

NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



June 4, 2025

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for June 2025**

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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Thanks to Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, O.Carm., and all department heads who assisted with the safe environment process and met with auditors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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."

Adult Confirmation will take place at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at St. Louis Cathedral.

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.

*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.*

DEATHS

Funeral Arrangements for **Fr. Paul Watkins, O.P.**, who died in Spain on May 6, 2025, are as follows: Visitation at 9:00 AM followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, New Orleans. Interment will take place in Memphis. May he rest in peace.

Deacon Patrick L. "Pat" Dempsey died on May 27, 2025 at the age of 73. A funeral Mass will take place at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 6, 2025 at St. Cletus Church in Gretna. May he rest in peace.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 14, 2025	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
August 28, 2025	Katrina 20 th 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.

- 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

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 or contact James Behan, Associate Director for Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family Life, at 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.

REMEMBRANCE TEA FOR BELOVED FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A Remembrance Tea is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home located at 3827 Canal Street, New Orleans. RSVP to (504) 596-3050. All are welcome, come alone or with others. Tea jointly sponsored by our host, Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home, New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocese of New Orleans Grief Ministry. For more information, please visit our website at www.nolacatholic.org/griefministry. [See attached flyer.](#)

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.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!

You are invited to the ultimate summer date night, the Faith & Marriage Apostolate’s 16th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper and Substance on Fri., July 25th, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at Mid City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl on S. Carrollton Ave in New Orleans! This ultimate summer date night includes an inspiring presentation from Troy & Kristy Bourgeois, live music from the band, “After Party”, drinks at the bar, an array of classic Southern Louisiana cuisine to enjoy, and of course bowling throughout the night! To purchase your tickets go to FaithandMarriage.org. [See attached flyer](#).

IN-HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION TRAINING

Saturday, July 19, 2025 | Divine Mercy Parish, Kenner. Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Lloyd and Jan Tate, the authors of *The In-Home Marriage Preparation* program. The next available training is scheduled for **Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 4337 Sal Lentini Parkway, Kenner, LA 70065**. The class will be held in The Parish Center. The cost for training is \$140 per couple and materials are included. Couples who attend will be provided lunch. Couples can register at

<https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training>. For questions or information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org.

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.