

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



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SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

Please see the attached letters concerning hurricane relief in Texas. Please read the letter addressed to clergy, religious, and laity this weekend at Masses and ask people to pray and offer a gift. You may download the letter to pastors [here](#) and the letter to be read at Masses [here](#).

Please be reminded that we will offer "Confession" (Sacrament of Reconciliation) in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please see the attached letter to be read at all Masses the weekend of September 9-10 before Mass or after the Post Communion prayer. Also, please publish this letter in your bulletin the weekend of September 2-3, and September 9-10. You may download the letter [here](#).

- Monday, September 4, 2017, is Labor Day. The Administrative Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 9:00 AM.
- The Office of Evangelization will hold an Evangelization Workshop on Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM at Notre Dame Seminary in Schulte Hall. Please call 504-267-9650 if you have any questions or to register.
- The Blue Rose Ball benefitting St. Michael Special School will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency.
- I will be attending a USCCB committee meeting in Washington, DC, from September 11-13, 2017.
- The Priests Convocation/Louisiana Priests Convention will be held from September 19-21, 2017, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. All active diocesan and religious priests serving in parishes or diocesan ministries are expected to attend. I encourage priests to stay at the hotel to foster unity. Almost 400 Priests are registered.
- Please see in section II of this e-Bulletin the Liturgical Celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil and the Liturgical Considerations for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day). If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@arch-no.org.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch-no.org, or www.nolacatholic.org

Hurricane Relief in Texas

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Hurricane Disaster Preparedness Manual

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Theology of the Body for Teens

Mark Your Calendars

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.

Sept. 13, 2017	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 19-21, 2017	Priests Convocation/Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
Nov. 6, 2017	Day of Formation for all Catholic School Administration, Faculty, and Staff
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

- ✓ Please read the [attached](#) letter concerning hurricane relief in Texas at all Masses this weekend, September 2-3, 2017, either before Mass or after communion and make a copy available to your parishioners.
- ✓ Hurricane Harvey provides us with a timely reminder of the importance of preparation during this hurricane season. Much like Katrina in 2005, Harvey intensified rapidly, leaving little time for those on the Texas gulf coast to prepare.

As we are in the peak of hurricane season, please ensure that you are familiar with the Archdiocesan Hurricane-Disaster Preparedness Manual available at <http://www.nolacatholic.org/media/472/download>

Archbishop Aymond wishes to reminder all pastors of the following three particular items:

- Please call Archbishop Aymond to notify him of evacuation.
- The Blessed Sacrament must be either consumed or taken with you.
- Sacramental registers must be placed in a safe place. In the event you are unable to take them with you, please contact Dr. Lee Leumas at 504-861-6241 or her cell 504-453-3164 for assistance.

Please review the rest of the manual for important information on both preparation and response after a disaster.

- ✓ **Liturgical Celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil**-This year, December 24, 2017, is on the 4th Sunday of Advent. This has given rise to some questions regarding the liturgies for these consecutive celebrations. Please note that all Masses celebrated before 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 24th are to use the prayers and readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent. All Masses celebrated after 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 24th are to use the prayers and readings for Christmas. In order to celebrate appropriately, a person should participate in Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent and again for Christmas Vigil/Day. In the Liturgy of the Hours, on Sunday, December 24, 2017, Morning Prayer; Daytime Prayer; and the Office of Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent should be used. Evening Prayer I of Christmas and Night Prayer I should be prayed on the evening of Sunday, December 24th. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@arch-no.org.
- ✓ **Liturgical Considerations for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**-Because January 1, 2018 falls on a Monday, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not observed as a day of obligation although it remains a Solemnity. Because Sunday is always a day of obligation, precedence would be given to the celebration of Sunday Mass. Therefore, all Masses, including evening Masses, celebrated on December 31, 2017 are to be that of the Feast of the Holy Family. Likewise, on Sunday, December 31, 2017, the hours for the Feast of the Holy Family should be used when praying the Liturgy of the Hours.
If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@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 September-Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Catholic Communications Campaign

The Catholic Communications Campaign is set for September 16 -17, 2017, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This collection supports the evangelizing work of the church throughout the world by supporting media: newspapers, television, radio and digital or online media. Fifty percent of the funds collected in the Archdiocese of New Orleans remain here to support Catholic new media efforts and the Clarion Herald. To learn more about the national program visit www.usccb.org/cc and locally visit <http://nolacatholic.org>.

