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NEW ORLEANS

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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

**Basic
Workshops
for Readers**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, August 15, 2025, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Archdiocesan Administrative offices will be closed for the Holy Day.

Jazzed for Life, the annual gathering for parish Respect Life Coordinators, will be held at 8:30 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary.

We will celebrate Mass for the 175th anniversary of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Mandeville at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

The Cenacle on the Lake Gala will take place at Noon on Friday, August 22, 2025 at Chateau Golf & Country Club. [Please click here for more information.](#)

The Ministerial Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the Pastoral Center at Notre Dame Seminary.

There will be a 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina Interfaith Prayer Service at 6:00 PM on August 28, 2025, at St. Louis Cathedral.

St. Bernard Parish will have a Katrina 20-year Commemoration Mass at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Chalmette.

Monday, September 1, 2025, is Labor Day. The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

The Council of Deans will meet at 10:00 AM on September 4, 2025, in the Chancery Conference Room.

We look forward to the episcopal ordination and installation of Bishop-Elect Rev. Simon Peter Engurait as Bishop of the Houma Thibodaux Diocese on September 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM. May God's peace and blessings be with him as he prepares for his ordination next month.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Priest Convocation will be held on September 10-12, 2025. Registration packets were mailed to all priests.

**Liturgical
Considerations
for the
Solemnity of
the
Immaculate
Conception,
2025**

**Order of the
Anointing of
the Sick and of
Their Pastoral
Care**

**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.*

We will celebrate the 75th anniversary of St. Rita Church in Harahan with Mass at 9:30 AM on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation "Confession" will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM.

The "Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers" from the Book of Blessings can be accessed [here](#). Please consider using this as you deem appropriate. This time of the year is a great opportunity to connect our parishioners to our Catholic schools, public schools and our Parish Schools of Religion.

During this hurricane season, 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."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 28, 2025	Katrina 20 th Anniversary Interfaith Prayer Service at 6:00 PM at St. Louis Cathedral
September 10-12, 2025	Priest Convocation
September 17, 2025	Confession available in all parishes 5-6:30 PM
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

BASIC WORKSHOP FOR READERS

Basic workshops for Readers are being presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for readers is highly recommended for all lay people who proclaim the word of God at Mass.

The complete schedule and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at <https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgical-ministry-formation>.

Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or worship@arch-no.org.

CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

The Convocation of Priests will be held from September 10-12, 2025, at the New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel. Attire for the convocation is casual. Please arrive by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 10th. We will conclude by 1:00 PM on Friday, September 12th. Communion services can be offered in the parish to replace daily Mass. Registration confirmation, arrival instructions, and other important information regarding the convocation will be emailed to registered priests' DIOCESAN email accounts in August. If you have difficulty with your diocesan email account, please contact Alison Guerra at 861-6269 for assistance in accessing it.

LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY, 2025

Please see [attached Liturgical Considerations for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, 2025](#), which includes information regarding Masses, Liturgy of the Hours, weddings, obligations to attend Mass and Funerals.

LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 2025

Monday, December 8, 2025 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Patronal Feast of the United States, December 8 is always a Holy Day of Obligation. However, because Sundays in Advent take precedence over Solemnities, all Masses celebrated on Sunday, December 7, 2025 are to use the Mass formula and readings of the Second Sunday of Advent. Masses celebrated on Monday, December 8 are to be for the obligatory celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Although anticipated/vigil Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception are not permitted this year, it should be noted that the Code of Canon Law 1248 §1 states: "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass." Therefore, participation in a Sunday evening Mass on December 7 satisfies the obligation attached to either the 2nd Sunday of Advent or the Immaculate Conception, but both obligations cannot be satisfied with a single Mass.

ORDER OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND OF THEIR PASTORAL CARE

On January 23, 2025 the USCCB decreed that the *Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care* and the Spanish *Ritual de la Unción de los enfermos y de su atención pastoral* will be implemented according to the following timeline:

The new Anointing rites may be used beginning on **February 11, 2026** (the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and annual World Day of the Sick),

The use of the new ritual is mandatory as of Easter Sunday, **April 5, 2026**.

Both texts will replace the current Anointing rituals in use since the early 1980s, *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum* and its Spanish counterpart, *Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos: Ritos de la Unción y del Viático*.

The *Order of the Anointing of the Sick* restores the typical edition's arrangement and includes fewer options. This book is intended only for use by priests and deacons.

A separate resource will be developed to ensure that lay ministers continue to have access to those texts which they use in ministry to the sick and homebound.

These books are currently available for order from all the major liturgical publishers.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 | CHRIST IN THE CITY WITH ARCHBISHOP AYMOND

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside at the next Christ in the City young adult Holy Hour on Tuesday, August 19th at 7 PM in the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary (2901 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans.)

Christ in the City is the monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration for #NOLACatholicYoungAdults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It is our hope that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as well. Following the event, a social hour will be held at the Archbishop's Residence. For more information, please visit nolacatholic.org/citc and see [attached flyer](#).

2025 BISHOP FERNAND J. CHERI, III GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

The **Office of Black Catholic Ministries** is now accepting **vendor applications** for the **Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III Gospel Music Festival** on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM at St. Martin de Porres Center, 2241 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA. **Vendor slots are FREE — but LIMITED — NO Food Vendors!** We are looking for vendors, crafters and/or small businesses to be part of this exciting and spirit-filled evening. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your products and services to our vibrant community! **To reserve your spot or get more information, contact:** Office of Black Catholic Ministries at (504) 861-6207 or bcatholics@arch-no.org **Reserve your spot today before they're all gone!** [See attached flyer](#).

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 BLACK SAINTS CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information.

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

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.