



The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

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Fall 2020 Cathedral Pastoral Plan
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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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My Dear People,

I am happy to offer our parish this Fall 2020 Pastoral Plan to guide and direct our parish mission at Cathedral for the next several months. As you know, we are still very much in a national struggle with the Coronavirus Pandemic in which all the important Fall events in the life of our nation are going to be greatly impacted. While it is our hope as a nation that we can get back to something of a normal life as soon as possible, the reality is that there is no way predict so many important variables in Health Care, Education, Economy, and Government.

However, there are things we do know. We do know that the world needs the love of God in Jesus Christ. We know that we as a parish mission are called by Almighty to God to communicate the love of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot let the uncertainty of our times rend us powerless to accomplish our most vital mission. People urgently need the Lord and woe to us if we do not preach the Gospel.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude for all of you who have risen to the occasion this year to continue our mission in new and fruitful ways. I am humbled to tell you that, despite the profound challenges we have experienced, through your generosity and work 2020 has been a very fruitful year for our mission at Cathedral with more people than ever knowing the love of God for them because of our work here. This would not have been possible without your efforts and your financial support. Many of you have increased your giving to help those families who had to limit their giving because of financial stress. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Know that God rewards you and your gifts are not toward an earthly cause but rather build a Kingdom that will last forever.

Inspired by your generosity and confident that we are ready for the coming challenges in the remainder of the year, I offer you this Pastoral Plan. In it, you will find a large variety of works and opportunities to participate in the parish mission this Fall. It is important to me that every member of this parish is spiritually fed and has the opportunity to feed others. I encourage you to actively discern where God is calling you to participate in the life of this body. Your role is vital and unrepeatable. I am counting on you. Please know that our staff is doing everything possible to keep our facilities and our events as safe as they can be. You are safe when you come to our parish. We need you and your presence.

There are a few changes to our parish this Fall that I would like to call to your attention:

-Mrs. Brittany Primeaux is now our Baptism Coordinator. I want to thank Mrs. Primeaux for her faithful work in the parish and school. She has been an important presence to our community and will continue to be so in her new role that allows her to focus on a crucial aspect of our parish life. The preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is a beautiful and powerful pillar of our parish mission. Mrs. Primeaux will continue to excel in this ministry.

-Sr. Fatima, OLS, is now the DRE. As we enter our second year being blessed by the presence of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows at Cathedral, I am happy to announce that Sr. Fatima has joined our parish staff as the Director of Religious Education. We are soon receiving four more sisters in the convent across the street which will bring the total number to six sisters to bless our community. These sisters will aid Sr. Fatima, along with lay volunteers in the parish, in ensuring that the Faith is handed down to our parish children. Please welcome Sr. Fatima and the new sisters as they arrive.

-Religious Education Format and Registration. As you are aware, the uncertainties of what directives will be in place this fall has made it difficult to plan our normal religious education calendar. I thank you for your patience as we have taken the time needed to adequately discern our plan. We are now able to announce that all religious education programs for adults and children will begin following Labor Day in September. This includes RCIA, Confirmation, 1-8 Education, and First Communion. Registration for all of these programs will be opened on August 7. Each program will have slight or major changes that will reflect the directives that effect it. If you are participating in these programs, please stay informed about specific directions for each program.

Know that Fr. Schumacher and I love you and pray for you daily. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or our parish staff.

With Prayers and Deepest Affection,
Fr. Chester Arceneaux

Phase 2 Cathedral Pastoral Plan

The mission of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is to **communicate the love of God the Father in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit**. We will accomplish this through the work of our clergy, staff, and volunteers in the areas of **Liturgy and Spirituality, Parish Stewardship, Faith Formation, Parish Outreach, and Community Outreach**.

