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Archdiocesan News Oracle

March 2, 2011

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A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

- Please remember in prayer the following priests and deacons who are ill or recovering from recent surgery:
Msgr. William Bilinsky
Msgr. Louis LeBourgeois
Msgr. Don Byrnes
Msgr. Martin Van Der Werff
Fr. Peter O'Grady
Fr. Bernie Francis
Fr. Lee John Saloy
Deacon Rod Fonseca
- Alumni Day at Notre Dame Seminary starts today, Wednesday, March 2, 2011 with cocktails from 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. in the Family Room. On Thursday, March 3, 2011 the Alumni Association Meeting will be held at 10:00a.m. at Notre Dame Seminary in the Pastoral Center followed by Mass, reception and a banquet.
- The Archdiocese Offices are closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of Mardi Gras.
- Please read the attached “Pastoral Letter” on the 1st Sunday of Lent.

Important Reminder:

Beginning Ash Wednesday we will initiate 2 important Pastoral Programs in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

- “Catholics Come Home”
- Daily prayer to fight the New Battle of New Orleans regarding violence, murder and racism.

Please do whatever you can to make these pastoral opportunities available to our people.

- The Lenten Day of Prayer for all Archdiocesan staff will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at St. Pius X Church. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.
- The Lent and Easter regulations as published in the Archdiocesan Policies book are attached for your convenience and to use during Lent and the Easter Triduum. (Please see attachment.)
- All diocesan and religious priests are invited to attend the annual Priests' Lenten Day of Prayer on March 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.
- At the annual Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on January 8, 2011, I said there was a “new” Battle of New Orleans that needs to be waged today – a battle against violence, murder and racism. A spiritual initiative will be announced at a news conference on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 10:15a.m. in Jackson Square asking that a special family prayer for peace be recited before the final blessing at every Lenten Mass, daily and Sunday, in the Archdiocese. Prayer cards are being printed and will be distributed to all parishes.
- Please note that on September 20 – 22, 2011 we will have the Convocation for Priests. All priests are requested to be present for the entire convocation. If it is possible, I would appreciate your arranging funerals before or after the convocation. Obviously if there is an emergency and it is absolutely necessary, scheduling a funeral during the convocation would be understood. Nevertheless, it is important to have as many people as possible present.
- Have a happy Mardi Gras and a very blessed Lenten season.

DEATH NOTICE

Mr. Fegan Gillie father of Dr. Joyce Gillie Cruse (employee of the Archdiocese, Director of Office for Black Catholic Ministries) died on February 27, 2011. Please remember Mr. Fegan Gillie, Dr. Joyce Gillie Cruse and his family in your Masses and prayers. May he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CARE LINE

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is called to serve the poor and vulnerable in our Archdiocese and to provide help to the least among us, as Jesus taught us. The Catholic Charities Care Line number is the point of entry for anyone in the Archdiocese who seeks assistance. Catholic Charities hopes to provide the number to any and all who may need help. Please consider permanently adding the Catholic Charities Care Line number to your church bulletin, perhaps listing it under the contact information for the church office and rectory. The toll free number is 1-866-891-2210. You can call the number 24 hours a day. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. If you have any questions, contact Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Communications, 504-592-5691 or 504-592-5690.

THE MASS OF RENEWAL

The "Mass of Renewal" composed by William Gokelman and David Kauffman will be presented at St. Angela Merici Church (901 Beverly Garden Dr., Metairie, LA) on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. This invitation should be passed on to both music directors and musicians interested in learning more about this new Mass setting which was the 1st place winner in the 2010 New Mass Competition.

Please e-mail mnetzhammer@archdiocese-no.org to reserve a seat for your key personnel. The Office of Worship will need an exact headcount for the event to ensure we have adequate choral packets available.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

"The remainder of the Spring 2011 schedule has been set for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. The cost for participation remains at \$15.00 per person and all participants must have the pastor's approval prior to attending. You may download a copy of the tri-fold brochure from the Office of Worship website. This brochure has been designed to print on both side of a single sheet of paper then folded into thirds. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call the Office of Worship at (504) 861-6300."

