

Diocese and Parish Specific Directives:

Please follow the Bishop's March 13th, 2020 directives regarding Masses. You may read these directives at the following link from the Lafayette Diocesan Office website <https://www.diolaf.org>

Bishop Deshotel has suspended All Masses until April 13th, 2020.

A Message From Msgr. Jeff DeBlanc:

Dear parishioners,

Father Nathan Comeaux and I are here to serve you, especially during these difficult times of pandemic. For the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) or the Anointing of the Sick, call anytime to the Office (337) 232-8945 if no answer call our Answering Service at (337) 572-4176 and ask the service to connect you with Father Nathan or with me.

We plan to hear **Confessions on a regular basis** on **Tuesday and Thursday (4:30 to 5:30 pm.)** and on **Saturday and Sunday (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.)**. Confessions will be heard outside near the parking lot. The priest will sit in a place that is readily visible. To confess anonymously, stand six feet behind the priest. To confess face to face, stand six feet in front of the priest. Please remain in your car until the person ahead of you has finished confessing. In inclement weather, we will designate a place for confession that is under one of the canopies.

Private Visits to Pray in Church before the Blessed Sacrament: For the time being, please email Stephanie Supple Monday-Thursday 9:00am until 12:00pm, administrator@fatimalafayette.org to set a time for a private visit

Please continue supporting your parish through **ONLINE GIVING** or mailing your contribution to the Church office. Mass attendance has been suspended for a time, but the needs of the poor in our community do not cease. Our parish likewise still needs to pay bills and relies on the generous hearts of parishioners. To sign up for online giving, go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1563>. Our Sunday Visitor allows you to give one-time gifts or set up a regular gift amount on a schedule.

You may also sit or stand outside the Church or the Chapel of the Little Shepherds and pray.

Keep watch on the website for times when we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Nathan and I are celebrating Mass daily for you and for the intentions printed in the bulletin. Feel free to call us anytime for emergencies or if you simply would like to talk.

The weekly bulletin is posted on our website, www.fatimalafayette.org. Printed bulletins will not resume until public Masses are permitted.

With respect to the Sacrament of Baptism, please email Stephanie Supple Monday-Thursday 9:00am until 12:00pm, administrator@fatimalafayette.org for scheduling.

Funeral rituals are limited to graveside services only with immediate family only. Memorial Masses will be scheduled sometime in the future.

For Wedding questions or concerns email Stephanie Supple at administrator@fatimalafayette.org.

We realize that this is a trying time for everyone. Father Nathan and I are keeping you in our prayers and hearts. Let us have confidence in Divine Providence.

In Christ Jesus,

Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc

Based on directives related to the Coronavirus the following precautionary measures will be taken specific to our Parish:

Knight Hall is closed until further notice.

Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers have been dispensed from serving their scheduled dates until April 13, 2020. Further direction will be provided in the future

The Adoration Chapel is closed.

The following organizations or events **will NOT meet** until further notice:

Every Tuesday 9AM Ladies Prayer Group in Church
Sts. Ann & Joachim Prayer Group
Soup & Silence
Unplanned The Movie March 22, 2020
CLJ group meetings
Catholic Daughter meetings
Scout Meetings
Girl Scout & Daisy Troop meetings
Regnum Christi events
CAST Meetings, Castaways, CAST Wives Lenten Study
Cub Scouts

Easter food bags are no longer being collected. The event of delivering Easter Baskets to the poor will be postponed.