LITRUGY AND SPIRITUALITY - Staff Coordinators are Mrs. Danielle Huval, Mr. Brady LeBlanc, Mrs. Brittany Primeaux, and Mr. Tom Niel

Sacraments

-Holy Mass will be offered in Cathedral Church and live streamed every day except Saturday. Please follow the current directives on Mass attendance that will be communicated to you through parish communications and signs posted.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday

4:00pm Anticipated Mass

Sunday

7:00am

9:00am

11:00am with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday

12:05pm with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

5:30pm with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from

6:00-7:00PM Live Streamed on our Facebook Page and Website

Tuesday

6:30am

12:05pm with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

Wednesday

12:05pm with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

5:30pm

Thursday

6:30am

12:05pm with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

Friday

12:05pm with Live Stream on our Facebook Page and Website

Saturday

8:00am

-Homebound visitation including distribution of Holy Communion take place regularly. Please contact Mrs. Christie Domingue if you would like to receive a visit with or without Holy Communion, or if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

- Confession will be offered in Church Monday-Friday from 11:15-11:50am, Monday and Wednesday from 5:00-5:30pm, and Saturday from 3:00-3:50pm.** Please follow the current directives on reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation that will be communicated to you through parish communications and signs posted.
- Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites** will continue to be offered. Please call the parish office if you or someone with you is near death 337-232-1322
- Baptisms of infants will take place on Saturday mornings and afternoons and on Sunday mornings.** Please contact the parish office six months prior to the due date of your baby to begin the preparation process for Baptism.
- **Confirmation will be celebrated in 2021 for parishioners who are at least 16 years old (Junior Year).** Classes begin in September and registration will be open on August 7.
- **First Eucharist will be received in 2021 for parishioners who are at least 7 years old (Second Grade).** Classes begin in September and registration will be open on August 7.
- Weddings takes place on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year except for during the Season of Lent.** If you are discerning the vocation of Marriage and Family through the Sacrament of Matrimony, please visit our website and click on “Weddings” under the “Connect with Us” Tab.

Devotions

- 9:00am Monday-Friday The Holy Rosary Facebook Live.** Join us as we begin our day in prayer entrusting our intentions to the Blessed Mother.
- 11:20am Monday-Friday The Holy Rosary will be Prayed in Church.** Join us as we prepare for Holy Mass with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.
- 12:00pm Monday-Friday The Angelus will be streamed** before the noon Mass in the Church.
- 3:00pm Monday-Friday The Divine Mercy Chaplet Facebook Live.** Pray with us as we implore for God’s Mercy. Leave your prayer intentions in the comments so we can pray together.
- 5:00pm Monday Pro-Life Rosary in the Church.** Protective masks are recommended, and social distancing must be practiced.
- 5:00pm Wednesday French Rosary in the Church and Facebook Live.** Protective masks are recommended, and social distancing must be practiced. It will also be streamed on our Facebook Page.
- Our Adoration Chapel is Open 24/7 to Parishioners.** Please stay up to date throughout the Fall on changes to directives concerning those who are in the chapel. Our staff will regularly sanitize the area. **40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion with Exposed Adoration Takes place Monday at 6:00pm-Friday at 10:00am.** If you would like to sign up for an hour, please visit our website and click on “Register for 40 Hour Adoration”. www.saint
- Every family is encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours at home.** If you set certain times of the day for your family to pray, especially Mid-Day Prayer and Night Prayer, it will help you stay connected to the liturgical life of the Church and order your day in prayer. You can visit find the prayers for each day at this link: <http://www.ibreviary.com/m/breviario.php>.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Staff Coordinator is Mrs. Andrea Polito.

Your Continued Financial Support of the Parish is very important for our mission in the Fall of 2020. The Fall months of 2020 are economically uncertain for the entire country. The Coronavirus Pandemic has negatively impacted millions of people, including many of our families in the parish. Yet, we need to do our best to continue to reach people with the Gospel. Our Pastoral Plan is frugal and smart, but it is also robust and requires the generosity of our parishioners who can financially support this mission. Those of us that can give I ask that you commit to continue your gift either through online giving or mailing your check in. If you are able to give more than you normally do, I ask you to consider a larger gift than normal to help balance out those are not able to give anything at this time. Thank you for your continued generosity in this difficult time.