SPRING 2011 THEOLOGY ON TAP

"All parishes and other institutions having contact with young adults are asked to please publicize the Spring 2011 Theology on Tap series using the attached flyer. Questions should be directed to Rachel Longest, Young Adult Ministry coordinator, at (504) 836-0551. Thank you for your assistance."

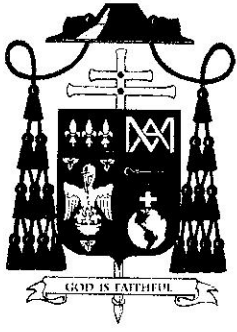
ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER

As Lent approaches we are reminded that Lent is a time to renew our relationship with God. A Lenten series to help us grow in this relationship is offered on four Wednesdays in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Sister Dorothy Trosclair, Director of the New Orleans Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, will present sessions on how the Eucharist impacts our everyday life and how our everyday life impacts our celebration of the Eucharist. Dates are March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1:00p.m. – 2:30 p.m. A \$40 fee for the entire series and registration may be mailed to Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, 39003 Rosaryville Rd, Ponchatoula, LA 70454 or register in one of the following ways: [www. Rosaryvillela.com](http://www.Rosaryvillela.com), call (225) 294-5039 or e-mail rosaryville102@charter.net.

**MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS**

Impelled by Christ's call, we who serve in the departments and offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans collaborate with the Archbishop and one another in bringing about the Reign of God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we work in service to and in collaboration with parishes, schools and organizations to evangelize and catechize, offer witness and service, lead worship and give pastoral care to all of God's people to advance the saving mission of Christ.

For any inquiries on the Archdiocesan News Oracle please contact Deacon Jesse A. Watley, Executive Director of Pastoral Services and Editor.



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Please read the first weekend in Lent

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we begin our Lenten journey this year, I assure you of my prayerful support. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving may each of us grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and experience the conversion of mind and heart to which he calls us.

On Ash Wednesday, we initiated two new pastoral programs in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I ask for your support in prayer and through action.

First, we will sponsor a program called "Catholics Come Home." Through T.V. ads and other media we are inviting inactive Catholics to return to our family. You will also have the opportunity to send me confidentially the name of someone who is inactive. I will write and invite them to become an active member of our Catholic family. Please join me in praying for those away from the Church. Hopefully we all will become the voice and heart of Christ to welcome them home.

Secondly, this Lent we will pray for peace in our community using a new prayer calling for the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at every Mass celebrated in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This prayer will be said immediately before the final blessing to ask God to use us to rid our society of murder, violence and racism. We won the Battle of New Orleans in 1815; this new battle can be won by prayer and by acts of charity.

Multiple murders have become part of our daily experience in this local Church. We must focus again on God's commandment, "Thou shalt not KILL." Jesus gives the commandment: Love one another; forgive your enemies. We are called to be the peacemakers of our time and we share this responsibility.

Please join me in asking God's blessing on these new pastoral programs as we begin our 40 day Lenten journey.

Wishing you God's blessings, and with gratitude for your faith, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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LENT AND EASTER REGULATIONS

The Lent and Easter regulations as published in the Archdiocesan Policies book are reproduced below for your convenience and use during Lent and the Easter Triduum.

ASH WEDNESDAY

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

The blessing and imposition of ashes takes place only on Ash Wednesday, ordinarily during the celebration of the Eucharist. The Sacramentary contains the Rite for the Blessing of Ashes within Mass. The Order for the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes outside of Mass is found in the *Book of Blessings*. If the Eucharist is not celebrated, the blessing and distribution is to take place within the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. The minister for the blessing of ashes within the Mass is a bishop or priest. The minister for the blessing of ashes during a service of the word is a bishop, priest or deacon. Other persons may be associated with the bishop or priest or deacon in the imposition of ashes: e.g. extraordinary ministers of holy communion, and other lay persons, when there is a true pastoral need. These persons do not, however, bless the ashes. Special ministers of communion may bring blessed ashes to the sick and those confined to their home. If a minister is not available, a member of the family or another person may bring blessed ashes to a shut-in, using one of the formulas in the Sacramentary to impose the ashes.

