

NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

August 27, 2025

SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. All are welcome.

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.

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

Please see the letter regarding offering "Confession" (Sacrament of Reconciliation) in parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM. Also, please read the letter either before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer the weekend of September 13-14, 2025. You may download the letter here in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated this year on Sunday, September 21, 2025. This important annual observance in our parishes provides us the opportunity to pray for and ask God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Please see attached letter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

The Center of Jesus the Lord will celebrate their Golden Jubilee at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

The NOLA Catholic Youth Conference will take place from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Jesuit High School.

*This bulletin is also
available on the
Archdiocesan website,
www.nolacatholic.org*

**Confession in
Parishes**

**Catechetical
Sunday**

**NOLA
Catholic Youth
Conference**

**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.*

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

POPE LEO TO HOLD FIRST-EVER DIGITAL ENCOUNTER WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AT NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Pope Leo will join the NCYC live from Rome on Friday November 21, 2025 at 9:15 CST. This year's theme is "I Am |Yo Soy." It recalls God's appearance to Moses through the burning bush and explores how the Sacraments are the living story of God's love, uniting us with Him. There are opportunities to celebrate Mass, minister to our young people on their faith journey, and much more! You can find additional information or register by visiting the [official NCYC website](#). Alternately, you can contact Alma Leon, Episcopal Engagement Manager, at almaal@nfcym.org or (202) 301-5163.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese WILL stay in our diocese to support local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

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 have been emailed to registered priests' DIOCESAN email accounts.

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.

FAMILY DAY 2025 | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | “HOPE IN THE HOME”

Each year, the Archdiocese of New Orleans, through the Marriage and Family Life Office, invites parishes to celebrate Family Day. This is an opportunity to gather families together and to be encouraged to renew your life together, strengthen friendships, form new ones, and to cultivate an appreciation for the importance and goodness of family life. On September 28th, in the midst of the global 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope throughout the Church, we invite families to be anchored in “**Hope in the Home.**” As husbands and wives, grandparents, parents, and children, we are pilgrims on a journey of hope together. We are called by Christ to suffer life’s challenges with one another and to be loving, charitable, patient, and merciful with one another. If we take those small steps to foster hope anchored within the bonds of our families, we can more courageously set out on the path to our ultimate destination: life everlasting through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For a full list of Family Day resources, please visit: <https://nolacatholic.org/familyday>

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP | TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an Annulment in the Catholic Church. The workshop will be held at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, in the Parish Meeting Room Suite 102 located at 10017 Jefferson Highway, River Ridge, LA 70123. The series runs for five (5) consecutive Tuesdays in September – September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23 and September 30, 2025. Hours are 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The cost of workshop is \$25.00, covering materials. To register visit our website <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop>. Registration will close Monday, September 8, 2025. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243 or email mfl@arch-no.org.

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 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.](#)

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

NOTRE DAME SEMINARY TEKIPPE THEOLOGICAL FORUM

The Notre Dame Seminary's 2025 Tekippe Theological Forum will be held on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00pm in Schulte Auditorium. In commemoration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, Fr. Khaled Anatolios of the University of Notre Dame will present the lecture, "Doctrinal Development and Personal Discipleship: The Nicene Witness to the Lordship of Christ." The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact layprograms@nds.edu. [Flyer attached](#).

DOUBLE FEATURE EVENT WITH JASON EVERT ANNOUNCED! SEPTEMBER 15TH AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Double Feature Event with Jason Evert featuring two talks: *Purified* and *Gender & the Theology of Your Body*: A family-based event that invites parents, teens, and all adults to learn about God's plan for love and to consider what is the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? It combines two of Jason Evert's presentations, *Purified* and *Gender & the Theology of Your Body*, with a time of prayer and adoration for everyone with the sacrament of Reconciliation available. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items home to help them discover how their body as a man or woman reveals their identity and calling and to live a life of purity. Tickets are \$25 Available Now Here: <https://shop.chastity.com/products/double-feature-with-jason-evert-9-15-25-in-mandeville-la> [See attached flyer](#).

RADIANT GIFT ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGED (8TH–12TH) LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

SEPTEMBER 28 | 1 – 5 pm; Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Sarah Denny Lorio; \$30 per person; fee increases to \$40 after Sept. 21

Why did God create you female? What does it mean to be a woman? How do we authentically love our femininity and others?

Join Mary, Queen of Peace for an afternoon of discovery and celebration of womanhood, rooted in St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Visit <https://maryqueenofpeace.org/radiant-gift-hs> to register or learn more. [Flyer Attached](#).

For Mothers - All mothers of high school-aged girls are invited to a special presentation on Sunday, September 14 given by Aimee MacIver and Jodi Awbury at 5:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

As a mother, you're called to guide your daughter in authentic womanhood. Be ready for her questions with truth, beauty, and joy. This FREE session will address:

- how to talk to your daughter about intimacy
- how to answer hard questions
- how to build authentic self-confidence and body image

Note: your daughter does not have to be registered for the Radian Gift event in order for a mother/guardian to attend.

IGNATIAN IMAGINATIVE PRAYER

Do you ever feel like you want to enrich your prayer life? Would you like to revitalize your time spent with Jesus? St. Ignatius of Loyola found that by engaging his imagination in prayer, he could experience a deeper, more personal encounter with God. God gifted us with an imagination and using it in prayer can help make Scripture come alive. Join me to learn more about this exciting way to pray and to practice the gift of Ignatian contemplation. Date: October 25; Time: 9am-Noon; Location: Archdiocese Spirituality Center, 1007 Airline Park Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003. Cost: \$35. Register here: <https://nolacatholic.org/ignatian-imagative-prayer>

ARCHDIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER GALA

The Annual Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Gala will honor Sister Dorothy Trosclair, O.P. this year. Affectionally known as Sr. Dot, she will be retiring at the end of August after fifteen years of transformational leadership as Executive Director of ASC. This past April, Sr. Dot celebrated fifty years of dedicated service to the Church and her Dominican community. On Saturday, October 4, 2025, we will have an opportunity to personally thank Sr. Dot during the Gala for her visionary leadership, untiring dedication and prayer witness. Please join as we celebrate her amazing legacy. Get tickets here: <https://nolacatholic.org/gala>

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.