- Online Giving** continues to be very important during this time. We are making this option as easy as possible on our parish website. Please utilize this feature. We will be making a change soon in our giving platform online to make giving even easier and provide you with the most information about your giving history. You can find it at our website:
<https://saintjohncathedral.org/online-giving/>.
- Collections will be taken up safely at each Mass.**
- Mailed Checks are still going to be processed** by our parish staff. Please feel free to give in this way by mailing your gift to 515 Cathedral Street, Lafayette, LA, 70501.

FAITH FORMATION - Staff Coordinators are Sr. Fatima, OLS, Dcn. Adam Conque and Mr. Chad Beraud.

Adults

- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will take place in 2021 for adults (over the age of 18) who wish to enter the Catholic Church for the first time.** Classes will begin in September and registration will open August 7th.
- **Virtual Retreat for Adults** will take place sometime in October. The schedule is forthcoming but will include many great talks and guided prayer time over a 3 day weekend for even the busiest people to be renewed in God's love for them.
- 7:30am Monday – Friday Good Morning with Fr. Chester Arceneaux on Facebook Live.** Fr. Arceneaux will offer prayer, reflection, and encouragement as you start your day.
- 9:30am Tuesday and Thursday Fr. Harold Trahan will offer a 5-10 minute video reflection available on our website or Facebook Page.** These reflections will range in topics but also follow the themes of the daily Mass Readings.
- 10:00am Monday – Friday Live from the Schu-Box! Fr. Schumacher will offer a daily message of spiritual encouragement on Facebook Live.** This will be a great opportunity to grow in your Faith and learn about what is happening at Cathedral that day.

-2:00pm Monday – Thursday FORMED with Dcn. Conque on Facebook Live. This will be an opportunity for you to continue to grow in your Faith with a wide range of topics. We encourage active participation with your questions or comments on the live video.

-Please Utilize FORMED.ORG as a family and as individuals. There are so many great resources with this service that is free to you. Visit formed.org and set up your profile today. It is free but you need to indicate that you belong to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette.

Youth

-There will be a Full Calendar of Events for Middle School and High School Youth. Many events to nurture the faith of our young people will be offered. Please reference the website, Facebook Page, and bulletin for details. You can contact Mr. Chad Beraud with your questions at cberaud@saintjohncathedral.org.

Children

-Religious Education for all Ages 1-8. We are happy to offer a wonderful religious education experience for our children of all ages. Registration is open on August 7 and classes begin in September.

PARISH OUTREACH - Staff Coordinators are Mrs. Christie Domingue and Mrs. Karen Broussard

It is crucial that we continue to offer the love of our Faith Community to those in our parish family that are particularly hurting at this time. For that reason, we will have a team of people tending to the needs of the homebound, elderly, and financially struggling. Regular Parish Business will also take place via phone, email, or appointment.

-The Parish Office is closed to walk-ins, but open for appointments. You can call or email parish staff in order to conduct regular parish business. We will continue to process mass intentions, annulments, baptism requests, wedding requests, etc.

-Small Groups and Ministries will be allowed to meet on campus. Following Labor Day, small groups of parishioners will once again be able to meet on our campus. However, before you resume, you must contact Mrs. Christie Domingue for a full list of expectations and requirements for your meeting to ensure that directives for the safety of all involved are followed.

-If you know someone in our parish that is struggling in a particular way in this crisis please share their name with us. We will collect prayer intentions to be offered daily and visit people who need the love of Christ.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Staff Coordinator is Mrs. Kristi Munzing

It is important that in this difficult time we do not turn in on ourselves only but continue to communicate the love of Christ to the world around us. For that reason we will be focusing our energy on how our faith community can bless the world around us spiritually and materially. There will be opportunities soon for participation in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our community. Please participate.

-Self-guided tours will be available in the Church. We will not be offering guided tours this Fall, but we will have wonderful resources available for self-guided tours.