

# NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**NEW ORLEANS**

**May 28, 2025**

## **SECTION I** **A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP**

Thanks to all the pastors that attended the meetings last week. There was excellent attendance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral, Deacon Joseph Grayson Martello will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. Priests and deacons are asked to bring their alb; vestments will be provided. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Gated Garden.

Hurricane season begins June 1, 2025. Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful: "That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season."

We will celebrate a Centennial Mass at St. Dominic Church at 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 1, 2025.

Adult Confirmation will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at St. Louis Cathedral. See p. 4 for more information.

The Permanent Diaconate Ordination will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at St. Louis Cathedral.

Sunday, June 15, 2025, is Father's Day. Attached please find a blessing that can be used at Masses to give recognition and God's blessings to fathers. [Click here to download the attachment.](#)

Archbishop Hughes and I will be in San Diego, CA, June 16-19, 2025, for the USCCB special workshop.

The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in observance of Juneteenth.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie, LA.

*This bulletin is also  
available on the  
Archdiocesan website,  
[www.nolacatholic.org](http://www.nolacatholic.org)*

**Liturgical  
Considerations  
for June 2025**

**Priest  
Ordination**

**Adult  
Confirmation**

**Permanent  
Diaconate  
Ordination**

**Job  
Opportunities**

*Mission  
Statement for  
the Departments  
and Offices of  
the Archdiocese  
of New Orleans*

*Impelled by  
God's call and  
inspired by  
the vision of  
the Ninth  
General  
Synod, the  
ministries of  
the  
Archdiocese  
of New  
Orleans, in  
union with  
the  
Archbishop  
and with one  
another,  
serve the  
people,  
parishes,  
schools and  
organizations  
of the  
archdiocese,  
enabling  
them to  
encounter  
Jesus and  
witness his  
love with joy.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 31, 2025	Priesthood Ordination
June 14, 2025	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
August 28, 2025	Katrina 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Interfaith Prayer Service at St. Louis Cathedral, Time TBA
September 10-12, 2025	Priest Convocation
December 13, 2025	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 9, 2026	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 30, 2026	Priesthood Ordination

## SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

*Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below*

### LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR JUNE 2025

The Office of Worship provides the following notes regarding liturgical celebrations in the month of June.

Please note that since 1998, the Solemnity of the Ascension has been permanently transferred to be celebrated in place of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. This year, the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1.

Pentecost will be celebrated on June 8. The paschal candle is to remain in place and lit until after the last Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Following the last Mass, it is to be moved to the baptistry of the church.

June 9, the Monday after Pentecost, is the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church. The proper texts for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours are found on the USCCB website.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church>

June 22 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Please note that Eucharistic Processions, Exposition and Benediction are to use the new texts and rubrics found in the recently released *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass*. This ritual book is available from all major liturgical publishers.

Sunday, June 29 is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles. This solemnity takes the place of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All regularly scheduled anticipated Masses on Saturday, June 28 and all Masses on Sunday, June 29 are to use the Mass and readings for the Solemnity. Additional evening Masses, such as weddings, celebrated on Saturday, June 28 may use different reading and Mass formulae.

## SECTION III

### PARISH PUBLICITY

*Announcements below are made available for publicizing to parishioners via placement in parish bulletins, on parish websites and social media, or other appropriate means*

#### 2025 HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA AND REVIVAL

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Lacombe will once again host the Holy Spirit Novena beginning Friday, May 30, 2025 and concluding Saturday, June 7, 2025, the Eve of Pentecost. Each night will feature a different celebrant for Mass as well as musical artists of varying styles. For more information [click here to access the flyer](#).

#### PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Encourage your parishioners to prepare for Pentecost by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit. It begins on May 30th, the day after Ascension Thursday. You can find the novena online [here](#).

#### CHRIST IN THE CITY | TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, MANDEVILLE

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans invites #NOLACatholicYoungAdults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s to head to the Northshore for their next Christ in the City on Tuesday, June 10th at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church [312 Lafitte Street, Mandeville].

Our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults starts at 7:00 PM. It is our hope that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the Holy Hour as well. A social hour will follow.

