



Tree of Catholicism has deep roots in New Orleans

From the roots of the St. Louis Cathedral a thriving local church has grown. This tree showcases the church parishes that have ministered to the people of New Orleans. Some churches have closed, some have merged, but all have left

a permanent mark on the souls who walked through their doors.

Each church is identified by name, the year it opened, and, if applicable, its date of closure or merger. Parish establishment dates can be confusing when

considering the variety of primary and secondary sources. The establishment dates were selected based on the most reliable information available in archdiocesan archives.

No period in Louisiana's history matches the quarter

century from 1835 to 1860 in parish expansion. Dozens of new churches were founded in New Orleans and rural areas. Some of these churches ministered to French- and German-speaking New Orleanians.

Throughout the centuries,

the constant is St. Louis Cathedral, where people of all nationalities and races have worshiped together in what began as a tiny wooden structure and grew to become a cathedral and the center of Catholicism in New Orleans.

Establishment dates of parishes

- 1718**
- St. Louis Cathedral
- 1723**
- St. Charles Borromeo, Destrehan
- 1772**
- St. John the Baptist, Edgard
- 1787**
- St. Bernard, St. Bernard
- 1826**
- St. Anthony of Padua Mortuary Chapel (renamed as Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in 1918)
- 1833**
- St. Patrick, New Orleans
- 1838**
- St. Vincent de Paul, New Orleans (merged in 2001 to form Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos)
- 1841**
- St. Augustine, New Orleans (closed briefly in 2006; reopened later that year)
- 1843**
- St. Peter, Covington
- 1844**
- Annunciation, New Orleans (closed in 2001)
- St. Joseph, New Orleans
- 1845**
- St. Mary, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Louis Cathedral; open for weddings)
- St. Thomas, Pointe à la Hache
- 1847**
- Holy Name of Mary, New Orleans
- Holy Trinity, New Orleans (closed in 1997)

- 1848**
- Mater Dolorosa, New Orleans
- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Orleans (merged in 1899 with Mater Dolorosa)
- St. Theresa of Avila, New Orleans
- Sts. Peter and Paul, New Orleans (merged in 2001 to form Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Parish)
- 1849**
- St. Stephen, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Henry and Our Lady of Good Counsel to form Good Shepherd)
- 1850**
- Our Lady of the Lake, Mandeville
- St. Alphonsus, New Orleans (Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Assumption)
- 1851**
- Immaculate Conception (Jesuits), New Orleans
- St. John the Baptist, New Orleans (closed in 2006; territory assumed by St. Patrick)
- 1852**
- St. Ann, New Orleans (closed in 1971)
- St. Maurice, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. David)
- 1856**
- St. Henry, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Stephen and Our Lady of Good Counsel to form Good Shepherd)
- 1857**
- St. Joseph, Gretna
- St. Rose of Lima, New Orleans (closed in 2006; territory assumed by Our Lady of the Rosary)
- 1858**
- St. Mary's Assumption, New Or-



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The crozier, a shepherd's staff, is a symbol of the bishop's care for his people.

- leans (filial church of St. Alphonsus)
- Notre Dame de Bon Secours, New Orleans (closed in 1925)
- 1864**
- Our Lady of Good Harbor, Buras (merged in 2008 with St. Patrick in Port Sulphur)
- St. Peter, Reserve
- 1867**
- St. Francis de Sales, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with Holy Ghost to form St. Katharine Drexel)
- 1869**
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

- Kenner
- St. Michael, New Orleans (closed in 1966)
- 1871**
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans (closed in 1972)
- St. Boniface, New Orleans (closed in 1917)
- 1877**
- Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Hahnville
- 1879**
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Anthony of Padua)
- 1887**
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Stephen and St. Henry to form Good Shepherd)
- St. Jane de Chantal, Abita Springs
- 1890**
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Slidell
- Sacred Heart, Lacombe
- St. Francis of Assisi, New Orleans
- 1892**
- Holy Name of Jesus, New Orleans
- St. Katherine, New Orleans (closed in 1966)
- 1897**
- St. Cecilia, New Orleans (merged in 2001 to form Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos)
- 1905**
- Our Lady of Lourdes, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Matthias and St. Monica to form Blessed Trinity)
- 1906**
- Annunciation, Bogalusa

- 1907**
- Our Lady of the Rosary, New Orleans
- St. Hubert, Garyville
- 1909**
- St. Joan of Arc, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with Blessed Sacrament to form Blessed Sacrament-St. Joan of Arc)
- 1911**
- Our Lady Star of the Sea, New Orleans
- 1915**
- Blessed Sacrament, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Joan of Arc to form Blessed Sacrament-St. Joan of Arc)
- St. Anthony of Padua, New Orleans
- 1916**
- Corpus Christi, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with Epiphany to form Corpus Christi-Epiphany)
- Holy Ghost, New Orleans (merged in 2008 with St. Francis de Sales to form St. Katharine Drexel)
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Violet
- 1918**
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, New Orleans (see 1826)
- 1919**
- All Saints, New Orleans
- Holy Redeemer (closed in 1965)
- 1920**
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Westwego
- St. Anthony, Gretna (becomes a mission of St. Joseph Shrine on the West Bank in 2008)

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- 1975** Pope Paul VI, by means of telecast, addresses 80,000 New Orleans faithful in the Superdome as part of the Holy Year observance; Archbishop Fulton Sheen is keynote speaker.
- 1975** Archbishop Hannan begins programs to resettle thousands of Vietnamese refugees in New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana; names Father Dominic Luong to lead the community. Also, bicentennial of the United States and \$1 million restoration of St. Louis Cathedral.
- 1976** The future St. Teresa of Calcutta visits New Orleans, July 18.
- 1977** Pope Paul VI establishes the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, June 5.
- 1977** Chateau de Notre Dame senior residence and nursing facility dedicated, Dec. 8.
- 1983** Mary Queen of Vietnam established as a personal parish, Dec. 10.
- 1983** Bishop Stanley J. Ott, auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, appointed third bishop of Baton Rouge, March 25.
- 1983**