

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL PARISH
Established December 8, 1869

DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES
Established April 25, 1980

The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

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**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:00 AM—St. Bernadette Oratory
 4:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
 12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962)
Monday—Friday 7:00 AM St. Bernadette Oratory
 12:05 PM
 5:00 PM (Rubrics of 1962)—St. Bernadette Oratory

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday—Thursday 11:30 AM—Noon
Friday 11:00 AM—Noon
Saturday 3:00 PM—3:55 PM
30 minutes before all Sunday Masses
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Tuesdays before 12:05 Mass

Cathedral office hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM—12:00 1:00—4:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM—Noon

Pastor's Corner

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter



The Sanctuary Candle burns in May for:
Cathedral: Pope Francis
St. Bernadette Oratory: Pope Francis



My Dear People of God!

Habemus Papam! On May 8, 2025, the Catholic Church celebrated the blessing of God with the election of Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo was born in Chicago and so this is our first pope from the United States. One of the striking features of the words of Pope Leo was his quote from Saint Augustine of Hippo: with you I am a Christian and this brings me great joy, for you I am a bishop and this fills me with trepidation. Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo that he may be filled with the grace of Holy Spirit and the gift of courage to lead the Church in our age.

Today we also celebrate Mother's Day in the United States. As we celebrate the civil observance of Mother's Day, let us pray for our mothers living and dead, those who are our birth mothers and those who stand in the place of our birth mothers. On this day, I also believe that as Catholics we should be grateful for our Blessed Mother, Mary, whose "yes" to God changed the world, and to our Holy Mother on earth, the Church. In this time of transition in our papal leadership, let us pray that she will always remain faithful to the call of Jesus Christ.

On May 14th, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Matthias who was selected by the Apostles to fill the role that was vacated by Judas' betrayal and death. This Feast reminds us of the fact that the Church continues forward because of the Promise of Christ. Christ always provides shepherds for us.

My friends, this is why we can trust the Church: Jesus promised to remain with the Church and for that reason we know that she will remain. Nothing can overthrow the Church that is built on Jesus' faithfulness. As Pope Leo begins his ministry as Supreme Pontiff and Bishop of Rome, we give thanks for the fidelity of Jesus in His calling ministers who respond generously to His Voice.

Let us continue to pray for the Church, our Mother on earth, thanking God for her presence in our lives. Also, let us thank God for those women who have been mothers to us as well. Their faithfulness brought us life and led us to search for the truth and beauty in our world. Lastly, let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. May he be blessed by God to lead the Church closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Marriage

United in Holy Matrimony
May 2, 2025

Hannah LeJeune & Jacob LeBlanc

Welcome to our Cathedral Family!
Jennifer Hogan
Madeline Bruno

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

If you would like to be registered as a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, please visit our website at

immaculateconceptioncathedral.com
or stop by the church office for a registration form.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week ~ May 12 - 18, 2025

Monday: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: St. Matthias Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; John 15:9-17
Thursday: St. Isidore Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; John 14:1-6
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; John 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Can We Bring Jesus to You or Your Loved One?

If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office at 337-436-7251 and we will contact you.

If you have a loved one who is on the sick list and has recovered or who has passed away, please let the church office know so that we can remove their name and add others.

Looking for something??

The Cathedral office has a Lost and Found...if you are missing your Missal, rosary, keys, sunglasses, reading glasses, mantilla, umbrella, etc. please stop by and see if we have it!

You must be able to identify your item.

The Cathedral office gladly hands out "Snack Bags" as available... no questions asked.

We also have an active Outreach Ministry, as well as Catholic Charities, to help those in need.



Collection May 4, 2025 \$20,943.98
Offertory \$14,583.00 Online \$6,360.98

Second Collections

May 11: Catholic Communication Campaign: The Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten.

May 18: Office of Pro-Life Ministries: We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. U.S. Catholic Bishops

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you need to complete your sacraments? Our Cathedral parish has an active Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Please contact the church office at 337.436.7251.

The Rosary is prayed before every weekday 12:05 Mass.

There is also the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help before the 12:05 Mass on Tuesdays.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—For those who are interested in completing sacraments or inquiring about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Cathedral office at 337.436.7251 for information about the Sacraments.

We encourage those who wish to join our Cathedral Parish to complete a Family Registration form.

How to Keep in Touch!