Wholeness is Holiness: The Woman's Psychological and Spiritual Journey

Presented by certified Spiritual Directors, Jane Hebert and Yvonne Hymel, the morning focuses on a woman's psycho-social-spiritual development. It looks at the internal forces and the external circumstances that lead to a time of transition and from there how a spiritual transformation begins. It will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Ave. Metairie. Cost \$35.00 (adjustments can be made) You may download the linked flyer [here](#).

Living Freely and Lightly (Northshore)

Jesus' invitation to His disciples recorded in Matthew 11:28-30 can seem too good to be true. Nevertheless, His promise of rest and refreshment is real. We'll explore how to receive His wonderful gifts. Come spend two hours twice being restored! Presenter: Certified Spiritual Director, Sr. Jeanne Moore, OP, Monday, September 18 and 25, 2017, 9:30-11:30am at the Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 East Hwy. 190 Service Rd., Covington. Cost \$35.00 (adjustments can be made). You may download the linked flyer [here](#).

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

September Respect Life focus is on Human Cloning and Stem Cell Research

Our spiritual work of mercy.

Please join in our prayer during the month of September. You may download the prayer [here](#).

Please join in our corporal work of mercy during the month of September

As you may recall the Center for Medical Progress recently released their videos that implicated Planned Parenthood in the sale of aborted baby body parts (fetal tissue) to be utilized by organizations that conduct Stem Cell Research on this tissue they receive. This month please sign up for the Fall 2017 New Orleans 40 Days for Life Campaign, come out for the time you choose to adopt and be a presence with others who stand for LIFE at the Planned Parenthood on Claiborne AVE. Encourage your church to come out too! For more information about 40 Days for Life and to sign up please visit the website, <http://prolifelouisiana.org/40daysforlifenola>.

Registration Begins September 1st for GO, The 2018 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference

Get ready to "GO! Build A Future of Hope" by signing up for the 2018 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference (Thursday, January 11 - Saturday, January 13) at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner!

Starting Friday, September 1st, you will be able to:

- Sign up for 1-Day or 3-Day Conference Passes.
- Pay by check as well as by credit card.

Visit www.go4th.faith or view the flyer linked [here](#).

Jazzed for Life

There is still time to register for **Jazzed for Life!** It will be held Saturday September 9, 2017, at University of Holy Cross, New Orleans. Archbishop Emeritus Hughes will lead us in prayer. This year we have speakers on disabilities and end of life issues. All Respect Life Coordinators and volunteers are invited to attend. Please make plans to join us as we pray together, learn about the issues, and network! Details can be downloaded [here](#).

Stewardship Seminar

The next OSV Stewardship webinar is Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 1:00 PM Central Time. The topic is *Stewardship of Time: Good Stewardship of Time in Parish Meetings*, presented by Lorene Duquin, Writer, Author, Lecturer. The webinar is available to all Archdiocesan staff and parishioners. A recording will be accessible for those not able to participate during the live presentation. Register [here](#) or download the flyer [here](#) for more information. Access to these videos are sponsored by the Catholic Foundation.

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Padre Pio Comes to St. Clement of Rome

All are invited to join us at St. Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). On September 22 - 23, 2017, we will have in our church, three first class relics of Padre Pio for the veneration of the faithful. On Saturday, September 23, St. Pio's feast day, we will have a Solemn Mass at 11:00 AM. Following the Mass we will have Veneration of Relics until 2:00 PM. Please download the flyer [here](#) for more information.

Workshop on Ministry with Gen Z and Their Families

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is sponsoring the Center for Ministry Development workshop on *Ministry with Gen Z and Their Families* on September 22-23, 2017, from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. It is the same workshop being repeated on 2 different days so you can choose either option. This workshop will share the research about Gen Z youth and their families along with effective ways for parishes to engage youth and their families. We will include practical ideas and starting points within these topics as we explore the ministry implications for youth ministry, catechesis, sacramental preparation and parish life. The workshop is designed for all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of adolescents—including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation, catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, and service/social concerns leaders. Cost of the workshop is \$54, which includes handouts and lunch. For more information, contact Brigitte Burke at bburke@arch-no.org or 504-836-0551 x3226. To register, please contact Leahe Wyatt at (253) 853-5422 or leahe@cmdnet.org or register online at www.cmdnet.org. An informational flyer may be downloaded [here](#) for Sept. 22nd and [here](#) for Sept. 23rd.

