



## Rev. Msgr. Joseph Anthony Luminais

February 7, 1928 - April 11, 2021

We are sorry to inform you that Reverend Monsignor Joseph Anthony Luminais, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the age of 93. Msgr. Luminais was born on February 7, 1928 in Reserve, Louisiana. He attended elementary school at St. Peter in Reserve and his secondary education was at Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve, Louisiana. He attended St. Joseph Seminary, Covington and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1954 in New Orleans. He received the Prelate of Honor on July 18, 1988. Msgr. Luminais served as Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Westwego and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in New Orleans. His pastorate was at Holy Guardian Angels Church in Bridge City, Louisiana. He also served as Chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Secretary of the University Deanery, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Edward Douglas White Council #3246, Faithful Friar of the Knights of Columbus Very Rev. T. J. Larkin Assembly and Msgr. Paul J. Richard Assembly, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Peter M.H. Wynhoven Council #3091, Assistant Spiritual Moderator of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Moderator of the West Bank Deanery Council of Women. He organized the Bridge City Gumbo Festival and was known to many as the "Gumbo Priest". He also served as Past President of Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals. Msgr. Luminais was residing in Hanceville, Alabama at the time of his death. Well done, good and faithful servant. Family, friends and parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church and Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church are invited to attend the visitation at Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 1701 Bridge City Avenue, Bridge City, Louisiana on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 10AM until 12:30PM. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, 146 4th Street, Westwego, Louisiana on Tuesday at 1:30PM. Interment will be held at St. Peter Cemetery in Reserve, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers, **MASSSES PREFERRED**.

Respectful of current guidelines, all attendees must wear their own mask/face covering and practice distancing.

Mothe Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends are encouraged to share their condolences, stories and memories by visiting: <http://www.mothefunerals.com>.

Cemetery

Events

St. Peter Cemetery

APR 20

Visitation

10:00AM - 12:30PM

Reserve, LA,

Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church

1701 Bridge City Avenue, Bridge City, LA, US, 70094

APR 20

Funeral Mass

01:30PM

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Cemetery-Westwego

575 5th Street, Westwego, LA, US, 70094

# Comments

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“ A Saint in heaven who we can now pray to for his intercession to help in our needs.

Joseph - April 25 at 04:19 AM

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“ I served mass for Fr. Luminais many times when he was at Our Lady of Lourdes where I attended 1953-1962. I remember him as a cheerful fellow who was much less sterner than the other clergy! A life well lived. Requiescant in pace!!

Jack Dyer

Jack Dyer - April 19 at 06:50 PM

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“ Rev. Msgr. J. Anthony Luminais,

You were my “Spiritual Father” and I am better for having known you. Your homilies were so passionate and I learned so much from them. You talked and prayed with me on many occasions and for that I will be eternally grateful. I had the privilege and honor of being one of your Gumbo Queens in 1989. You were the maker of memories for many young ladies. You succeeded in putting Bridge City on the map. You always said , If you love Bridge City, Bridge City will love you back!” We are so grateful to show you how much you are loved as we share in your visitation and funeral mass. We will forever remember that same love you shared with so many of us.

Love always and forever,  
Angie Albarado-Mahler and Family

Angie Mahler - April 19 at 02:40 PM

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“ Msgr. Luminais was a good friend of my parents, so much so that when they took me home as a baby, they asked him to be my parrain (godfather to you folks in Alabama). To me, he always had a charisma and energy for life that was well suited to priesthood and not often found among his peers. Some of my fondest memories of our visits at his residence are those with his kids - Max Von Luminais, Leif Von Luminais, and Schultz Von Luminais. No, not those kinds of kids - his two huskies and schnauzer, whom he adored.

Godspeed, Parrain. Now that you are reunited with Schultz, Dad, and Grandpa, maybe you can get Schultz to apologize to Grandpa for biting him on the leg.

John Gisclair - April 19 at 01:41 PM

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“ I met Monsignor only after he moved to Hanceville. He brought some of his Louisiana heritage with him by remodeling his house with pecky cypress and a large statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Later he placed another beautiful, life size, statue of the Blessed Virgin on the opposite side of the room. On the wall next to his favorite chair, in which he always sat with such dignity, was a shadow box containing his mother's veil and pearl necklace. He loved both of his mothers.

My family ate his famous Gumbo and enjoyed the story about the Easter Water. We will miss Monsignor's blessings which he never failed to give us when parting — on the phone or when kneeling before him.

Condolences to his relatives, he will be missed here, but Eternity is what he lived for .

God bless you,  
Mrs. George Gil

Mrs. George Gil - April 18 at 08:12 PM

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“ Msgr Luminais lived in Normandy Park where I grew up. I went to Holy Guardian Church in Bridge City where he was our priest. He did my Mothers eulogy when she passed in 1984. But he will long be remembered for his “Gumbo Fest capital of the world” RIP

**Celeste Apostalo** - April 15 at 01:55 PM



“ Msgr was our pastor for many many years. He lived down the street from us. He also did my Father's eulogy and he told us his Mother was a Vicknair. He was a very nice man.

**Patricia Vicknair Polkey** - April 16 at 05:54 PM



“ Luminias was the epitome of a priest . But im sure with his personality and charisma he easily could have been the CEO of a major corporation for example coca cola Rip my old friend Lee Punch 9 mile pt la

**Lee Punch** - April 20 at 09:47 AM



“ Monsignor was loved by all I miss him so Johnny Lawrence

**Johnny Lawrence** - May 29 at 09:17 PM