Flocknote—You can either visit flocknote.com/iccatcathedral or text **ICCATCATHEDRAL** to **84576** from your cell phone to subscribe.

Facebook—*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.*

Web—immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

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Explore the convenience of online giving at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com and set your tithe to automatically occur when, how often, and in the amount you would like to give. After your account is set up, you will always have access to it to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or having cash on hand for the offertory!

Remember, you can easily access your online payment account at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/payments

Thank you for your generous spirit!



**Cathedral Home School Students received First Communion
on April 27, 2025 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**

*Nolan Dominic Ackoury
Peter William Ackoury
Abigail Rose Gilchrist Dupre
Paul Sander Flavin
Lucas Christopher Foreman*

*Ryan Clair LaComb
Aidan Paul Thompson
Paige Douglas Vice
Maxwell Anthony Vice*



**April 28, 2025
at 12:45 p.m. Mass**

Maria Caeli Camel

**Immaculate Conception
Cathedral School
second graders received
First Communion
On May 3, 2025
At 4:00 Mass**



*Henry Collinsworth Abendroth
Aiden Scott Ardoin
Weston Samuel Bellow
Emerson Rose Bradberry
Norah Rose Broussard*

*Beckett DuVall Brumby
William Taber Davies
Michael Whalen Frick
Colbie Lynn Gardiner
Katherine Ann Green*

*David Charles Harrell
Lillian Aimee Higgins
Mary Agnes Jones
Theodore Michael McDaniel
William Richard Middleton*

*Kaius Elridge O'Quain
William Lawrence O'Quain
Lain Evangeline Pugh
Katherine Ann Romero
Halle Kayt Simoneaux*

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Lady of the Lake #695

If you are a Catholic woman over age 18, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters. We are currently 83 members strong, but want to grow! Our Court meets the 3rd Monday of the month (September to June) in the Cathedral Ave Maria Hall at 6:00 pm. Catholic Daughters is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. CDA women enjoy each other's company at monthly meetings, share Catholic spirituality, give generously to local and national charities, and work hard for their parish and community. **Please join us!**

To learn more about Court Lady of the Lake #695 please contact Regent, Dianne Fruge, at 337-274-7878 or email diannefruge@yahoo.com.

There are 3 Bible Study groups for ladies who meet on Friday mornings in the church office building. Call for more information! 337.436.7251

Have you visited our lending library lately?

Stop by the church office during regular office hours to check it out!

You may also enjoy looking at historic pictures and artifacts!



Before the Great Fire
~ 1910 ~

After
~ 1913 ~



Cathedral Altar Society... making a difference every day!

Our Cathedral Altar Society works to provide and care for all the things associated with our altar and sacristy needed to celebrate Mass.

Your yearly dues of \$25 per family, or contributions to our Altar Society, will guarantee that our Cathedral Parish will continue to have its needs provided. If you donate or join by check, please write "Altar Society" on the memo line. You may also make a donation online by noting "Altar Society." Please contact the church office at 436.7251 for more information.

Come, Lord Jesus! is a Bible Study and So Much More!

"Come, Lord Jesus" for men—a weekly meeting to study and discuss the Sunday readings. The men meet in the Ave Maria Hall at **6:00 a.m. every Tuesday morning**. There is no need to RSVP—just join them!

Cathedral Council 1207, Knights of Columbus

KCs meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Ave Maria Hall.

"Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community."



If you would like to join the ministry of Usher and/or Greeter at the Cathedral, please check in with one of the ushers at each Mass. **We need you!**

Join us!

Bible Studies for Women and Men



Music Ministry



Children's Church

Youth Group

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Vacation Bible School at ICCS June 2 - 6 has reached full capacity.

Prayer For VBS Kids

Jesus, we pray for all of the kids who will be coming to this year's VBS. Prepare their hearts that they may be ready to receive all that you have in store for them this summer. May they grow closer to you and have a deeper desire to know you, love you and serve you. Open their hearts and eyes that they may see the beauty and richness of the Catholic Faith. Amen

Prayer For VBS Leaders

Come Holy Spirit and spark the hearts of all the VBS leaders and volunteers. Grant them wisdom and a new zeal for making a difference in the lives of the kids who will be attending VBS. Mother Mary, pray for their strength, health, patience, and most of all, that the love of Christ would shine through them. I pray that they would receive an abundance of blessings during the time of preparation, as well as their service during the week of VBS. Amen



Children's Church: 11:15 AM Mass

The Cathedral's Catechesis (commonly called "Children's Church") for children who are 3 years of age through 2nd Grade, or its equivalent, is offered at the 11:15 am Mass (children must be potty trained!). The Catechesis is meant to help children better understand the Mass and the Scriptures. The catechists who are leading the program are Safe-Environment ("Safe and Sacred") Trained and use an approved text for the catechetical sessions.

