

Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 1:06 PM Cathedral Pastor's Office <pastorsoffice@sjbcathedral.org> wrote:



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](#).

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.

Please join us via [Facebook live](#) or [webcam](#)

Divine Mercy Sunday [Prayers](#)

Bishop Malone's [video message](#) to all in the diocese on March 28, 2020

Palm Sunday

Please join us LIVE ([Facebook](#) or [webcam](#)) for the 9:00am Mass and blessing of the palms with Bishop Malone; palms will be available for families after Mass, beginning at 10:00am. You are invited to drive up on Jordan Street, going either direction, and an SJB staff member will be available on the sidewalk to assist you in picking up palms.

We are praying for all preparing for the Sacraments: our First

Communicants, Confirmands, and RCIA Candidates and Catechumens, as their longing for the Sacraments has been extended.

**Live Facebook Presentation:
Exploring the Shroud of Turin
Saturday, April 4 at 11:00am**

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter by meditating on Christ's wounds and His resurrection!

All over the world, presentations on the Shroud of Turin have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Yet the Lenten season is the time when the thoughts of many turn toward this mysterious cloth. Join the co-hosts of this podcast series, Fr. Peter and Dr. Cheryl White, on Facebook LIVE [here](#) from our [Museum of the Holy Shroud](#) on Saturday April 4 at 11:00am for this overview. Fr. Peter and Dr. White will be able to take some questions, as well!

Three archdioceses and a diocese in Canada are already promoting this event [here](#).

**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](#)

Resources to Make This the Most Meaningful Lent:

Stations of the Cross

These days of challenge require us to be creative and to be faithful. If we are both, this will be the most meaningful Lent of our lives!

Watch and pray (from [EWTN](#)): Gather the family around and watch a recorded version of the [Stations from the Holy Land](#), from Jerusalem.

From the [Knights of Columbus](#)

Praying the Stations of the Cross with your family: Click [here](#) for "The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations" booklet.

Stations coloring book: For young children, a Stations of the Cross [coloring book](#); print and have your children color the pages as you explain each station to them.

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

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)

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You may worship with us via our [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)

Cathedral Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Cathedral Bulletins

You may access our bulletins [here](#) and via our Parish App.

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!

Click [here](#) for Open Enrollment.

Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Cathedral's Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30pm or any time of the day or week during this Lenten Season and throughout the year.

Participate in the Stations of the Cross - prayers and responses [here](#) (*The Way of the Cross* with Scriptural text) and view the recording [here](#).

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.

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

New! USCCB/ForYourMarriage.org

New! SusanVogt.net

New! [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

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 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

Pray Through the Intercession of the Martyred 1873 Priests

If you wish to have a set of five holy cards sent to you, please make the request with a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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

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.

