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM for Christ in the City, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary. A social will follow at my residence.
- A Blue Mass, honoring 1st responders in St. Charles (Civil) Parish, will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018, at 9:15 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, 13396 River Road, Destrehan, LA.
- The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 12-13, for the Mardi Gras holidays. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018.
- Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018. Please remember the importance of fasting and abstinence on this day and a strong spirit of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving throughout Lent.
- We will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the establishment of Mary Queen of Vietnam Parish on Thursday, February 15, 2018, 5069 Willowbrook Dr., New Orleans, with Mass at 9:00 PM.

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work 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 of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

- The Religious of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 11:00 AM at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel followed by lunch in the Rosary Dining Hall at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 4521 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans.
- We will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the church building of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Belle Chasse on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 10:30 AM.
- The Rite of Election will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 3:00 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM.
- The Ministerial Council will meet Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 9:00 AM at the Chancery.
- The Vietnamese New Year Festival Opening Ceremony will be Friday, February 23, 2018, at 6:30 PM at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, 5069 Willowbrook Dr., New Orleans.
- The 2018 Men's Morning of Spirituality will take place at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4640 Canal St., from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Please see Section III for more information.

Death

We are sorry to inform you that Fr. Luke Nguyen's mother died. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her, Fr. Luke, and their family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Mark Your Calendars

March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 18, 2019	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 1, 2019	Priesthood Ordination

SECTION II

ACTION REQUESTED

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

- ✓ The Lenten Morning of Prayer for all priests serving in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be Thursday, March 1, 2018, 10:00 AM -1:30 PM at St. Maria Goretti Church. Please click [here](#) for more information and the registration form. Registration ends February 22, 2018. For questions, call 504-861-6269 or email ppersonnel@arch-no.org.

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

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intentions

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

S.A.M. Addiction and Resource Fair

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) will be sponsoring an Addiction and Resource Fair on Monday, February 5, 2018, hosted by St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, 901 Beverly Garden Dr., Metairie, La. at 7:00 PM in the Gymnasium. The goal of this Resource and Information fair is to bring many of the local addiction rehab facilities, counselors, and therapists, together as well as representatives from AA, Alanon, and Catholic Charities Counseling Solutions in one place for those seeking help with an addiction as well as family members or loved ones. There, they can ask questions, meet with multiple resources, pick up brochures, and business cards and discover that there is help available in the local community for substance addiction; they are not alone. You may download a flyer for this event [here](#).

World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration

The religious of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 17, 2018. This year the celebration will be hosted by the Religious of the Sacred Heart at the Academy of the Sacred Heart on St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans. All Religious of the Archdiocese are invited.

We ask the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese to help promote vocations to the Consecrated Life. Following are some possible suggestions:

- Participate in your parish vocation committee.
- Highlight stories of people who live the consecrated life, especially those who serve in the local parish or who entered from the parish.
- Promote awareness of the Magnificat House of Discernment for Women to the parishioners.
- Pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life from your parish to serve as ministers for the liturgy.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life to speak to adults/children in religious education programs or in school religion classes.

Please contact the Department of Religious at (504) 861-6281 for more information.

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Second Collection for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

The second collection at all Masses February 17-18, 2018, will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. 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.

Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 76,631 individuals and families each year. Donations provide pre-school education for children in need, food deliveries for the elderly, care for the physically and developmentally disabled, and so much more!

Parishioners are encouraged 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.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center

Discerning God's Presence in Every Moment of the Day; The Search for God's Will-The Search for Spiritual Freedom will be presented by Sr. Dorothy Trosclair, OP, Monday February, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018, at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Ave., Metairie. Register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org>, email archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254. Cost \$50.00 (Adjustments can be made.) You may download the flyer [here](#).

Men's Morning of Spirituality

The 2018 Men's Morning of Spirituality is coming up! Each year some of the best, well-known, local Catholics share their witness of faith, and hundreds of men attend and take advantage of Confession, Adoration, and Mass with Archbishop Aymond (not to mention plenty of coffee and donuts!). This year, we are really excited to have Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, one of the most inspiring preachers in Louisiana, and Grant Aasan, who left a promising career on the Georgia Tech football team to enter seminary and study for the priesthood. The event will take place at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Canal St. from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018. You may download the flyer [here](#).