High School Youth Group
Use this QR code to join our high school youth group



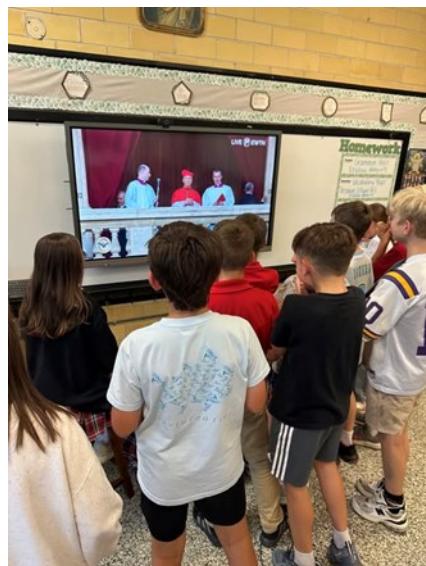
Middle School Youth Group
Use this QR code to join our middle school youth group



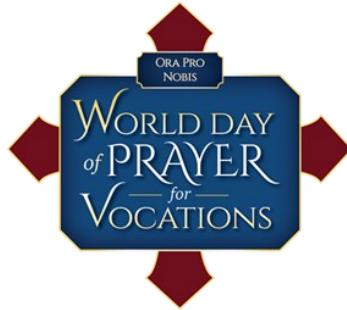
Immaculate Conception Cathedral School and St. Louis Catholic High School Subsidy Requirements

The minimum donation per year to qualify for a subsidy for ICCS is \$500 and for St. Louis it is \$600, along with the requirement of being a registered, active parishioner of the Cathedral Parish

Please remember in prayer our Cathedral High School Juniors who will make the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at 11:15 Mass.**



A moment to remember!
ICCS students gathered to watch live coverage of our new Pope, witnessing history in the making. A powerful and inspiring experience for all — one of unity, faith, and hope for the future.



May 11, 2025

Join us in promoting vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate with your prayers.

God our Father,
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people
whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,

and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Pray for
VOCATIONS

Melchizedek Project: Vocation discernment groups

The Melchizedek Project hosts meetings for young men in high school and college in an environment where they can freely consider God's plan in their life. The vocation discernment groups meet bi-weekly, and food will be provided. For more information on meeting times and locations, visit <http://lcvocations.com/discrimenment-groups>.

**The Vianney House—206 Aqua Drive,
Lake Charles**

Religious Sisters of Mercy monthly gathering

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a small group ENDOW study on St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. The group study, for single women ages 18-35, meets on the first Tuesday monthly for dinner and discussion at the Sisters' convent, 1414 Martha Street. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature of and Dignity of Women) seeks to educate women toward a more profound understanding of their God-given dignity through study in small groups of faith and friendship.

Please contact the Religious Sisters of Mercy to register or for more information: Call 337-564-0030 or email lakecharles@almamercy.org.

The Serra Club of Lake Charles:

The purpose of the Serra Club is to encourage and promote vocations to the clergy and religious life,
while affirming the vocations of those already in that life.

In the process, Serrans have the opportunity to strengthen their faith, while enjoying the friendship of those who have the same aspirations. Dues are \$78.50 quarterly for one person or \$120.00 quarterly per couple. They gather about 11:30 am on the first Friday of the month at the Pioneer Club. The cost of the luncheon is included in your dues.

For additional information call
John Halloran at 337-802-5304 or
Pam Manceaux at 337-794-7131



JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, May 10...(8:00 AM)—Eula & Bennie Buller. **(4:00 PM)**—Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau; Annette Pronia; Hayley, Andrew & Arthur Yearby; Sheila & Darty Douga; Troy Derouen; Polly Eustis.

