

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020



Please note that since the Coronavirus situation remains fluid, all schedules and times remain subject to change.

Check our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page frequently for updates and access our bulletins [here](#).

Cathedral Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Faithful Response - Acts of Spiritual Communion - Resources](#)

Join Bishop Malone LIVE at The Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

April 9 - Holy Thursday - 6:00pm

April 10 - Good Friday - 3:00pm

April 11 - Easter Vigil - 7:45pm

April 12 - Easter Sunday - 9:00am

April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday - 9:00am

Please note that the Triduum liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) are LIVE only (via [Facebook](#) or [webcam](#)) - no recordings; Sunday Masses and Chrism Mass will be recorded.

See Bishop Malone's video messages [here](#)

[Good Friday National Moment of Prayer](#) at 12:00pm EDT (10:00am local)

Divine Mercy Sunday [Prayers](#)

Holy Saturday: Prayer with the Shroud of Turin

On Holy Saturday at 10:00am Central Daylight Time, the Archdiocese of Turin's [Cathedral of St. John the Baptist](#) will display the Holy Shroud LIVE through television and social media channels. Click [here](#) for more information.

Watch Fr. Peter and Dr. Cheryl White's April 4 [overview](#) from our [Museum of the Holy Shroud](#).

Visit the [Man of the Shroud Facebook page](#)

Celebrate the Easter Triduum: Spiritual Journey to the Holy Land

On behalf of the Augustine Institute, [FORMED](#) is offering a 30-minute contemplative documentary, *Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*, to everyone for the Easter weekend. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and ultimately the heart of the Passion.

Organ Recital - Live and Interactive!

Tuesday, April 14 at 3:00pm

Join our Director of Music, Aaron D. Wilson, and violinist Johnum Palado on [Facebook](#) for a beautiful recital focusing on death to life--the Passion to the Resurrection. This live and interactive event will also include a presentation about the organ and the Cathedral Choir.

Enjoy two fascinating "Berchmans Minutes" presentations from Fr. Peter:

- [Episode 6: Inside the Organ](#)
- [Episode 7: The Organ](#)

Worship With Us Digitally

Though we are unable to physically unite for Mass on our campus, we spiritually unite for the celebration of Mass (without the congregation), which is streamed live and available for viewing at a later time. Our Mass hours are:

- Monday – Saturday at 8:00am
- Sunday at 9:00am (see [bulletin](#) for Mass program and readings)

Please note that the Triduum liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) are LIVE only - no recordings; Sunday Masses and Chrism Mass will be recorded.

You may worship with us via our [webcam](#) and [Facebook](#) page and see all the recent recordings [here](#).

[How to prepare](#) for Virtual Mass

[Prayers](#): Act of Spiritual Communion

All the scheduled Mass intentions will be remembered at the Masses, and the sanctuary lamps in the Cathedral and Chapel will burn for those for whom they are intended. *Email [Lisa](#) to request a Mass intention or sanctuary lamp.*

Until further notice, your St. Michael Chapel is open for private prayer and adoration (see video from Fr. Peter [here](#)):

- Monday – Friday: 7:30am-1:00pm
- Sunday: 7:30am-noon

Confession & Anointing of the Sick

[Fr. Peter](#) and [Fr. Duane](#) stand ready to anoint the sick and to hear confessions. Email or call to schedule an appointment, (318) 221-5296.

Albrecht Durer, *Praying Hands* (1471-1528)

Pray Through the Intercession of the Martyred 1873 Priests

In 1873, Shreveport was the epicenter of a true major public health crisis caused by an outbreak of Yellow Fever. The Catholic Church led the entire community during those very uncertain times - by doing all it could to comfort the ill and dying, and to stop the spread of a poorly understood disease.

In this time of a true public health crisis, let us especially remember our five 1873 priests, martyrs to their charity:

- + Fr. Jean Pierre (Shreveport)
- + Fr. Isidore Quemerais (Shreveport)
- + Fr. Jean-Marie Biler (Shreveport)
- + Fr. Louis Gergaud (Monroe)
- + Fr. Francois Le Vezouet (Many-Natchitoches)

We pray, through their intercession, that any sickness may be healed, all anxiety comforted, all caregivers protected, and that wisdom be bestowed on those in authority and prudence to all. Jesus, see us in our need and have mercy on us. Amen.

Watch [No Greater Love: Shreveport - 1873](#), our longer, more complete teaching video, about the priests' lives and sacrifices, and four significant places: Holy Trinity, Oakland Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery and Forest Park Cemetery--the priests' burial sites.

Watch a 90-second video on the five priests [here](#).

New Seminarian - Matthew Vitacca

Great news for the Diocese of Shreveport! Matthew Vitacca has been accepted as a seminarian for the diocese. Matthew, a Cathedral parishioner, joins seven others who have courageously answered God's call. He will attend [Notre Dame Seminary](#) beginning this fall semester. He attended St. John Berchmans Cathedral School, Loyola College Prep, and will graduate this semester Summa cum Laude from Texas A&M University.

