New Orleans appeals to visitors in a variety of ways! This alluring city of old-world charm and architecture, legendary hospitality and music, and distinctive culture and cuisine, also has a long history permeated by the Catholic faith. Moreover, Catholicism continues to be a source of enrichment for those who visit or call New Orleans home. The city is blessed with an unparalleled number of renowned Catholic shrines, and no trip to New Orleans is complete without experiencing the many sacred sites that welcome guests of all faiths here. In a city that inspires so many—from artists to authors, from musicians to magicians—let it inspire your faith in a profound way! Consider the time-honored tradition of a spiritual pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrines of New Orleans!

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Mère Henriette Delille Prayer Room

Venerable Henriette Delille (1812-1862) founded the Sisters of the Holy Family to care for the sick, the dying and the orphans, and to catechize and instruct people, both slave and free. Here, in what was originally the Cathedral baptistry, Henriette stood as a godmother to children and adults, men and women, slave and free. After the baptismal font was relocated to the front of the Cathedral, Monsignor Crosby Kern, Rector and devoted member of the Friends of Henriette Delille, secured permission to establish this room as a memorial. It was dedicated June 8, 2008.

Catholic Cultural Heritage Center

The Old Ursuline Convent, a Catholic museum, is the oldest building in the Mississippi Valley. Constructed by French Colonial engineers under the auspices of the crown, the convent was completed in 1752-1753. Over the centuries, this building has been a convent for the Ursuline nuns, various schools, the archbishops’ residence, the archdiocesan central office, and a meeting place for the Louisiana Legislature. Later it served as a residence for priests and then housed the archdiocesan archives. Today, together with the attached St. Mary’s Church and St. Louis Cathedral, it forms a shrine and the Catholic Cultural Heritage Center.

“Pilgrimages have always been a significant part of the life of the faithful, assuming different cultural forms in different ages. A pilgrimage evokes the believer’s personal journey in the footsteps of the Redeemer: it is an exercise of practical asceticism, of repentance for human weaknesses, of constant vigilance over one’s own frailty, of interior preparation for a change of heart. Through vigils, fasting and prayer, the pilgrim progresses along the path of Christian perfection . . . .”

--Blessed John Paul
International Shrine of Saint Jude

New Orleans' oldest church building, once a mortuary chapel, is now Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic parish and site of the International Shrine of Saint Jude. Staffed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate since 1918, it is a center of popular devotion and daily prayer. The shrine honors Saint Jude the Apostle, known as the patron for impossible cases. His 17-foot image, the world’s largest, stands in the Peace Garden. The shrine's solemn Saint Jude Novena every three months draws numerous people from various religious backgrounds who seek God’s will and favor in their sometimes desperate situations.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor serves those who honor Our Lady under this title, as a place of pilgrimage, worship and prayer. Here one may seek Mary's prompt help in times of need, and find hope and consolation in her motherly love for us all. Since 1810 when the statue arrived in New Orleans, many have received graces and favors, and the devotion has spread throughout the United States and beyond. Our Lady of Prompt Succor is Patroness of New Orleans and of Louisiana. (Wheelchair accessible, Gift Shop)

National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

This popular, prayerful pilgrimage site to a saintly favorite, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, is located one block off the vibrant Magazine Street dining and shopping corridor. Known as the “Cheerful Ascetic,” this Redemptorist priest possessed great mystical gifts due to his intense prayer life. Many miracles are attributed to Father Seelos’ intercession both during his life and after his death in the 1867 New Orleans yellow fever epidemic. This sanctuary of hospitality, hope and healing is within the historic and sumptuous Saint Mary’s Assumption Church, Louisiana’s oldest German Catholic church. (Free tours, Museum, Gift Shop and Visitor Center, Wheelchair accessible)

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Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine

Mother Cabrini, Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, arrived in New Orleans in 1892 when there was a huge influx of immigrants to America in search of a better life. Their deplorable living conditions worsened due to the yellow fever epidemics. In 1905, Mother Cabrini established the second of her two orphanages on Esplanade Avenue. Today, her bedroom and the Sacred Heart Chapel are located on the grounds of Cabrini High School. The feast of Saint Frances Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, is celebrated on November 13.

Saint Ann Catholic Church & National Shrine

Saint Ann Parish was established in New Orleans in 1852. In 1902 Father Hattias of Auray, France preached a Lenten Mission and spoke of the devotion to Saint Ann and her shrine in Auray. His enthusiasm led to the establishment of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in 1927. The shrine was relocated to Metairie in 1973 under the direction of Monsignor Charles Duke. The novena is celebrated on Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mass. Solemn Novenas are held twice yearly; once during the season of Lent and beginning July 18th and concluding on the feast of Saint Ann.