SUNDAY, May 11...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Sam Reed; Gloria DeRoussel; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Alice Nester; Priscilla Rider; Debbie Glover; Margaret & Richard Schmitt; Christine & Peter Crawford; Brian Allen. **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau. **12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962**—Carol Norwood & Bradley Conner.

MONDAY, May 12...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Lindsey LeBleu. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Wendi Fournerat Family.

TUESDAY, May 13...(7:00 AM)—Michael Scimemi. **(12:05 PM)**—Melissa Mathew. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Darcy Garcia Family.

WEDNESDAY, May 14...(7:00 AM)—Elisa & Jon Schnur. **(12:05 PM)**—Clay Joseph Calhoun, Jr. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Vanessa Garcia Family.

THURSDAY, May 15...(7:00 AM)—Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin. **(12:05 PM)**—Dr. Charles Mackey. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Kara & Christian Racco Family.

FRIDAY, May 16...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Brad Foreman. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Hillary Green Family.

SATURDAY, May 17...(8:00 AM)—Tom Delahoussaye. **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Devillier; J. B. Postell; Kate Ortego Thomas; Msgr. Charles Dubois; Hebert & Pronia Families; Kenneth Abrahams; Amanda Douga.

SUNDAY, May 18...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—James Dunham Shearman; Charles Viccellio; Eileen & Richard Cappel; Denny Dennison; Michael Scimemi; Tillie & F. J. Lungaro; Caius McGuirk; St. Charles Academy Class of 1965. **(11:15 AM)**—Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Lake Charles. **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Alex Charles Yokubaitis.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Melissa Anderson; George Ange; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Guy Barré; David Batchelor; Dale Bayard; June Benoit; Andre Boudreault; Melanie Bowles; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Denise Collett; Helen Credeur; Jerry Crews; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Carolyn Denison; Vickie Denison; Gwen Thomas Dowden; Larry Dugas; Sadie Dunn; Claudia & Curtis Dyle; Charles & Dee Elter; Ann Eustis; Chad Fazzio; Tony Fazzio; Nicholas Fletcher; Gilbert Fontenot; Sundra Fontenot; Nelson Francisco; Kathleen Gallow; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Debbie Gauthreaux; Sharon George; Jack Glover; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Mary Lois Harst; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Peggy Heideman; Brenda Hoback; Allen Hoffpauir; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Christy Papania-Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; David Kaspar; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; James Leger; Michael Lee; Marshall Leiber; Della Lemaire; Catherine Lorenzi; Elizabeth Louviere; Melanie Lupo; Vincent Lupo; Judy Marcantel; Megan Marcantel; Zoë Dyle May; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Kai McKinney; Raven McKinney; Elaine Morrow; Jerry Nichols; Dr. John Noble; Randy Nunez; Shawn O’Guinn; Carol & Larry Ortego; Janie Pago; Larry Parker; Larry Parker, Jr.; Ben Perry; Robert Perry; Susan Prejean; Seth Priola; Demi Rainwater; Clifford Raleigh; Rena Reed; Kendall Richard; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Silas David San Miguel; Sheila Sanders; Leslie Sayne; Marie Scimemi; Doug Shearman; Michael Smith; Sue Spears; Marlena Spell; Jaxson Spikes; Rob Stephens; Jackie Stevens; Katherine Grace Stutes; Wren Elise Stutes; Gary Swain; Jude Theriot; Cole Thomas; Fayette Thomas; Stanley Thomas; Warren Thomas; Chad Trahan; Darla & Patrick Trahan; Ted Trahan; John Tucker; Rebecca Turner; Jo Ann Van Gossen; Larry James Vidrine; Clay Ward; Clyde Weber; Amanda Welch; Aly & Riley Wilkins; Remi Wissinger; Andrew Yearby; Ronda Yearby; Gay Young; Martha Young.

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 337.436.7251

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Holy Father: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Bishop Provost: For an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...Michael Buller, USN; Daniel Breaux, US Army; Cade Camel, US Army; Anthony Deshotel, US Navy; Gabriel Emerson, USAF; LTC John Harrell, Noah Keller, US Army; Ross Painter, US Army; Lt. Col John Robichaux; Col. Steve Rodriguez, USAF; Joey Russell, USMC; Rick Ruot, Army National Guard; Macy Shearman, USMC Reserve; Master Sgt. Brady St. Romain, USMC; Nikolas Stanko US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC (To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)