

Greetings. The biggest news this week has to do with Fr. Charles. You may have heard that he is being transferred at the end of June, but did you know that his birthday is this Tuesday, March 31st? Be sure to reach out to him and wish him a Happy Birthday!

Sadly he is being transferred at the end of June. He will be Administrator at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kenner. It's a great assignment, and he will be Administrator there as the Pastor there retires. Fr. Charles will be greatly missed here.

His replacement is Fr. Damian Zablocki. Fr. Alex Guzman will be in residence as was Fr. Angel. We'll keep you updated on those developments.

Masses this week will be live streamed at 8AM in the Extraordinary Form, and at 10AM in the Ordinary Form.

We're not seeing any sign of this letting up anytime soon. There is some optimistic talk of having everything back to normal by Easter. We'll see.

The following decree came out this week regarding Holy Week. The general thinking is that we won't be back to "normal" by Easter. We're ordering flowers and such, because Easter is the reason we exist.

(Holy Week will be celebrated in both the Extraordinary Form, and the Ordinary Form. The exact times will be published next week.)

DECREE

In time of Covid-19 (II)

"Considering the rapidly evolving situation of the Covid-19 pandemic and taking into account observations which have come from Episcopal Conferences, this

Congregation now offers an update to the general indications and suggestions already given to Bishops in the preceding decree of 19 March 2020.

"Given that the date of Easter cannot be transferred, in the countries which have been struck by the disease and where restrictions around the assembly and movement of people have been imposed, Bishops and priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people and in a suitable place, avoiding concelebration and omitting the sign of peace.

"The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. Means of live (not recorded) telematic broadcasts can be of help. In any event it remains important to dedicate an adequate time to prayer, giving importance above all to the Liturgia Horarum.

"The Episcopal Conferences and individual dioceses will see to it that resources are provided to support family and personal prayer.

"1 - **Palm Sunday.** The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated within sacred buildings; in Cathedral churches the second form given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted; in parish churches and in other places the third form is to be used.

"2 - **The Chrism Mass.** Evaluating the concrete situation in different countries, the Episcopal Conferences will be able to give indications about a possible transfer to another date.

"3 - **Holy Thursday.** The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in a

suitable place, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.

“4 – **Good Friday**. In the Universal Prayer, Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick, the dead, (cf. Missale Romanum). The adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the celebrant.

“5 – **The Easter Vigil**: Is to be celebrated only in Cathedral and parish churches. For the “Baptismal Liturgy” only the “Renewal of Baptismal Promises” is maintained (cf. Missale Romanum). Seminaries, houses of clergy, monasteries and religious communities shall follow the indications of this decree.

“Expressions of popular piety and processions which enrich the days of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum can be transferred to other suitable days in the year, for example 14 and 15 September, according to the judgement of the Diocesan Bishop.”



So as it stands, our Holy Week Masses and services will not be open the public. We'll see what develops.

Palm Sunday

If you have palms to donate to the Church, please take a few moments to clean them. If you've not done that before, don a pair of garden gloves and use a pair of sharp scissors to cut the bottom needles off so that one can hold the palm from the bottom stem. It's easy and simple, and we usually have volunteers do it for everyone. But this is a good time to practice doing so yourself, and to learn how to do it.

Palm Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 8AM in the Extraordinary Form, and at 10Am in the Ordinary Form.

Confessions

Confession this week are on Tuesday from 3-5PM, and Friday 3-5pm. They'll be in the parking lot as they have been, and either drive through or screens will be available.

Weekly Collections

We haven't counted funds yet. When we do we'll post collections.

We've switched over our online giving to Parish Soft - they're offering it for free right now, and we use many other of their services. If you're already donating online, there is no rush to switch to the newest provider. We can take a lot of time to make the switch.

We're still paying salaries and bills, and planning on a bright future. Give as you're able. The Lord has promised to open the windows of Heaven to those who tithe; it's the only occasion He says to test him.

All of our online donation resources will be updated on our website in the coming week.

Reminders

- Donations can be dropped off in the Poor Boxes located by the side entrance, the confessional and the stairwell.
- We continue to help the poor; our St. Vincent de Paul Society is very well funded, and currently not meeting people. The Parish is helping those in need.
- Fr. Charles and Fr. Kenneth are new to live streaming and aren't great with it. So it's a learning curve. They are however, fulfilling their obligations as

Priests, and doing everything they're able to do for your salvation, if not for your personal comfort.

