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NEW ORLEANS

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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Seminarian Summer Gathering will take place on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, through Friday, August 8, 2025, at The Cenacle on the Lake in Metairie. Please pray for our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and consecrated virginity.

The Presbyteral Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 in the Pastoral Center at Notre Dame Seminary.

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.

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

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.

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

**Catholic
Relief
Services
Collection**

**Christ in
the City**

**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."

DEATHS

Brother Malcolm Melcher, S.C., a brother of the Sacred Heart, died on July 22, 2025. A Memorial Mass was held on August 2, 2025. May he rest in peace.

Deacon Harold Burke died on July 23, 2025. A funeral Mass took place on July 29, 2025.

Deacon Roberto Mendieta died on July 20, 2025. A funeral Mass took place on August 5, 2025. May he rest in peace.

Please keep Brother Malcolm, Deacon Burke, Deacon Mendieta, and all who mourn their passing in your prayers.

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

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

By participating in this year's collection, you help the Church reveal Christ's love to people in need around the world and here in the United States. You can give at Mass on the weekend of August 9-10, 2025 or through your parish's online/e-giving platform. Please see [attached bulletin insert here](#).

WORKSHOPS FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are being presented this Summer by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for EMHCs is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry.

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.

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.

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

INSTITUTION TO THE MINISTRY OF READER – 202 DIACONATE FORMATION GROUP

On the Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr, Mass will be celebrated for the Institution to the Ministry of Reader for the 2027 Diaconate Formation Group. This will take place Sunday, August 10, 2025, 2:00 PM at St. Angela Merici Church in Metairie.

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.