



Good Shepherd Parish St. Stephen Church



May 1st, 2020

Great things are happening in our parish!

TODAY AT 2:00 PM: The Renewal of the Consecration of Mary

**Where: Saint Stephen Church steps at
1025 Napoleon Ave.**

The Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will Renew the Consecration of the United States of America to the Blessed Virgin Mary using the text attached to this post. Archbishop Aymond is doing the same thing for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the same date. The good news is that the Renewal of the Consecration can also be made by priests in their parishes and by families, groups or even individuals. Monsignor Nalty will renew the consecration from the front steps of St. Stephen Church at 2:00pm on this Friday, May 1, 2020. All are welcome to come out, respecting "social distancing." After the Renewal of the Consecration, Msgr. Nalty will process (by motor vehicle) the Blessed Sacrament around the boundaries of the parish. The route will go down Napoleon Avenue to Carondelet Street, right on Carondelet to Louisiana Avenue, right on Louisiana Avenue to Tchoupitoulas Street, right on Tchoupitoulas to Jefferson Avenue, right on Jefferson to St. Charles Avenue, then back to Carondelet before returning to St. Stephen Church. [Click here to be taken to conference of Catholic Bishop's website.](#) Click on the green button below to receive a copy of the prayers and hymn for today's service.



[Access Consecration Prayer and Hymn PDF](#)



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](#)

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.

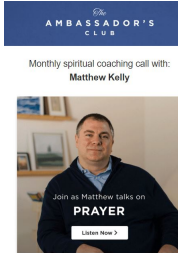
St Stephen Adoration: Tuesday from 4:45-5:45 pm
St Henry Church on Thursday from 7:00-8:00 am.

"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."

Power of Prayer

Fellow parishioner, Raechelle Munna, received this link from [Matthew Kelly](#) on the power of prayer. Matthew recorded the message for Ambassadors- those that support the ministry of Dynamic Catholic with monthly gifts. She wanted to share this as many people will find it extremely helpful.

Thank you Raechelle!



Share a Prayer

This week's contribution comes from Monsignor Nalty's mother!



An Old French Prayer for Friends

Blessed oh mother of those whose names you can read in my heart, watch over them with every care. Make their way easy and their labors fruitful. Dry their tears if they weep, sanctify their joy; sanctify their courage if they weaken; restore their hope if they lose heart, their health if they be ill; truth if they err; and repentance if they fall. Amen.

[Listen to Matthew Kelly's Message](#)

[Share a Prayer](#)

Catholicism in Art and Science: Michelangelo's *The Last Judgement*

The Last Judgment is a Sistine Chapel fresco depicting the second coming of Christ. It spans nearly 1500 square feet.



A Local Catholic Fact of the Week:

On the corner of Rampart and Barracks stands the former **Carmelite Monastery**. Founded by four Sisters from the St. Louis Carmelite convent in 1877, the formal name is the Monastery of St. Joseph and St. Teresa of the Discalced* Carmelites of New Orleans. To learn more about the history behind this building and the local Carmelites [click here](#). The building was purchased by entrepreneur Sydney Torres in 2016. There have been no signs of development to date.



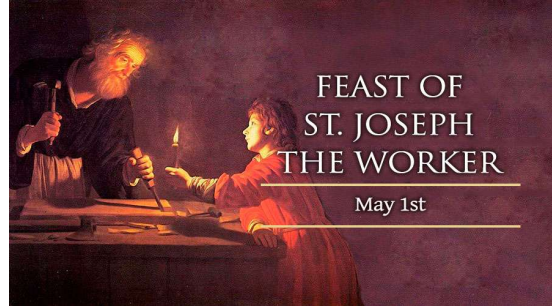
ONLINE COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:

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:

**denoting or belonging to one of several strict orders of Catholic friars or nuns who go barefoot or wear only sandals.*

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.



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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