

NOLACatholic e-Bulletin



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

March 18, 2026

SECTION I

Archbishop Checchio's Events

- Thursday, March 19** 8:15 AM. St. Joseph Altar & Father/Son Mass, Stuart Hall School, New Orleans
- Thursday, March 19** 10:00 AM. Mass, St. Joseph Church and Shrine, Gretna
- Thursday, March 19** Visit St. Joseph Altar, St. Angela Merici Church, Metairie
- Thursday, March 19** Visit St. Joseph Altar, Brother Martin High School, New Orleans
- Friday, March 20** 9:00 AM. Mass, St. Stephen School, New Orleans
- Saturday, March 21** In Rome
- through Thursday, March 26**
- Friday, March 27** 12:00 PM. USCCB Administrative meeting, private event
- Friday, March 27** 6:00 PM. Croatian Fest, 220 Croatia Way, Belle Chasse
- Saturday, March 28** 4:00 PM. Mass, Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, Westwego
- Sunday, March 29** 8:30 AM. Mass, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Metairie
- Sunday, March 29** 11:00 AM. Mass, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
- Sunday, March 29** 5:00 PM. St. Augustine High School Fundraiser, Drago's, Metairie
- Tuesday, March 31** 10:00 AM. Chrism Mass, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
Followed by Priest Luncheon
- Tuesday, March 31** Second Harvest @Home Fund Raiser
- Thursday, April 2** 7:00 PM. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
- Friday, April 3** 3:00 PM. Good Friday Services, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
- Saturday, April 4** 8:00 PM. Easter Vigil Mass, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans
- Thursday, April 9** 8:00 AM. Finance Council Meeting. Private event
- Friday, April 10** 11:30 AM. St. Elizabeth's Guild Volunteer Activists Luncheon, Hilton New Orleans Riverside
- Friday, April 10** 5:30 PM. St. Joseph Seminary College Alumni Day Mass and Celebration, St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict
- Saturday, April 11** 10:30 AM. Archdiocesan Youth Leadership Awards Celebration, St. Dominic Church, New Orleans
- Saturday, April 11** 4:00 PM. Mass of Installation, Corpus Christi-Epiphany, New Orleans
- Sunday, April 12** 10:30 AM. Mass, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mandeville
- Sunday, April 12** 2:00 PM. Jubilarian Mass and Celebration, St. Rita Church, New Orleans.
- Wednesday, April 15** Visit Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Sites
- Thursday, April 16** Our City, Our Cathedral Campaign Gathering, Houma-Thibodaux
- Friday, April 17** 11:30 AM. Heads of School Event. Private event.

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

Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

Liturgical Guidelines for Lent, Easter Triduum and Easter

Seminarian Education Fund

Golden Wedding Anniversary

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.

Diocesan Events

Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and March 25, 2026.

The Notre Dame Seminary Gala will take place at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Notre Dame Seminary.

In observance of the Sacred Triduum and the celebration of Easter, Archdiocesan Offices will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 6, 2026. Archdiocesan Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 18, 2026	Confession available in All Parishes 5:00 – 6:30 PM
March 25, 2026	Confession available in All Parishes 5:00 – 6:30 PM
**May 16, 2026	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 30, 2026	Priesthood Ordination
Priest Convocation	September 9-11, 2026

****This is a change of date**

DEATHS

Sr. Mary Martin, O.Carm., passed away on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. She was in the 65th year of her religious profession.

Sr. M. Philomena Malveaux, SSF, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2026. She was in the 75th year of her religious profession.

Let us keep both Sisters in our prayers, along with their families, friends and communities of the Sisters of Mt. Carmel and Sisters of the Holy Family.

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, March 31, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Clergy are invited and encouraged to attend; vesting will begin at 9:00 AM in St. Anthony's Garden directly behind the Cathedral. Priests are invited to a luncheon at Muriel's following Mass ([Click here to RSVP for the Mass and Luncheon](#)). The Mass is open to the public.

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR LENT, EASTER TRIDUUM AND EASTER

As usual the Office of Worship has provided the liturgical guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter from the Office of Worship. Please review them carefully. The document can be found here:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/16596/documents/2026/2/LENTANDEASTERGUIDELINES%202026.pdf?t=1770664881000>

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The following is provided for parishes to publish in their bulletin to assist parishioners in the Lenten practices.

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence and unite themselves to Christ and one another in prayer and voluntary sacrifice so that we might prepare ourselves to rejoice fully in the joy of the Resurrection.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday.

Abstinence -- Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (February 18) and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation does not prohibit the eating of eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting -- Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3) are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Easter Duty—Catholics who have been admitted to the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are obliged to receive Holy Communion and Confession at least once a year between the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) and Holy Trinity Sunday (May 26). Three Wednesdays in Lent (March 11, March 18, and March 25) have been designated as the Archdiocesan “Nights for Confession.” On these dates, the Sacrament of Penance is to be available in all churches from 5:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a Collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential. Once again, we ask for your prayers and encouragement for the Christians of the Holy Land and for the Holy Father’s Good Friday Collection. Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you and your parish for help.

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

LENTEN REVIVAL

Join the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, St. Raymond–St. Leo the Great Church, and Corpus Christi–Epiphany Church for a powerful Lenten Revival, March 23–25 at 6:30pm nightly at St. Raymond–St. Leo the Great Church. Come experience spirit-filled praise and worship led by the St. Augustine High School Knights of Praise. Let this sacred season be a time of renewal, reflection, and revival as we prepare our hearts for Easter. All are welcome. Come and be refreshed! [See attached flyer.](#)

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in **1976** or before. **(To register, please contact your parish office before Friday, April 17, 2026).** **Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation.** Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Instructions for Parishes: Please share the above announcement in your bulletin, social media, or other suitable places. Parishes are asked to register couples for the ANO Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary no later than **Friday, April 24, 2026** to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls, and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated. Contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org with any questions.