- The Church remains open during the day – come and pray!

A note From Fr. Charles

The Devil Hates Blessed Bells!

For all of salvation history God has always given us signs and wonders to not only lift us up spiritually but also physically. These incredible manifestations of God's power like the parting of the Red Sea are then passed down to us through sacramentals like holy water. In this time as we fight an adversary that is in the wind we remember the Power of God through blessed bells. Every time a bell is rung for worship a small exorcism of the air is performed! Don't believe me just read this prayer written by the Church for the blessing of bells by a Bishop.

"At the sound of this bell let all evil spirits be driven afar; let the power of your hand put down the evil powers of the air, causing them to tremble at the sound of this bell, and to flee at the sight of the holy cross engraved thereon." From the ritual of blessing church bells.

May the ringing of church bells bring you hope that God is in charge!

Updates from Mrs. Christina Uhlich

The last two weeks have led to the disruption of our regular routines, our lives have been turned upside down. Some of us are still working outside the home, providing essential services, many of us find ourselves at home caring for children, now tasked with either overseeing the completion of work sent home by their teachers daily or trying to

find something to keep them busy because there is no work for them to do and the lack of structure too much. We miss our families, we miss our friends, we miss the Mass and the sacraments. How do we go on? What can we do?

Most of us in the midst of all of this are experiencing a growing hunger for the Lord. Whether we suddenly have more time on our hands or whether we are just trying to make our way through this crisis, it is clear to all of us that we need God. In order to help us respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit, calling us deeper into relationship, Fr. Ken has asked me to share some free resources that we can use to stay connected to our faith and to each other even in the midst of our social distancing and exile from the Mass.

Daily Prayer: [Magnificat](#) free online for a limited time; [myParishApp](#); [Laudate](#) App (has a pray aloud feature—listen to prayers at bedtime, comfort of hearing another voice)

Online retreats: [Be Not Afraid](#) conference; [Into the Deep](#) with the Pauline sisters

Faith formation: [FORMED](#), free for forty days and loaded with intellectual and spiritual formation studies for teens and adults, movies for the whole family, just a wealth of a resource. [Aquinas 101](#) from the Thomistic Institute: free introduction into Catholic theology; [Ascension Presents](#): their source for free media-podcasts, short videos, articles.

Culture: [Virtual Tour of the Vatican Museum](#); [Lost Voices of the Hagia Sophia](#) (Stanford scientists built a virtual filter to

recreate the acoustics of the Hagia Sophia —human ears have not heard these sounds for centuries).

Kids: Free download of MagnifiKid activity booklets for [March](#) and [April](#)! Help kids keep focused while streaming Mass! (Have kiddos follow along with the order of the Mass, then let them complete the activities in the booklet when Mass is over). [Catholic All Year](#): blog articles, activities for littles, printable downloads for a small fee; [Sophia Institute](#): free daily worksheet/coloring sheet and free weekly lessons; [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#): free for a limited time—articles for parents on navigating this crisis with kids, activities galore, low maintenance.

Teens: Follow @saintjaneyouth on Instagram and Snapchat for devotionals and videos from Fr. Charles and Matt Bourgeois; check out YDisciple and Why Believe? on [FORMED](#).

Let us return to the wisdom of the old church where the days were marked by the prayer and the seasons and not by the tasks on the calendar. Mark the morning, midday, and evening with the Angelus. Keep track of what day it is by praying the Liturgy of the Hours or praying with the daily Mass readings. This is how the Church has kept track of time and has measured her days for centuries. Let us turn our homes into little monasteries, set to the rhythm of prayer and work.

May the Lord in his mercy spare us from harm!

Christina Uhlich
Parish Catechetical Leader

Updates

Visit our Parish's website or Facebook page:
<http://saintjanedechantalchurch.com>
facebook.com/stjanedechantalchurch

Download the MyParish App and have regular updates via that.

<https://myparishapp.com/>

<https://saintjanedechantal.com>

<https://facebook.com/stjanedechantalchurch>

Sign up to receive our Bulletin via email.
<https://discovermass.com/church/st-jane-de-chantal-abita-springs-la/#bulletins>

Office is Closed

The Parish office is closed until further notice.

- Phone lines are open ~ Monday – Friday 8:30 am -3:30 pm

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Never let me be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come unto Thee. That I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels, forever and ever. Amen.