LENT AND EASTER REGULATIONS

A DISTINCTION IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN Lent and the Easter Triduum. Strictly speaking, Lent ends with the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. The Ordo notes: "Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper of Holy Thursday."

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The spirit of the reason of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is serious. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

THE PASCHAL FAST

All Catholics of the appropriate age (see above) are to fast and abstain on Good Friday. The Second Vatican Council observed “Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attended with uplifted and clear mind.”

EASTER VIGIL

TIME FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL

The Roman missal states that the entire celebration of the Easter vigil takes place at night. The Vigil is not to begin before nightfall and is to end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. No Mass may precede the Easter Vigil. The Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Vigil, ISSUED BY THE Congregation for Divine Worship in 1988 notes that the very concept of the vigil has almost come to be forgotten in some places with the result that it is celebrated as if it were an evening Mass, in the same way and at the same time as the Mass celebrated on Saturday evening in anticipation of the Sunday. The Circular Letter repeats the norm of the Roman Missal and adds that “this rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense”. Pastors are reminded that daylight savings time this year will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, which is the First Sunday of Lent. This year, 2011, the Vigil will take place during Central Daylight Savings Time. The United States Weather Service states that on Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011, the sun will set at 7:32 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The Easter Vigil liturgy may not begin before 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, AND FUNERALS

Weddings may not be celebrated on Sundays, during the Easter Triduum, or on Holy Saturday after the Vigil.

BAPTISMS

The Sacramentary states that baptism is one of the four parts of the Easter Vigil, “When new members are reborn as the day of resurrection approaches.” The RCIA is geared and planned for the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Vigil. The *Rite of Baptism of Children* states: “To bring out the Pascal character of baptism, it is recommended that the sacrament be celebrated during the Easter Vigil or on Sunday when the Church commemorates the Lord’s resurrection.” The Ordo recommends that the celebration of the sacrament of baptism be deferred, in the spirit of Lent, until Easter Vigil or Easter season.

Funerals may be celebrated on Holy Thursday Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, but not within the context of Mass. The Eucharist may not be celebrated or distributed at a funeral on these days.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM LITURGICAL DOCUMENTS

FROM THE RITE OF PENANCE: The season of Lent is most appropriate for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn

invitation “Turn away from sin and believe in the good news.” It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. (13) *The Rite of Penance ritual book contains two sample Lenten penitential services.*

FROM THE *GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL*:

Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar. . . . During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities and feasts are exceptions.

In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only to support the singing. Exceptions are Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), solemnities, and feasts (313).

FROM *SING TO THE LORD*:

During the season of Lent, alternate acclamations [to the *Alleluia*] with their proper verse are used, as found in the *Lectioary for Mass* (or, when there is only one reading before the Gospel, the Psalm alone may be used). The Gospel Acclamation may be omitted when it is not sung. (163)

Although it is not necessary to sing a recessional hymn, when it is a custom, all may join in a hymn or song after the dismissal. . . . At times, e.g., if there has been a song after Communion, it may be appropriate to choose an option other than a congregational song for the recessional. Other options include a choral or instrumental piece or, particularly during Lent, silence. (199)

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____

Church Parish: _____

I will attend:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Readers Workshop

Workshop number _____

Workshop date _____

Pay at Door Bill Parish

The cost of all events is \$15.00/person.
Please mail or fax (504-866-2906) this form
to the Office of Worship, 7887 Walmsley
Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125.

Unless otherwise noted
workshops are from
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

You are invited to contact the Office of
Worship at (504) 861-6300 for further
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Liturgical Ministry Workshops

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SPRING 2011

Liturgical Ministry Workshops—Spring 2011

Basic Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve as an Extraordinary Minister. Please check the Archdiocesan Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to ensure that participants fulfill the requirements. All participants must be pre-approved by their pastors.

