



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 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 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



My Dear People of God!

This weekend, the Diocese of Lake Charles acknowledges the 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, and 70th Wedding Anniversaries from throughout the Diocese. At the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, Bishop Provost will impart a special blessing on them. We give thanks to God for their example to us all as a sign of the faithful love of Jesus Christ for His Church. May God grant them many more years!

This Thursday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia who lived in the late 14th Century and the early 15th Century. She desired to become a nun even though her parents resisted it. She prayed for them anyway. She was married young to a man who did not show her kindness. She prayed for him anyway. She had two sons who were ungrateful to her. She prayed for them anyway. After the death of her husband and sons, she attempted to enter a convent but was at first refused. She prayed anyway. She was eventually allowed to enter the religious life and despite of her fidelity was ignored and ridiculed. She prayed anyway. At the end of her life, her holiness and desire for peace was made evident. She was declared a saint and today is known as one of the patrons of impossible causes.

What made her the patron of impossible causes? It was her persistence in prayer. By her recognition that she did not have control over everything (or really anything), she entrusted herself fully to the only one who could do anything: Christ our Lord.

What is it that we are facing that has exhausted us? What are the things that we find impossible to face? Following the example of Saint Rita, let us entrust these things to God. For with God all things are possible (cf. Matthew 19: 26)!

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller



Saint Rita of Cascia
Pray for Us

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



Congratulations to our Cathedral parishioners who are celebrating anniversaries at the 11:15 am Mass this weekend.

Christy & Chris Jones ~ 25 years
Jeanne & Glenn Delahoussaye ~ 50 years
Susan & Wayne Fontenot ~ 50 years
Susan & Jack Blevins ~ 55 years
Claudia & Curtis Dyle ~ 60 years

May God continue to bless your marriage with love and happiness!



PART TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

Immaculate Conception Cathedral Office

Monday - Wednesday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Please send a resume to iccathedral@structurex.net
or drop it off at the church office - 935 Bilbo Street

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week ~ May 19 - 25, 2025

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,15-16; John 14:21-26

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab,21; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3,5; John 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

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.

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.



Please remember that while you are on vacation you may make your donations to the Cathedral online (immaculateconceptioncathedral.com)
The Cathedral's website donation link has a comment section. You may let us know if your donation should be applied to a collection other than the offertory.

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/iccathedral or text ICCATHEDRAL to 84576 from your cell phone to subscribe.

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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

Collection May 11, 2025 \$20,475.84
Offertory \$16,640.84 Online \$3,835.00

*Your generosity is such a
beautiful gift.*

Second Collections

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

May 25: May BSA

June 1: Building Fund

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

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.**



Congratulations to
Rosalie Hart Fullington
who made First Communion
on May 10, 2025

Little Flowers Girls' Club

**Little Flowers Girls' Club Meeting in the
Cathedral Ave Maria Hall
June 1—2:00 PM**

To learn more please contact Jessie Dupre
225.776.4139.

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic club for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Prayer to End the School Year

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.

We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our schools.

We ask that you bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen

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

Annual Mass to Avert Storms

Friday, May 30, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Life Center
5250 West Creole Highway



DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PILGRIMAGE SITE

The Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea is one of six local pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Lake Charles for the Jubilee Year 2025. Make a pilgrimage or pious visit to gain a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year. For more information, visit lcdiocese.org or scan the QR code.



Immediately following the Mass, a vehicle procession will travel to the Historic Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea, 135 Our Lady Road, in Cameron, where the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto, blessings, and the Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season will be recited.



Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant of a votive "Mass to Avert Storms" on Friday, May 30, ahead of the 2025 Hurricane Season that begins on Sunday, June 1. The annual Mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Life Center. The church hall is located at 5250 West Creole Highway, Cameron, LA 70631.

May 30 is also to be observed as a "Day of Prayer and Fasting" for safety in the Diocese of Lake Charles, asking the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea for protection from storms and destruction.

Immediately following, a vehicle procession will travel a short distance to the Historic Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea, 135 Our Lady Road, in Cameron, where the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto, blessings, and the Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season will be recited. The Shrine has been granted the privilege of inserting the invocation of "Star of the Sea" in the Litany.

The Shrine enjoys, with papal approval, the same spiritual privileges as would a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, one of the four major basilicas in the Eternal City. The pilgrimage provides a plenary indulgence with the fulfillment of certain requirements, including recent confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the Holy Father, and the recitation of the Creed.

The Historic Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea is one of six local pilgrimage sites designated in the Diocese of Lake Charles for the Jubilee Year 2025. Even if you cannot attend the Mass to Avert Storms, this is a good opportunity to make a pilgrimage visit to the Shrine to gain a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year. For more information, visit [http://www.lcdiocese.org/images/pdfs/2025-Decree Instruction.pdf](http://www.lcdiocese.org/images/pdfs/2025-Decree%20Instruction.pdf)

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

Upcoming events happening at the Cathedral and in the Diocese are on their respective websites and FaceBook pages.



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

DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Jubilee Year 2025

Sunday, December 29, 2024,
through Sunday, December 28, 2025

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles

Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lake Charles

Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Sulphur

Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings

Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron

Parochial Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur

Make a pilgrimage or pious visit to any of the six local pilgrimage sites to gain a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year.

Read the Decree for the Jubilee Year 2025 from Bishop Provost at lcdiocese.org

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/discernment-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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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.

MONDAY, May 19...(7:00 AM)—"Pro Populo" (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Mabel & Lee Trahan. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Jessica Hart Family.

TUESDAY, May 20...(7:00 AM)—Chad Fazzio. **(12:05 PM)**—Deisha Norwood. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Jacqueline Hebert Family.

WEDNESDAY, May 21...(7:00 AM)—Kyndel Heffer Family. **(12:05 PM)**—Carla Denise Primeaux. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Michael Higgins Family.

THURSDAY, May 22...(7:00 AM)—Christy Papania Jones. **(12:05 PM)**—Cindy Stanic. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Kara Holder Family.

FRIDAY, May 23...(7:00 AM)—"Pro Populo" (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Lania Vanchiere. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Heather leyoub Family.

SATURDAY, May 24...(8:00 AM)—Whitney & Cade Van Norman. **(4:00 PM)**—Wesley Ryan Hayes; Annette Pronia; Ogea & Duhon Families; Margaret & Richard Pousson; Sara & Logan McGuirk.

SUNDAY, May 25...(7:30 AM)—"Pro Populo" (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Sam Reed; William "Bill" Gillette; Brad Foreman; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, St.; Curtis Cardone, Jr.; McCombs Family; Brian Allen. **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau. **12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Cameron & Philip Conner

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 Boudreaux; 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 leyoub; 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; Cpl. Wyatt LeJune, USMC; 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; 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)**