



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](#)

Divine Mercy Sunday April 19

Mass at 9:00am with Bishop Malone

Watch live via [webcam](#) or [Facebook](#)

Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30pm

Click [here](#) to view the live webcast on St. Joseph Church's website

Click [here](#) for how to recite the Chaplet and for more information

Pope Francis' Easter Message

Click [here](#) for the full text of Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi message, delivered April 12 at the Basilica of St. Peter.

"From Death to Life" Organ Recital

Thank you to our Director of Music, Aaron D. Wilson, and violinist Johnum Palado for their recital, which focused on death to life--the Passion to the Resurrection. Because of the technology issues we had with the live concert, we redid the whole thing! Enjoy it [here](#) and please share! Their moving concert includes 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)

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. (*Note: Fr. Duane is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9:00am*)

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](#).

E-Pilgrimage Sites and Virtual Tours

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology you can now take a virtual tour, or “e-pilgrimage,” of many Catholic pilgrimage sites. These virtual pilgrimages are perfect for those who are unable to travel to the actual sites themselves; for those trying to further immerse themselves or their families in the Catholic faith; and for homeschoolers.

Click [here](#) for a list of sites and, of special note, a list of Eucharistic Miracles Around the World and Virtual Museums, where you can view miracles by country and by Saints who were involved with them; virtual museums; and more. The site content was compiled by Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian boy who died in 2006 of leukemia and whose cause is being considered for Sainthood.

Click [here](#) for a virtual tour of The Basilica of the [National Shrine](#) of the Immaculate Conception.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Click [here](#) for a virtual tour of the [Vatican Museums](#).

Bramante staircase in the Vatican Museum

Virtual Tour of St. John Berchmans Cathedral and St. Michael the Archangel Chapel

Besides longing for receipt of the Eucharist at Mass, many of us also miss the beauty of the Cathedral and Chapel and the comfort of "our" places in the pews. Click [here](#) for virtual tours, to be reminded of our treasured, sacred spaces!

Pray for our Seminarians

Please continue to pray for Kelby Tingle, Tristan Frisk, and our newest seminarian, Matthew Vitacca.

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, I offer You through Your Immaculate Mother Mary, Your Own Precious Blood, in all the Masses throughout the world, as petition for graces for all seminarians, Your future priests. Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her, the glorious spouse of Christ. Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love the One and Only Eternal Priest. Good Shepherd of Souls, hear this my prayer for saintly priests. Amen. (From "Prayers for Today," published by Leaflet Missal Co.)

Matthew Vitacca serving in Chapel of the Eucharistic Miracle in Orvieto, Italy.

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

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. Space is limited in some grades.

If you would like to learn more about SJB, please email us at Admissions@sjbcathedralschool.org. We are setting up phone conferences for prospective families to answer your questions.

Click [here](#) to subscribe to the Berchmans Blast Weekly Newsletter.

All Schools' Mass - Friday, May 15

Join Bishop Malone on Facebook LIVE at 9:00am from the Cathedral as he celebrates the final school Mass of the year.

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 with Fr. Peter and Fr. Duane [here](#).

Prayers: Act of Spiritual Communion

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

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 Collection:

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

Ways to Support Those in Need

During these difficult coronavirus times, as more and more people are homeless and unemployed, the [Cathedral Outreach Ministry](#) continues to support those who are less fortunate in our community. Please do keep the homeless, who are still homeless, and the hungry, who continue to be hungry, in your daily prayers.

As you may realize, the most valuable donation you are able to give to the non-profits serving our neighbors is the gift of money, if you are able to help them financially. With that gift, they will be able to purchase exactly what they need.

[Christian Service](#) is serving over 200 to-go boxes each day, 7 days a week, 364 days a year.

At [HOPE Connections](#), 40-50 clients a day take showers and wash clothes. Over 500 in our community receive their mail at HOPE Connections as they have no mailing address.

[St. Vincent de Paul](#) continues to contact clients by phone to offer their services.

Many are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners to the Lenten Giving Trees. Even with all the changes in our schedules, the gifts arrived to help these ministries ([Catholic Charities](#), [Renzi Center](#), and [HOPE Connections](#)) continue their missions. Visit our [website](#) for more ministry updates and contact [Jane](#) for details about ongoing ways to help.

Simple Ways to Reach out to Others

There are many ways that we can share ourselves and our gifts during this Easter Season. As we continue to stay in our homes, consider reaching out to those who may be lonely or isolated, especially those who are home-bound, or in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

Think about calling a neighbor, just to visit; offer to pick up groceries; send a card, text, or email. Facetime or Skype with someone who might be lonely--it will be appreciated! If you are able, consider mowing someone's yard or helping with the garbage cans.

Join top Marriage Champions from around the country for a five-part marriage enrichment and renewal series. During this time of social isolation, our Domestic Church is in even greater need of relationship with God and others. This is our time as married couples to shine and be the light to those in our homes and communities. Register today and let your marriage BE LIGHT!

The Date Night Series launches on Sunday, April 26th and continues for five nights (April 26-30). Each date night will be available after 7pm CST.

Register [here](#).

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! [Jon Leonetti](#), a nationally-known Catholic speaker, author, and radio host.

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 Concludes May 3

All Adult Faith Formation programming is recorded and available on the Cathedral [webpage](#) weekly. Also, the link to videos will be emailed and shared through the My Parish app.

CCD Continues Sacramental Prep After April 26 Class Conclusion

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

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