Cathedral Bulletins

You may access (or sign up to receive) our bulletins via email [here](#) and via our Parish App.

View the April 2020 Catholic Connection [here](#).

St. John Berchmans Catholic School

Our school's principal, Dr. Jennifer Deason, has been doing morning assembly videos each day. They are well-received and have given her a wonderful connection with the students and parents! The SJB faculty are working with students through their new Home Learning platform with Google Classroom, video lessons and messages, and virtual meetings and classes. Maintaining excellence in education throughout this unique time continues to be a priority!

Virtual Stations of the Cross Presented by the 8th Grade

The 8th graders were devastated when they found out they wouldn't be able to create the traditional Living Stations project due to the school closure. But with perseverance and virtual collaboration, they made it happen! We're so proud of them for taking the initiative to complete this project during this difficult time. On this Holy Thursday, please watch and listen to this video and pray for all of those affected due to the pandemic.

Enrollment and Virtual Admissions

We are still accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year in grades K3-8th! Visit <https://mytads.com/a/stjohnberchmans> to apply online.

If you would like to learn more about our school, please email us at Admissions@sjbcathedralschool.org. From here you may set up a phone conference with our admissions director or have your questions answered via email.

Stations of the Cross

Participate in the Stations of the Cross any time throughout the year - prayers and responses here (*The Way of the Cross* with Scriptural text) and view the recording here.

Virtual Tour of the Vatican Museums

The Transfiguration (ca 1516-1520); Raffaello Sanzio

This is a wonderful time to view the splendor of the Vatican's Museums, which house collections of important art and classical sculptures curated by the popes over many centuries. Of special note are the Raffaello Rooms; Raffaello died at the age of 37 on Good Friday, April 6, 1520.

Prayers: Act of Spiritual Communion

During these difficult times we must remember that “social distance” does not mean “spiritual distance.” When we cannot physically attend Mass, we still keep holy the Day of the Lord as individuals and families, by keeping a holy hour of genuine prayer. While viewing Mass on live or recorded media, or at any time, we may make a "spiritual communion." We are still obligated to keep the Lord's Day holy, which requires that we seek to refrain from work, increase our love of the Lord, and extend charity to others through prayer and service. We can certainly encourage one another to maintain Lent as a Holy Season with the prayer, fasting and almsgiving with which we began it and now more fervently than ever.

Click [here](#) for several beautiful prayers offered to us.

Finding the Grace to Face Every Trial: Click [here](#) for a short spiritual reflection, courtesy of the [Knights of Columbus](#).

Ways to Support Our Parish And the Catholic Church Worldwide

Envelopes – Weekly or Monthly. During this time, please mail or drop off your donation to the Church office (*there is a secure mail slot by our front door*). And, of course, bring your envelope with you once we are able to resume our regular worship services.

Direct Deduction from Bank Account – One-time or periodic donations can be made directly from your bank account. Click here for the [Authorization Agreement For Direct Debit](#).

Credit Card Donations – One-time or periodic donations can be made with your credit card. Click here for the [Authorization Agreement For Credit Card](#).

Online Donations (E-check or Credit Card) – Click [here](#) to donate online.

Parish App - Click [here](#) for information on how to download our Parish App for news and donations.

Bill Pay - Contact your financial institution to use its Bill Pay feature.

If you have any questions, email [Pam](#), our Director of Finance, or call her at 221-5296 (ext. 112)..

Upcoming Second Collections:

[Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land](#): Good Friday (April 10)

CRS Rice Bowl & [Diocesan Church Vocations](#): Easter Sunday (April 12)

[Catholic Home Missions Appeal](#): April 26

Ways to Support Those in Need

Know that the Cathedral [Outreach Ministry](#) continues to support those who are less fortunate in our community. Please keep the homeless and those one paycheck away from homelessness in your daily prayers during these difficult times. Remember, the homeless are still homeless, the hungry are still hungry, and the ill are still ill (cf. Matthew 25:31-46).

The most valuable donation to these and other non-profits is a gift of money, so they may buy exactly what they need.

[Christian Service](#) continues to serve to-go boxed meals. They need styrofoam to-go boxes, packaged cutlery, and bottled water, which may be dropped off at 2346 Levy Street from 8:00am-2:00pm, seven days a week.

[HOPE Connections](#) has closed its day shelter but remains open for showers and clothes washing. They are desperately in need of hand sanitizers.

The Highland Blessing Meal has been discontinued.

The Lenten Giving Tree program is ongoing; if you are able, please continue to purchase items and *we will accept them at a later date*. Click [here](#) for the Lenten 2020 Giving Tree Donation List for [Catholic Charities](#), [Renzi Center](#), and [HOPE Connections](#).

Visit our [Facebook](#) page regularly for ministry updates and contact [Jane](#) for more details about various, ongoing ways to help.