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Substance Addiction Ministry-S.A.M.

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a parish-based ministry whose mission is to offer a safe, confidential, place for those who are afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drug addiction to come find help, healing, and hope through education, prevention, referral, and support. It is also our objective to help restore value and dignity to those afflicted individuals with an addiction to help them develop and deepen their spirituality, and to help them connect with self, loved ones, and God. In addition, we seek to offer resources, information and support, to the family members that suffer from their loved-one's disease. Meetings are open to both the afflicted as well as the affected family. The SAM group is open to all faiths. You may download a list of meeting locations [here](#).

Rice Bowl Kickoff Luncheon

The Office of Justice and Peace and Catholic Relief Services is hosting a Rice Bowl Kickoff Luncheon at 12:00 noon for high schools who are not currently CRS Global High Schools, at the Divine Mercy Parish Center immediately following the Catholic Schools' Week Mass on February 2, 2018. High Schools who are interested in joining us should contact Kevin Fitzpatrick at kfitzpatrick@ccano.org or (504) 592-5692.

February Respect Life Focus-Human Trafficking

Our spiritual works of mercy

1. Go silent on social media on February 8 (see below)
2. We will be praying the St. Josephine Bakhita prayer for 9 days, February 9-17. Mark your calendars and pray with us! You may download the prayer [here](#).

Our corporal work of mercy

Make a difference locally in the life of trafficking survivors! The local safe house, the Free Indeed Home, where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing and restoration, has the following list of needs:

1. For any churches/groups — Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, pasta, rice, sugar, flour, Kool-aide packets, & popcorn
2. For Northshore churches/groups — meats, dairy products, & bread
3. Volunteer services of an electrician & a carpenter

If you or your group would like to participate in the collection of much-needed items or to arrange volunteer opportunities, please contact the Respect Life Office to facilitate this (no drop-offs can be accepted) at respect-life@arch-no.org or 504-400-4824.

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Join Father Palermo for a Lenten Retreat

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for a retreat entitled "Sharpening Our Vision in Lent" February 16-18, 2018. In Lent, we confront sin, seek to refocus our lives spiritually and celebrate God's mercy and love. Fr. Joe Palermo will help us gain a sharper focus in our daily living. You may download the flyer [here](#).

Mark's Gospel Live by Rev. Joseph Morris

A production of "Mark's Gospel Live" will be held at St. Agnes Church, 3310 Jefferson Highway, on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM. The solo performance will be performed by Rev. Joseph Morris, a Catholic Priest with the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in two amazing hours of awesome storytelling by priest and actor, Rev. Joseph Morris. Not a reading or talk but a dynamic proclamation of an ancient story about God's healing love. Admission: Free-will offering.

Job Opening: Administrative Assistant

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is seeking a full-time administrative assistant. Responsibilities include assisting with office daily operations, written and online communication, general and financial record keeping, and collaboration with summer camp administration. Candidates should have experience as an administrative assistant or equivalent with strong computer skills, basic knowledge and understanding of databases, registrations, contracts as well as familiarity with budget and asset allocations. To apply send a letter and resume to Timmy McCaffery, Director, CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans LA 70122 or cyo@arch-no.org. The position is open until filled.



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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Four days ago, we began our Lenten Journey of 40 days. During this time, God calls us to look carefully at ourselves and identify our weakness and sin. In so doing we can undergo a change of heart and draw closer to the Lord Jesus. The church suggests that this is accomplished through prayer, fasting and sacrifices. I pray that your Lenten Journey be a time of blessing and new life.

As we begin Lent, we look at our society and identify ways that we are tempted to stray from the way of the Lord. I wish to identify one: pornography. It has become common in our society and darkens the lives of many. Children can become challenged and addicted. This Lent in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we are inviting parents, parishes, schools and all organizations to learn more about this common struggle and to protect ourselves, others and especially our children.

Your parish has resources that will be given to you today and throughout Lent to address this issue.

May your Lenten Journey be blessed. As I remember you in prayer, please remember me.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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