

# NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



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**NEW ORLEANS**

**November 29, 2017**

## SECTION I

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

#### Announcements

- There will be a Retirement Workshop for Archdiocesan Priests on Thursday, November 30, 2017, from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie.
- On Saturday, December 2, 2017, Br. Augustine Odhiambo, FMH and Br. Francis Matiru, FMH, Franciscan Missionaries of Hope, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at Resurrection of Our Lord Church at 10:00 AM.
- The Hispanic Apostolate will host the V Encuentro Diocesan Meeting for Region 5 on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 4:00 PM.
- A memorial service for the homeless who have died on the streets of New Orleans in 2017, will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, at 5:30 PM.
- The Presbyteral Council will meet on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.
- The CCSCC Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 10:30 AM at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel in Metairie. For information about this luncheon call Michelle Dennis at 504-957-7965.
- The Order of St. Lazarus will host "Lessons and Carols" at St. Mary's Ursuline Convent on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM.
- Chateau de Notre Dame will celebrate their 40th Anniversary with Mass on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 9:30 AM.
- Dedication of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC will be Friday, December 8, 2017, during the 12 noon Mass.
- All Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese will be closed in observance of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8, 2017.
- A *Blue Mass* will be held to honor police, law enforcement, firefighters, and other emergency officials on Sunday December 10, 2017, at the Cathedral at 11:00 AM.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, [www.arch-no.org](http://www.arch-no.org), or [www.nolacatholic.org](http://www.nolacatholic.org)

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*Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work 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 of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.*

- The Daughters of St. Paul will bring their nationally acclaimed Christmas concert of religious sister-performed songs to New Orleans for the first time, on two dates in December. "Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul," will be presented Dec. 10th and 11th at 7:00 PM at Loyola University's Roussel Hall, 6363 St. Charles Ave. To purchase tickets click [here](#).
- On December 9-10, 2017, we once again appeal to you for your assistance in helping our retired religious. Pastors, please make my attached letter in both English and Spanish available the weekend of December 2-3, 2017, in a manner which you deem most effective. You may download the letters [here](#).
- The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. It will begin with an evening of prayer at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception at my residence. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 861-6269 or [aguerra@arch-no.org](mailto:aguerra@arch-no.org) by December 15, 2017. Please download the flyer [here](#).

### Mark Your Calendars

March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 18, 2019	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 1, 2019	Priesthood Ordination

## SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

### ✓ **Synod Suggestions: Action Items Worth Considering from the Implementation Plan**

- Has your parish advertised the need for prison ministry volunteers? For promotional announcements and assistance, contact the Prison Ministry coordinator at 504-267-9727.
- In the absence of a Perpetual Adoration Chapel, does your parish offer some standard days and times for Eucharistic Adoration?

### ✓ **Introducing the Winning Tricentennial Hymn**-The Archdiocese of New Orleans is excited to introduce the winning Tricentennial hymn, *Thanks Be to God*. Set to the hymn tune NETTLETON, *Thanks Be to God* is a song of praise and gratitude that celebrates the history of the City of New Orleans and looks forward to a bright and hope-filled future. The hymn was written by James Behan, Jr., a parishioner at Mary, Queen of Peace, and was among over twenty submissions a committee of judges considered. The hymn is attached in the following formats: PDF – Organ/SATB (8 ½ x 11) click [here](#); Melody Only (8 ½ x 11) click [here](#); Melody Only (Sized to fit in hymnals) click [here](#) and Image File – Melody Only (for use in printed worship aids) click [here](#).

Our hope is that clergy and parish staff will share this with their musical directors and that choirs can begin learning the hymn so that it can be included in liturgies throughout the Tricentennial year and beyond. If you have any questions, or would like the hymn in a different format, please email [tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org](mailto:tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org).

**A second Tricentennial Hymn** submitted by Catholic Schools student Isabel Maria Frey Ribiero will also be featured throughout the Tricentennial Year and premiere at the 2018 Catholic Schools Week Mass. More information about this song will be available at a later date.