LISTEN, TEACH, SEND: A NATIONAL PASTORAL FRAMEWORK FOR MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

You are invited to an upcoming transformative workshop on [**Listen, Teach, Send: A National Pastoral Framework for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults**](#), the United States Bishops' guide for families and pastoral ministers in the accompaniment and evangelization of youth and young adults in their journey to and with Jesus Christ. This workshop is hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in partnership with the CYO/Youth and Young Adult Office and the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation. Our program will be led by the staff of the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth Executive Director, Dominic Lombardi, and Assistant Director for the Laity, Dr. Maria Parker.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday April 22 from 9AM-4PM at Schulte Hall on the campus of Notre Dame Seminary. There is a fee of \$25 to assist covering the costs for lunch and workshop materials. Scholarships are available. Please save the date and consider joining us as we unpack the new USCCB Pastoral framework on youth and young adults. This will be a regional event, and we are expecting the event to fill up so please register soon. We are giving you a headstart before we invite our co-workers from Region 5 to join us. [See attached flyer](#) for more information. Registration link: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/8bf52567-a6ad-4f5d-9fb3-ef524c2c4a77

QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT RETREAT – JULY 17–19, 2026

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Vocations invites high school young men to attend the **Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat**, July 17–19, 2026. “Quo Vadis?”—meaning “*Where are you going?*”—is an opportunity for young men to step away from their daily routine to pray, reflect, and speak with priests and seminarians about God’s call in their lives. Through prayer, fraternity, and activities, participants are encouraged to consider where the Lord may be leading them. For more information or to register, visit www.nolapriest.com or contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arch-no.org or (504) 861-6298. See attached [letter from Archbishop Checchio to Priests](#) as well as the [Archbishop’s letter to Laity](#).

WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2027 IN SOEUL

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is excited to open up registration to young adults for their pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 from August 1 - 10, 2027.

Journey with other young adults from the Archdiocese of New Orleans to Seoul to participate in World Youth Day celebrations with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, meet other young adult Catholics, and connect with the global Catholic Church.

Those who are 18 years or older as of August 1, 2027 are invited to learn more about the pilgrimage, its itinerary, and expectations of pilgrims at an online Information Session on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

To register for this session and learn more about the young adult pilgrimage, visit nolacatholic.org/wyd27 . For questions, contact the Office at yam@arch-no.org. [Please see attached flyer](#).

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

ST. GIUSEPPE CMA NEW ORLEANS GUILD

St. Giuseppe CMA New Orleans guild, a chartered guild of the Catholic Medical Association, presents ROTECTING LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH: LOUISIANA LAW FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. Featuring Erica Inzina, Policy director, Louisiana Right to Life, on March 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Archbishop Rummel High School, Raider Room, 1901 Severn Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana 70001. This event is free and open to all healthcare professionals and students! SIGN UP NOW! [See attached flyer](#).

HOPE & PURPOSE MINISTRIES ANNUAL CHARISMATIC EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONFERENCE

The Hope & Purpose Ministries Annual Charismatic Eucharistic Revival Conference will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM at Divine Mercy Parish in Kenner, Louisiana. This year’s theme, “Eucharistic Revival Fire!”, is inspired by the words of Jesus: “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49). Join Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, along with Fernando Nascimento, Terry Quinn, Fr. William Mumphrey, and music ministry led by John Finch, for a powerful day of worship, teaching, and renewal in the Holy Spirit centered on the Eucharist. Early Bird registration is \$45 through March 18; \$55 after (lunch included). To register and learn more, visit: www.HopeandPurpose.org [See attached flyer](#).

ENJOY YOUR MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Mary, Queen of Peace is excited to offer the **Enjoy Your Marriage Workshop** on Saturday, April 11, hosted by national speakers **Julie Alexander** and **Greg Alexander**.

Once on the verge of divorce, the Alexanders experienced a powerful encounter with Christ through His Word, leading them to recommit to their marriage and transforming their family life. In gratitude for all God has done, they now dedicate themselves to strengthening marriages through engaging stories and practical tools couples can apply right away. The Enjoy Your Marriage Workshop has proven to be an effective catalyst, inspiring couples to initiate positive change in their relationships.

Whether you are engaged, have a strong marriage, or are experiencing challenges, you will leave with renewed hope and encouragement. This workshop is for every marriage—whether you're newly married, have been together for decades, or simply desire to grow stronger as a couple.

Register today: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/685a376a-f0cd-4f78-afdc-0231978ddb96>. For more information, contact Audrey Huck at ahuck@maryqueenofpeace.org [See attached flyer](#).

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND RETREAT

Divorced? Separated? Widowed? Grieving the Loss of Your Marriage? Looking for Hope and Healing?

- Beginning Experience Weekend® Retreat program transforms lives for those experiencing Divorce, Separation or Death of a Spouse.
- Peer-facilitated ministry guides participants in grief resolution and hope.
- Enable yourself to love yourself, others and God.
- Guidance to a new beginning in your life.
- Provides tools to deal with the pain of your loss and anger.
- Navigate the road through grief to healing.

The \$295 Weekend® program includes materials, five meals & two-nights lodging at the Cenacle on the Lake in Metairie, LA. A non-refundable deposit of \$95 is required with your registration. Weekend Dates: April 10 – 12, 2026. Questions & Registration: Liz (504) 858-1813, lzbthreis@yahoo.com; Tiffany (504) 495-3553, tiffanycrowson@earthlink.net.

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 e-Bulletin will be published. Please send submissions or inquiries regarding the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin to communications@arch-no.org.