RCIA Workshop

The Office of Religious Education will sponsor an important RCIA workshop for priests, deacons, RCIA coordinators, team members and interested parishioners, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23 in the STEM Center at St. Mary's Dominican High School. In "CONDITION CRITICAL: Why We MUST Evangelize Effectively in the Period of Evangelization-Precatechumenate," Msgr. Michael Clay of the Catholic University of America will deepen participants' awareness of how and why inquirers must be properly evangelized as a prelude to the kind of catechesis that is appropriate for subsequent periods of the catechumenal process. Download the flyer [here](#) for additional information and a registration link.

The National Shrine of Blessed Francis X Seelos

We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Bl. Seelos' death with two special events. The first on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 3:00 PM, "Seelos, Doctor of Souls" will be performed by actor and playwright Casey Groves at St. Mary's Assumption Church. On Sunday, October 1, 2017, the Blessed Seelos Healing Mass will take place at St. Mary's Assumption Church (corner of Josephine & Constance St, in New Orleans' Irish Channel) at 1:00 PM. There will be one-on-one intercessory prayer in the shrine starting at noon and confessions before Mass. Celebrant and Homilist will be Fr. Gilbert Enderle, C.Ss.R., Vice-Postulator of the Seelos Cause. You may download the linked flyer [here](#).

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40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life (40DFL) is an international campaign and an incredible opportunity to unite members of your church or group in prayer and action. The fall 2017 campaign will be held September 27 - November 5. Through this effort we are called to leave our comfort zones to face the reality of abortion in our community and be a peaceful presence and pray-er at the local Planned Parenthood facility on Claiborne AVE. The NOLA 40 Days for Life Fall 2017 Prayer Vigil calendar is up! Make plans to choose your day now, then go to the website to sign up to be a peaceful presence for LIFE. <http://prolifelouisiana.org/40daysforlifnola>. For more information contact Debbie in the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org or Shanon at Louisiana Right to Life at snyder@prolifelouisiana.org, or call the local campaign office at 504-835-6520

Theology of the Body for Teens

The next Theology of the Body for Teens Training will be held Wednesday October 4, Thursday October 5, and Friday October 6, 2017. The training is ideal for principals, teachers, priests, DRE's, catechists, deacons, youth ministers, campus ministers, parents, and anyone who works with preteens (sixth-eighth grade) and teens (ninth-twelfth grade), and it fulfills the need for those who need the archdiocesan teacher certification. Others interested in a basic overview of Theology of the Body are also welcome to attend the first 1.5 days of the training. The training will be held at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 775 Harrison Ave., in Lakeview. If you have any questions, please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org or see the website for details and to register click [here](#).



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August 28, 2017

Dear Father:

Please read this letter at all Masses this weekend, September 2-3, 2017, either before Mass or after communion. Please also print it in your bulletin.

Some pastors will choose to take up a second collection for the people of Texas. If a collection is taken, please send the proceeds to us as soon as possible so we can make the funds available to the people through the various dioceses.

If a pastor chooses not to take a second collection, please encourage your people to send a gift to the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Also, please accept any gifts given to you and send them to the Chancery. All gifts sent to our offices are acknowledged.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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Enclosure



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To: All Clergy, Religious and Laity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many cities in Texas have been affected by Hurricane Harvey, some of those devastated. The re-building will be complicated and take a very long time.

Many have expressed a desire to offer prayerful support and a gift for the people as they clean-up and start re-building. If you wish to send a financial gift, you may do so through your parish or send your gift to the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 7887 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125. These gifts will go directly to those most in need.

Most importantly, please pray daily for those who have died and those who have lost homes and property. May God give them hope and perseverance in this time of need. We can be a sign of God's compassion through prayer and charity. Having been through such experiences, we know the pain they experience.

As we remember Katrina, we remain grateful for the people of Texas who came to our aid. May we do the same for them.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
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To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity and the priests have decided to continue this practice.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Francis reminds us, “God is a Father and he is always waiting for us! It is so wonderful to feel the merciful embrace of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The confessional is a place of mercy.”

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 13.

Wishing you God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans**

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