For more information on Christ in the City and Young Adult Ministry, please visit [nolacatholic.org/citc](https://nolacatholic.org/citc) or contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at [yam@arch-no.org](mailto:yam@arch-no.org).

## SECTION IV

### NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

*Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church*

#### LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE | JUNE 6 - 8

Adults who are children of divorce or separation are invited to join the New Orleans group of Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic peer-led ministry that helps young adults and adults with divorced and separated parents give voice to their pain and find transformative healing in Christ, for a retreat the weekend of June 6 - 8, 2025 at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Learn more at: <https://nolacatholic.org/lifegivingwounds> or contact the Marriage & Family Life Office at 504-861-6243 or [mfl@arch-no.org](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org).

## NOMINATE AN EXEMPLARY CATHOLIC LEADER FOR THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II AWARD

Do you know a dedicated Catholic layperson(s) or permanent deacon whose faith and actions make a profound difference in the Archdiocese of New Orleans? Here's your chance to recognize their outstanding service and stewardship! The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) is accepting nominations for the 28th annual [Saint John Paul II Award](#). This esteemed honor, presented by the Archbishop and the CCF each year, celebrates individuals who embody the values of generosity and stewardship, inspiring our community through their unselfish service and exemplary character. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight those whose commitment strengthens the institutions and programs of our Archdiocese. [Visit our website to learn more about the eligibility criteria and to submit your nomination form](#). **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, June 1st, at 11:59 p.m.** The recipient(s) of the 2025 Saint John Paul II Award will be honored at the CCF's Annual Dinner, A Celebration of Catholic Generosity, on October 9th. For questions or assistance, please contact [Pam Richard](#) at 504.596.3044. Established in 1996, the Saint John Paul II Award recognizes the stewardship exhibited by a Catholic layperson(s) of high moral character and exemplary values, who has rendered unselfish service and inspirational examples of generosity to the institutions and programs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Nominate someone deserving today!

## WIDOWED? DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

Have you lost your spouse due to Death, Divorce or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the New Orleans Archdiocese Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10-week program to help those struggling with their loss.

"Moving Forward With Hope . . . Coping With Life Alone" will take place on Wednesday evenings, June 4, 2025 through August 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., St. Angela Merici Catholic Church Conference Room, adjacent to the Church, at 835 Melody Dr., Metairie. Cost: \$40

Call Ms. Joey at 504-812-3300 to register and for questions.

## FIVE-DAY SILENT, DIRECTED RETREAT

Come to a Directed Retreat. A directed retreat is a completely silent retreat. Each retreatant meets daily with a spiritual director, is given scripture to pray with and spends the rest of the day in silence, prayer and rest.

Through scripture and reflection under the daily guidance of the Spiritual Director, the retreatant will become more aware of God's presence and action in their life. Held at the Cenacle on the Lake, 5500 St. Mary Street Metairie, LA 70006, Begins: Thursday, July 24, 4:00pm, and Ends: Wednesday, July 30, after breakfast.

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center. Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/registration>, or Telephone (504) 861-3254. Cost \$500. Deposit \$100. [See attached flyer](#).

## ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT WITH SARAH JANE MCMAHON

Sarah Jane McMahon, an acclaimed soprano soloist, will headline "American Music through the Decades," a Fourth of July Concert on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA. The Concert will feature patriotic music and popular America music from the 50s and 60s. Sarah Jane will be joined by soloist and accompanist, Linden Uter, the Music Director of St. Francis Xavier Church. Admission is free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. The KCs of St. Francis Xavier will serve free hot dogs from 1:15 – 2:30 pm in the air-conditioned gym. For further info, [see the event flyer](#) or call the Church at 504-834-0340.



## FLAG DAY PATRIOTIC CONCERT

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor will host a Flag Day Patriotic Concert on Saturday, June 14 following the 11:30 am Mass. All are welcome to join us for Mass and the concert or to join us for the start of the concert. Please be reminded that the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor has been designated a local Jubilee Pilgrimage Site and that there are graces available to those who visit the site and participate in the sacraments.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page:** <https://nolacatholic.org/employment>

*Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!*

*Submissions are due by 2 pm on Monday for the week the eBulletin will be published. Please send submissions or inquiries regarding the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin to [communications@arch-no.org](mailto:communications@arch-no.org).*