### ✓ **Nolacatholic.org's New Look and Function**- As many clergy and parish staff are aware, the Archdiocese of New Orleans entered into an agreement with eCatholic to make it possible for all Catholic Church Parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to have a beautiful, yet easy-to-use and update website and online presence. We are happy to announce two major milestones of this initiative. First, as of November 1, all area Catholic parishes have an online presence with a functioning website with over 85 eCatholic sites online. Second, earlier this month, the Archdiocese of New Orleans launched its own new eCatholic website giving nolacatholic.org a new look with more function. With this launch come significant upgrades in functionality for parish eCatholic websites:

- There is now an "Archdiocesan News Function" that will automatically populate local Catholic news from the archdiocese and the Clarion Herald on parish sites daily.
- Parish clergy and Mass times will automatically sync with nolacatholic.org eliminating the need for regular reminders to log-in and update information on a separate site.

For those who use nolacatholic.org often, it is important to note that logins for both the Priest Portal and email have been moved to the website footer at the bottom of the page and Downloads are now available on the page associated with the document. For example, all documents related to Catholic Mutual and insurance are on the insurance office page and can be found through a quick search.

If you have questions about how your parish can take advantage of the eCatholic initiative through the Archdiocese of New Orleans, please call the Office of Communications at (504) 596-3029 or email Sarah McDonald at [smcdonald@arch-no.org](mailto:smcdonald@arch-no.org) or Maddy Thibodeaux at [mthibodeaux@arch-no.org](mailto:mthibodeaux@arch-no.org) for more information.

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- ✓ **Advent Gospel Reflection Videos: The First Week of Advent**-For those parish staff wanting to download and schedule the Advent Gospel reflection for the First Weekend of Advent, the video is now available <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms4M8j3mQTs&feature=youtu.be>. Once on the site, you can click on “Share” to get either the link for social media or the embed code for your website. The video will be made available on archdiocesan social media channels and can be shared from there as well. For parishes using the eCatholic platform, if you have loaded the Archdiocese of New Orleans’s YouTube Channel via the eCatholic YouTube module, it will automatically populate on your website. If you have any questions or are in need of any assistance please call (504) 596-3029 or email Sarah McDonald at [smcdonald@arch-no.org](mailto:smcdonald@arch-no.org) or Maddy Thibodeaux at [mthibodeaux@arch-no.org](mailto:mthibodeaux@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

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December**

The Elderly-That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### **“Christmas Blue Mass”**

In an effort to minister to those who are not filled with the joy of the Christmas Season, as many are, All Saints Catholic Church will have a special Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM which is nationally known as “Christmas Blue Mass.” It is referred to in this manner because it captures the emotional mood that these individuals are “blue” due to the loss of a loved one, a divorce, loss of job or other circumstances that can create the scent of depression or other anxious moments in their life.

It will be a celebration to acknowledge the Nativity of the Lord without all the joyous Christmas hymns. It is our hope that this Mass celebration will enable those who feel blue the opportunity to prayerfully celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and be able to discover their own sense of peace this Christmas Season as they watch, wait and hope for the healing, comforting presence of our Lord. You may download more information [here](#).

### **Youth Retreat Day-CCRNO**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor a Holy Spirit Teen and Young Adult Retreat Day, Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 531 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062. The retreat theme is “Arise”. The Retreat Day will include Talks, Skits, Music, Fun, Fellowship, Worship, Mass, Confessions, and Prayer Teams. It will feature Deacon Larry Oney, Timmy McCaffery, Alex Lorio, and Matt Bourgeois. Music will be provided by Carolyn Dufresne and band. This is a great Retreat Day opportunity for Confirmation preparation. Everyone of high-school (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and college age is invited to attend. Youth groups are welcome. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes lunch and dinner. Registration closes December 20, 2017. For information and to register, visit [www.ccrno.org](http://www.ccrno.org), Facebook at CCRNO January Retreat Day or contact CCRNO at [youth@ccrno.org](mailto:youth@ccrno.org). You may download the flyer [here](#).

## SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

### Advent Webinar

All are invited to attend a Loyola Institute for Ministry webinar presented by Becky Eldredge entitled "Advent: Anticipating Encounter, Awaiting Accompaniment" that reflects on key themes in Pope Francis's teaching through the lens of Advent. It takes place on Wednesday November 29, 2017, at 8:00 PM. Becky speaks and gives retreats widely. She is also author of the recent "*Busy Lives, Restless Souls: How Prayer Can Help You Find the Missing Peace in Your Life*" (Loyola Press). To attend, go to [gps.loyno.edu/lim/webinars](http://gps.loyno.edu/lim/webinars). Webinars are free and open to everyone. You may download a flyer [here](#).

### CD Release Concert

Lorraine Hess, a Loyola Institute for Ministry student, will perform a CD release concert for her new album "Glorify Him" (World Library Publications) on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 7:30 PM in Loyola's Nunemaker Hall. She will also play Advent and Christmas music. Free parking is available. The event is free and open to the public and will also be streamed live on WLP's Voices As One Facebook page. You may download a flyer [here](#).

### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Notre Dame Seminary is hosting *A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* presented by The Schola Cantorum of Notre Dame Seminary. The concert will be held in the Notre Dame Seminary Chapel on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact Max Tenney at (504) 866-7426, ext. 117 or at [mtenney@nds.edu](mailto:mtenney@nds.edu). Please download the flyer [here](#).

### Advent Mission

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host its annual Advent Mission on December 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's speaker is Tom Peterson, founder of "Catholics Come Home". The mission will take place each night in the church at 7:00 PM and will last one hour. For more information, download the flyer [here](#).

### "A Garden District Christmas Concert"

"A Garden District Christmas Concert 2017" will be presented at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1307 Louisiana Avenue, on December 10, 2017, at 4:00 PM. The beautiful Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel was dedicated in 1894, and is regarded as the "most precious jewel in the crown known as the Garden District." The church is now part of Good Shepherd Parish, which comprises, as well, St. Stephen Church and the Church of St. Henry. Featured will be several of New Orleans' finest musicians, including sopranos Phyllis Treigle and Melissa Brocato, tenor Kevin Rouchell, and organist Brian Morgan, Director of Music. The Good Shepherd Choir will be heard in Gregorian Chant. There will be no charge for admission, though a free-will donation will be accepted. For further information, please telephone (504)227-3793.

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### Advent Day of Prayer

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for a Day of Prayer entitled "Advent Longing for God" December 12, 2017. Sr. Dorothy Trosclair, OP will help us focus on various ways of living everyday life focused on God who yearns for us. For more information download the flyer [here](#).

### Advent Mission St. Charles Borromeo

Dr. Susan Muto, co-founder of the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, Pittsburgh, PA, will be offering an Advent Mission at St. Charles Borromeo Parish December 12 -15, 2017. The theme of the Mission is Formation of the Christian Heart. The evening missions on December 12-14 will take place from 7:00 –9:00 PM. The same missions will be offered during the day on December 13-15 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please come to celebrate the Advent season with us at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 13396 River Rd, Destrehan, LA 70047. For questions contact Mary Engler at 504-912-5137. You may download the flyer [here](#).

### Youth Minister Search

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is looking for a Youth Minister, and if God is calling you to serve the Young Church – it may be *you*! Qualified candidates should have a keen understanding of the evangelization needs of children, teens, and young adults and be able to work well with our Religious Education team, ministries, community organizations, and parishioners. Experience in religious education and fundraising a plus. Archdiocese of New Orleans background checks and Safe Environment Training REQUIRED. Qualified candidates should visit <http://saintlukeslidell.org/youthminister> to view a detailed job description and specific requirements of the position as well as procedure to provide a resume of past experience and references.