Saturday, March 12, 2011 (WS 1)
St. Edward the Confessor
4921 West Metairie Ave.
Metairie, LA
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Deacon Ron Guidry

Saturday, March 26, 2011 (WS 2)
St. Luke the Evangelist
910 Cross Gates Blvd.
(off Gause Blvd East)
Slidell, LA
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Deacon Harold Burke

Saturday, April 9, 2011 (WS 3)
St. Alphonsus
2030 Constance St.
(off Magazine St.)
New Orleans, LA
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Mrs. Kathy Schott

Saturday, April 30, 2011 (WS 4)
St. Joseph the Worker
455 Ames Blvd.
Marrero, LA
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Deacon Bob Beaumont

Saturday, May 14, 2011 (WS 5)
St. Matthew the Apostle
10021 Jefferson Hwy.
River Ridge, LA
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Ray Hymel



Basic Workshops for Readers

This workshop focuses on the theology of the word and the techniques and skills of proclaiming the Word of God.

Saturday, March 5, 2011 (WSL6)
St. Rita
7100 Jefferson Hwy.
Harahan, LA
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Ray Hymel

Saturday, April 9, 2011 (WSL 7)
St. Dominic (Siena Room)
775 Harrison Ave.
New Orleans, LA
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Ray Hymel

Saturday, May 21, 2011 (WSL 8)
The Visitation of Our Lady
3500 Ames Blvd.
(corner Baratavia)
Marrero, LA
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Fr. Ray Hymel



Spring 2011

a speaker series
sponsored by the youth & young adult ministry office of the archdiocese of new orleans

THEOLOGY *on Tap*

for young adults in their 20's and 30's

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NOT ANOTHER LENTEN TALK

Fr. Steven J. Sauer, S.J., Pastor of Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church

By the time we get into our 20's and 30's, it's possible that Lenten sacrifices have become a lost practice or are so familiar that they have lost meaning for many. Our speaker will explore the origins of Lenten fasting and sacrifice while exploring possibilities to make this Lent a meaningful one for you.

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THE RAPTURE AND APOCALYPSE FOR CATHOLICS

Tom Ryan, Director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry

The popularity of the Left Behind Series and regular prophecies about the end of the world represent a dilemma for Catholics. The Bible does speak of a rapture (1 Thes. 4:15-17), and several biblical books contain apocalyptic prophecy, but what does all this mean? Our speaker will offer reflections that address these difficult passages in their original context and suggest their implications for Catholic spirituality today.

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AM I MY NEIGHBOR'S KEEPER?

Archbishop Emeritus Alfred C. Hughes & Judge Brian Jackson

Greater New Orleans continues to face serious challenges posed by violence and racism. As people of faith, these are moral issues requiring a response by the Body of Christ if we are to truly meet the challenge of seeing each person as created in the image and likeness of God. Archbishop Emeritus Alfred C. Hughes published *Made in the Image and Likeness of God: a Pastoral Letter on Racial Harmony*, in late 2006. He will explore the background of the letter, where we have been in post-Katrina New Orleans since its publication, and how we must go forward. Judge Brian Jackson has been recently appointed to the Federal Court in Baton Rouge. He chaired a consultative committee and then the implementation committee for the Archbishop's pastoral letter, *Made in the Image and Likeness of God*.

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DOES YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE NEED A GPS?

Sr. Gloria Murillo, S.T.J., Assistant Director of the Spirituality Center of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Spiritual Direction is growing in popularity, but still an unknown resource to many. Come hear about what spiritual direction is and learn about the resources of the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center.

gathering/drink @ 6:00pm speaker @ 6:30pm
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yam@arch-no.org

THE COLUMNS HOTEL
3811 St. Charles Ave., NOLA
(all four weeks)

We encourage everyone to stay after the speaker
for further discussion and networking.