



# Good Shepherd Parish

## St. Stephen Church



**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Great things are happening in our parish!*

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### **ONLINE COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

In this time of “no collections”, Good Shepherd still has significant expenses for, among other things, utilities, insurance and salaries for our dedicated staff. Here are two easy ways to donate to Good Shepherd Parish:

1. To make a donation to the general operating expenses using your credit card, [\*\*click here\*\*](#) You will not need to set up an account to donate.
2. To direct your donations more specifically to the Restoration, General Operating Expenses, Poor Box, etc., [\*\*click here\*\*](#) to set up an account via our Online Donation Platform managed by Vanco Services.

Of course, donors can always drop off or mail donations to the parish office. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Dianne Caverly at 504-227-3794 or [dcaverly@arch-no.org](mailto:dcaverly@arch-no.org).

### **LIVE STREAMING OF MASS**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY 10:30 AM**  
**TUESDAY 6:00 PM**  
**TUESDAY ADORATION 4:45 PM**  
**WED, THURS, FRI 6:30 AM**

Watch on Facebook:  
[@GoodShepherdNOLA](#) for all churches in our parish. Saint Stephen's Masses can be viewed through our parish website as well at [goodshepherdparishNOLA.com](http://goodshepherdparishNOLA.com)

### **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BY MONSIGNOR!**

The church will be open during this time. Also indicate that Confession is also available by appointment. Please leave a message for Monsignor Nalty or [\*\*email him\*\*](#).

**Wednesday from 5-6:30 PM** on the steps of Saint Stephen Church



### **Confession Protocol**

There will be a chair six feet in front of Monsignor Nalty for face-to-face confessions and for those who prefer anonymous confessions, there will be a kneeler six feet behind him. Please remain far enough away from the steps to respect confidentiality, while you're waiting. Approach the steps when you see your fellow parishioner walk down. Complete your penance inside the church. Be sure to exit on the side door to avoid disturbing the next confession.

### **Church Will Be Open For Adoration!**

*Please respect “social distancing,” and please don't come if you are sick.*

**St Stephen Adoration: Tuesday from 4:45-5:45 pm**  
**St Henry Church on Thursday from 7:00-8:00 am.**

“Since things are changing daily, please go to the parish website or our parish Facebook page, [@GoodShepherdNOLA](#), or Monsignor Christopher Nalty’s personal Facebook page [@monsignorchristopher.nalty](#) for the most up-to-date information.”

## Announcement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:



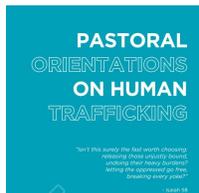
The Bishops of this country will re-dedicate the United States of America to Mary under the title of "Mother of the Church." It will take place on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

## Catholicism in Art and Science

This one will bring you back to high school biology! Gregor Mendel was an Augustinian monk whose heredity experiments on pea plants brought forth terms dominant and recessive. Mendel is considered to be the father of modern genetics.



## The Vatican releases online guide to combat \$150 billion human trafficking industry.



## Share a Prayer

We thank Aimee Breerwood for this week’s submission:



“Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be Holy.”

~St. Augustine

Perhaps you have a treasured prayer or Bible verse that provides you comfort and strength. If so, please share and we will post it in the next newsletter! Let us know whether you’d like your name posted.

Share a Prayer

**Catholic Fact of the Week:**  
What country is the home to the largest number of Catholics?



**Answer: Brazil**

According to World Population Review, Brazil has an estimated 112 million Catholics. East Timor has the highest percentage of Catholics (96%) outside of Vatican City, which, not surprisingly is 100% Catholic.



**Friday, May 1st:  
The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker**

In the first half of the 20th century, communism had gained support from many leaders around the world, and entire nations had succumbed to its ideas. In 1937, Pope Pius XI realized the serious threat that Communism posed to the common good, and called upon St. Joseph to protect the Church from the many errors of Communism.

As a result of the Popes words, Catholics fervently began to pray to St. Joseph, specifically under the title of "Terror of Demons" to combat atheistic ideas of Communism. They also invoked the help of St. Joseph in the cause of workers rights. Both of these issues were major topics of concern in the mid-20th century. The threat of worldwide Communism was felt by everyone, including the Pope.

Pope Pius XII turned to St. Joseph and denounced the falsehoods of Communism by elevating the dignity of workers in a very special way. On May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII declared May 1 to be the Liturgical Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

St. Joseph, indeed, is a light in the darkness and model of workmen. He brings to light the malice of the enemies of the family. He brings light into the darkness of erroneous movements that seek to strip people of their human dignity and eliminate God from the minds and hearts of families and nations. St. Joseph is the Patron of human dignity. He is the Terror of Demons."

**Want to get involved?**

New blood and new ideas are always welcome! Take a look at our various apostolate and volunteer groups to see what piques your interest.

**Altar Society**

Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637

**CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)**

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3795

**Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)**

The Center, @ 529-1636

**The Good Shepherd Choir**

Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793

**Friends of St Henry**

Alden Hagordorn, @ 891-3410

**Knights of Columbus**

Patrick Guise, @ 812-6941

**Life Apostolate**

Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676

**Mass Volunteers**

Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799

Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793

**Event Planning**  
Rectory Office, @ 899-1378  
**Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
Barbara Fortier, @ barbaraf13@aol.com

**Rectory Volunteers**  
Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792  
**Society of St Vincent de Paul**  
Laura Finnegan, @ 894-9991



## Spotlight on the "Contagion of Hope"

This week we bring you Pope Francis calling us to Christ's Peace in this time of fear.



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