Simple Ways to Reach out to Others

Assist your neighbors, especially the elderly and most vulnerable, by shopping for them and taking care of their errands when they cannot.

- Send cards, especially to the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing homes.
- Make a phone call or utilize Facetime or Skype.

Ways to Support Caregivers From the Family Life Ministry

Visit [Nourish for Caregivers](#), a Christ-Centered Program and Resources to Support Family Caregivers.

Scripture Study and More: Free Online Resources and Ways to Enrich Your Faith

New! Sign up [here](#) for [Our Sunday Visitor's](#) daily newsletter, "Keeping the Faith Amid COVID-19"

[USCCB/ForYourMarriage.org](#)

[SusanVogt.net](#)

[Kimbo Educational Company](#)

[Living Faith Kids - Daily Catholic Devotions](#)

Click [here](#) for a list of resources to help parents provide social caring and interaction during periods of school closure

[Webcast recordings](#) from the Cathedral

[EWTN](#) (watch daily Mass [here](#))

[USCCB daily readings](#)

[Praying the Rosary/prayers](#)

- [Novena](#) for protection against the Coronavirus
- [Prayer is our first line of defense](#) against the the Coronavirus

[The VIRTUES](#): Program for married couples: topics are Prudence, Justice, Courage, and Temperance

[FORMED](#): Programs, movies and videos for the entire family

Online Faith Formation Programming

Adult Faith Formation

All Adult Faith Formation programming for the foreseeable future will be recorded and will be available on the Cathedral [webpage](#) weekly. Also, the link to videos will be emailed and shared through the My Parish app. It is our earnest desire to continue our sessions just as planned, albeit remotely!

CCD

Fr. Peter, Dr. Jennifer Deason and Greg Laroux are reviewing options and alternative dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We will provide those dates once finalized in the coming weeks.

CCD classes and sacramental preparation continue on each Sunday. Parents receive a live meeting invite for each week. For those who cannot participate live, recorded lessons are posted on our Cathedral [website](#).

To assist our parents and children, below are supplemental resources for First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation:

First Holy Communion

For Parents:

[Preparing Your Children for First Holy Communion](#)

For Children:

[Dynamic Catholic First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Video Series](#)

[The Bread of Life Celebrating the Eucharist](#)

[The Eucharist for Little Children](#)

[Forgiven: Children – How to Make a great Confession](#)

[Forgiven: The Blessings of Confession](#)

Confirmation

[Power of the Holy Spirit](#)

[The Holy Spirit in Scripture](#)

[Moved to Mission](#)

[The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit](#)

[The Rite of Confirmation](#)

The [Berchmans Minute](#) is a series of one-minute long videos explaining many of the artistic and architectural details (and other interesting facts) of our Cathedral, both inside and out. Join Fr. Peter as he explores aspects of the Cathedral and explains their importance in the context of our Catholic faith. Come to a greater appreciation of all you can see in our Cathedral church, one minute at a time!

Episode 35: Glorious Mysteries Stained Glass Windows

Episode 34: St. Ignatius Windows

Episode 33: Choir Stairway Windows

Episode 32: Upper Level Windows

Episode 31: Marian Stained Glass Windows

Christmas Message from Fr. Peter, Diocesan Administrator

Episode 30: The Diocesan Administrator's Office

Episode 29: St. John Berchmans Catholic School

Episode 28: Shroud Exhibit

Episode 27: The Marian Altar

Episode 26: The Sacred Heart of Jesus Altar

Episode 25: Stained Glass Windows in the Cathedral

Episode 24: The Confessional

Episode 23: Preparing for Mass - the Sacristy

Episode 22: Cathedral Statues

Episode 21: The Reliquary of St. John Berchmans

Episode 20: Angel Stained Glass

Episode 19: The Special Crucifix Inside the Chapel

Episode 18: More on the the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel

Episode 17: 13th Century Crucifix--Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel

Episode 16: The Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel

Episode 15: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Episode 14: The Basement

Episode 13: The Cathedral Attic

Episode 12: The Paintings

Episode 11: The Baptismal Font

Episode 10: The Sanctuary Lamp

Episode 9: The Cornerstone

Episode 8: AMDG (Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam)

Episode 7: The Organ

Episode 6: Inside the Organ

Episode 5: Reredos
Episode 4: Covering Crosses and Images
Episode 3: Communion of St. John Berchmans
Episode 2: Pelican Relief
Episode 1: Reliquary of St. John Berchmans

Prayer Garden Bricks

Thank you to everyone who purchased a brick during our last opportunity. Look for another occasion to buy one in 2021.

[SJB Facebook](#)



[SJB Website](#)

Copyright © 2020 Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, All rights reserved.

Each month we send an email about The Cathedral of St. John Berchmans. If you wish to not receive this email please let us know.

Our mailing address is:

Cathedral of St. John Berchmans
939 Jordan Street, Shreveport, LA
Shreveport, LA 71101

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

